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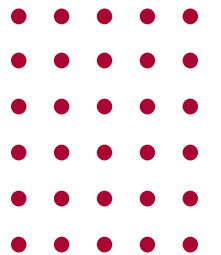
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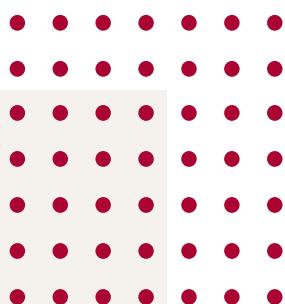
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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## Caltrans explains new ramp at Sunol Boulevard

One thing you can count on in October during election years is groundbreaking or ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

So, it was last week that transportation officials and Caltrans virtually cut the ribbon on the northbound express lane from Auto Mall Parkway in Fremont to Highway 84 in Sunol.

By next spring, the lanes will run from Milpitas all the way to Martinez, giving solo drivers the option of paying tolls and being free to vehicles carrying two or more people. Southbound lanes and northbound lanes are still under construction. That will include the final Alameda County stretch from Highway 84 to Stoneridge Drive.

The project included 16 ramp meters with both HOV and general traffic lanes. The project cost an estimated \$26.5 million including the ramp work, closed circuit televisions, message signs as well as the lane expansions.

What's striking to me is why Caltrans engineers thought it was necessary to install metering and new lanes on all ramps. That includes one I use frequently — the northbound ramp on Sunol Boulevard.

The southbound metering is necessary because of the morning commute. There's rarely more than one or two vehicles that use the northbound ramp.

Unfortunately, Caltrans could not break out the cost of that section, but it's a classic case of bureaucrat-thinking overcoming common sense.

When I posed this question, Caltrans responded through a spokeswoman with this long and detailed email:

"Ramp metering on southbound I-680, from Stoneridge Drive to Jacklin Road, was implemented in 2011 as a successful collaboration among Caltrans, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and the local agencies who participated in the project.

It had a positive effect in reducing bottlenecks on the freeway at the on-ramps and had an immediate positive effect on reducing peak period travel times. Other than the delay encountered at the ramp meters, local arterials were largely unaffected by ramp metering.

Ramp metering along the entire northbound corridor hasn't been

completed yet. Prior to the current pandemic condition, PM peak period congestion in the northbound direction lasted from the early afternoon to mid-evening, with congestion along the corridor. Some ramps operated without delay.

Other ramps, such as the northern Mission Boulevard interchange, experienced delay due to existing ramp meters. However, the ramp meters attributed to reduced delay along the freeway and reduced diversion through Fremont's streets.

Caltrans and our transportation stakeholders focus is system management and operational strategies that optimize available capacity of the existing highway infrastructure while also promoting expanded ride sharing, transit and passenger rail service. These include signal coordination on local arterials, freeway ramp metering, high occupancy/toll (or Express) lanes, and transit-oriented development near rail and transit stations.

Ramp metering can be expected to reduce travel time delays, ranging from a few minutes to as much 15 minutes, while also helping reduce collisions. Ramp metering manages the upstream demand in a corridor based on available capacity at downstream bottlenecks to prevent congestion.

If a ramp isn't metered upstream of a freeway's bottleneck, it would influence diversion on local streets to the unmetered ramp. As such, we need to meter all on-ramps. This is why some on-ramps have delay where it wasn't experienced previously. In the end, though, overall delay and travel time of a freeway is reduced.

We also balance the operations of local street networks by keeping a ramp's queue within the on-ramp and adjacent turn pockets in order to avoid gridlock on local arterials. As such, sometimes we need to sacrifice a freeway's performance for the benefit of local traffic flow.

Before a freeway corridor's ramp meters become operational, we will usually widen an onramp to include an high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane. The queues on on-ramp HOV lanes are typically shorter, thus providing an incentive to ride share. On some Bay Area freeway corridors we also provide transit priority to help make transit service more predictable and reliable."

Got that? ■

### About the Cover

The official county elections dropbox outside Pleasanton City Hall was a popular stop for voters casting their ballots on the final weekend. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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## What are you planning to do with your extra Halloween candy?



**Nisha Rangel**  
*Server*

I'm going to eat it, of course. My roommates and I buy obnoxious amounts of Halloween candy every year so that we can eat the leftovers. We actually go back to the store to buy even more of it, once it goes on sale.



**Brian Feiger**  
*Endodontist*

I actually didn't buy any Halloween candy this year, because I anticipated that we would receive no trick-or-treaters because of COVID, and also since our neighborhood is hilly and the houses are pretty spread out. I was right. With any luck, next year will be different.



**Lauren Coleman**  
*Designer*

Well, considering I ate most of it before Halloween even arrived, there is very little left over. I suspect I will probably just eat it.



**Jennifer West**  
*College student*

We have a ton of leftover candy because we were trying to be optimistic about trick-or-treaters coming on Halloween, especially because it fell on a Saturday. Unfortunately, just a handful of kids showed up. So I am planning to deliver and distribute our leftovers to the Pleasanton PD, as well as to the LPPD. I'm sure they can all use a quick little pick-me-up during these difficult times.



**Goose Manriquez**  
*Designer*

I am planning to eat all of it. Every last little bit of it.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### No parade

Livermore Downtown, Inc., confirmed this week that the community's 2020 Holiday Sights and Sounds Parade and Tree Lighting has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the organization has pivoted into creating a safer holiday display map to keep the spirit alive and well.

"We are asking that you get your organization, company, group, family or neighborhood to design and build a holiday display in a front yard, business frontage, some place available to safely drive by and view from street," officials said. "Do not create a display that would encourage a walk-through. Driveby only."

Entrants must register by Nov. 20 to be part of the digital map that will be shared with the public. The drive-thru program will run from Dec. 1-24. To learn more, contact [Events@livermoredowntown.com](mailto:Events@livermoredowntown.com).

### Helping industry

The East Bay Economic Development Alliance this week announced a new partnership with CMTC's California's Manufacturing Network to provide direct support to manufacturers in the region negatively impacted by COVID-19, including in the Tri-Valley.

The East Bay EDA said it is providing resources and services at no cost to businesses such as outreach and communications; direct advisory assistance; webinars, virtual peer groups, and more; and reporting impact to the state network.

"The goal is to meet with manufacturers throughout the region to identify and understand their specific needs, challenges, and opportunities, and provide them with assistance for recovery and growth," officials said.

Funding from the federal CARES Act is supporting the endeavor.

### COVID-19 research

Las Positas College and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory are set to continue its 11th annual Science and Engineering Seminar Series on Monday with the program "Theory to Practice, How Science is Done, COVID-19 Research and Response Activities at LLNL."

The seminar will be led by David Rakestraw, Ph.D., who is the senior science advisor to the director's office at LLNL. Rakestraw holds 18 U.S. patents and has authored more than 65 peer reviewed scientific publications, officials said.

The event, which is free and open to the public, begins at 6 p.m. Monday and is being held virtually via Zoom. To register, visit [cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register](https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register). ■

## Karla Brown holds overnight lead in Pleasanton mayoral election

Valerie Arkin, Jack Balch ahead for City Council in early returns Tuesday night

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton City Councilwoman Karla Brown has a moderate lead over Councilman Jerry Pentin so far in the five-candidate race to replace outgoing Mayor Jerry Thorne, according to early returns reported by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office on Election Night.

"I am excited about the early results, but it's too soon to be celebrating," Brown told the Weekly shortly after the polls closed Tuesday night.

Though too early for any contender to declare victory — or defeat — as of press time Wednesday, Brown leads with 47.50% of the unofficial count, for a total 9,087 votes, a nearly 12% margin dividing Brown and her closest opponent, Pentin, who has 6,834 votes (35.72%) of early reported votes.

"The results are important because they show that glossy brochures, professional campaign managers and locations on Main Street do not win elections in

Pleasanton," said Brown, who has served eight years on the City Council.

Pentin, also a second-term councilman, said, "The current results aren't what we had hoped for," adding "but we're patient and will monitor over the night and next few days."

Newcomer and Amador Valley High School alumni Monith Ilavarasan has 1,778 votes for 9.29% of ballots cast so far while Druthi Ghanta, who withdrew from the campaign several months ago, has

received nearly 5%, followed by 2.24% for digital marketing manager and Pleasanton native Tom Turpel.

In the race for two open City Council seats, Pleasanton school board trustee Valerie Arkin holds a lead with 23.84% among the field of seven candidates with 7,814 votes. Planning Commissioner Jack Balch stands at 7,252 votes (22.13%) for the second seat.

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RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton residents take part in the final downtown weekend street closure early Halloween evening. Main Street will be again open to vehicular traffic on weekends, starting today.

## Looking back at final weekend of Main Street closure

Residents stroll downtown without cars one last time ahead of holiday shopping season

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton's downtown street closures for weekend outdoor dining came to an end on Sunday, as the city prepares Main Street for the holiday shopping season and battens down the hatches for the colder and — hopefully — wetter winter months ahead.

The final weekend of pedestrians taking over Main Street was more sparsely populated compared to when the Friday-to-Sunday closures first began

back in June; however, residents and business owners who were out downtown early Halloween evening said they were left disappointed that the closures were winding down.

"I think (without) the pedestrian-only street venues, I really think that a lot of the restaurants are going to suffer and I think it is something that city administration should really look at closely before shutting it down completely," said Josh McKay, owner

of McKay's Taphouse and Beer Garden — who also spoke with the Weekly when the weekend street program first began on June 19.

"This has been a fantastic adventure for the city of Pleasanton, and I think this opportunity to open Main Street up to pedestrians has been an absolute success on the business end and on the social side (as well)," he added.

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## Maher takes top spot in PUSD race

Carreon, Mokashi in line for other seats with more votes to count

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District Board President Steve Maher appears headed for another term as trustee after securing a significant early lead in Tuesday's general election, according to overnight returns from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

"The votes could change but it looks like I'll be headed for another four years and I'm very pleased with that," the PUSD veteran said in a phone call with the Weekly after the polls closed that night.

Being around in a time of pandemic, Maher added, "I'm glad I'm on the board to help."

A total 13,236 ballots (30.22%) were cast for Maher as of 10:20 p.m. Tuesday.

With three at-large seats on the ballot, retired teacher Mary Jo Carreon sat in second so far with 8,830 votes (20.16%) and Kelly Mokashi, a parent and adult member of the city's Youth Commission, was in third place with 8,120 votes (18.54%).

Incumbent Trustee Jamie Yee was close behind for the final seat with 7,628 votes (17.42%). Newcomer Chong Wang raised the most money of all five candidates but was last with 5,899 votes (13.47%).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Maher called this year's campaign "very different for me because I am generally a people person and I did

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# Election Night returns for county supervisor, Livermore and Dublin city/school contests

Also: Incumbents lead so far for regional seats; Measure W tax narrowly ahead

By JEREMY WALSH

The stakes are high throughout the Tri-Valley for local elected positions and regional seats and ballot measures, and Election Night early returns show many candidates with comfortable leads while other contests are tight battles.

The data so far represent initial vote-by-mail ballots processed on Tuesday night, as well as results from in-person voting at polling places on Election Day. There were no updates as of press time Wednesday afternoon.

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office reports voter

turnout so far countywide as 38.52%, indicating a significant number of ballots still need to be counted, but there's no confirmation on the amount of pending ballots countywide or in specific communities.

In the contentious runoff for Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 1, Dublin Mayor David Haubert started Election Night with a slight lead that extended as more ballots were counted. Haubert stands at 53.03% of the vote, an advantage of just under 4,000 votes over Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon (46.67%).

"There is a lot of divisiveness this year, and our campaign was able to bring people together," Haubert told supporters around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, when his lead sat at around 3,000 votes. "That's how I will lead, by bringing people together and keeping them together."

Haubert and Bacon are competing to succeed retiring Supervisor Scott Haggerty in District 1, which includes Dublin, Livermore and portions of Fremont and Sunol.

As for the race to replace Haubert as mayor in the city of Dublin, Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez is ahead with 6,381 votes

(51.80%). In second is Councilman Arun Goel with 4,718 votes (38.30%), and newcomer Regina Pangelinan is in third at 1,189 votes (9.65%).

Sherry Hu has jumped out to a comfortable first place (5,743 votes; 26.88%) in the nine-candidate contest for a pair of regular terms on the Dublin City Council — the seats currently held by Hernandez and Goel. Currently in position for the other seat in second place is Michael McCorrison at 3,605 votes (16.87%).

The next closest competitor, Dawn Plants, is just under 800 votes away at 13.13%. The other candidates are Sri Mupidi (11.35%), Samir Qureshi (10.61%), Kashaf Qaadri (7.31%), Shawn Costello (5.35%), Razi Hasni (4.77%) and Lucrecia DeLeon (3.49%).

In the Dublin Unified School District elections, incumbent Trustee Gabi Blackman is dominating the Area 4 contest with 72.18% to challenger Michael Utsumi's 27.64%, and Kristin Pelham (62.25%) leads Dr. Dawn Nwamuo (37.46%) in the election between two newcomers for Area 1.

Down the road in Livermore, Vice Mayor Bob Woerner holds a nearly 2:1 advantage in the race to become the city's next mayor, succeeding term-out John Marchand.

Woerner sits at 14,991 votes (66.31%) compared to opponent Mony Nop at 7,552 votes (33.40%).

In the contest of two newcomers for Livermore City Council District 3, Brittini Kiick (61.38%) leads Pete Patterson (38.42%) by more than 1,200 votes. This election is to effectively succeed Councilman Bob Coomber, who did not seek re-election for health reasons.

Councilman Bob Carling, unopposed on the District 4 ballot, has earned 98.56% of the vote so far.

Newcomers Kristie Wang and Yanira Guzmán lead the race for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, which has two board seats on the ballot at-large.

Wang has 9,552 votes (27.25%), followed by Guzmán at 7,602 votes (21.69%). In third place is Kandiss Hewing with 6,019 votes (17.17%), incumbent Chuck Rogge is fourth at 5,976 votes (17.05%) and in final position is Asa Strout at 5,822 votes (16.61%).

Incumbent Jan Palajac (25.54%) and newcomer James Boswell (24.83%) hold comfortable leads for the two available seats on the

Livermore Area Park and Recreation Board of Directors. The other three candidates are Mike Ralph (18.26%), Stacey Swanson (17.70%) and Richard Tarbell (13.53%).

The closest contest in all of the Tri-Valley is up Interstate 680 in San Ramon, where only 41 votes so far separate City Council District 1 challenger Luz Gómez (50.38%) and incumbent Councilman Scott Perkins (49.62%).

In the runoff for Alameda County Superior Court judge, defense attorney Elena Condes leads civil rights attorney Mark Fickes 55.92% to 43.64%.

Incumbent John McPartland is ahead in a close race for BART Board of Directors District 5. McPartland sits at 37.67%, nearly 3,200 votes ahead of second-place Steven Dunbar of Livermore (33.68%). Castro Valley's Mike Wallace is in third with 28.43%.

Measure W, the proposed half-cent sales tax increase in Alameda County, is narrowly ahead with 51.11% Yes to 48.89% No.

Measure X, the \$90 million Alameda County Fire Department facilities bond, also holds a slight edge at 68.16% Yes to 31.84% No — a two-thirds supermajority is required for passage of this ballot measure.

The utility users tax extension for unincorporated communities, Alameda County's Measure V, is well ahead at 70.07% Yes and 29.93% No.

Democrat incumbents dominated Election Night for Tri-Valley regional seats.

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) is controlling the 15th District contest with 72.8% to the 27.2% of challenger Alison Hayden (R-Hayward). This seat includes Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon and a part of Danville.

U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) holds an even larger lead for the 11th Congressional District that includes Alamo, Blackhawk, Diablo and most of Danville. The incumbent has 75.3% to the 24.7% of challenger Nisha Sharma (R-Danville).

For State Senate District 7, Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) finished Election Night with 69.1% of the vote, well ahead of challenger Julie Mobley (R-Danville) at 30.9%.

State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) appears to have solidified a second term, leading the 16th District contest 70.4% to the 29.6% of challenger Joe Rubay (R-Alamo).

Track the latest vote totals online this weekend and next week at [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com). ■

## TAKE US ALONG

### Pumpkins

**on Pecan:** Neighbors on Pecan Court in Pleasanton decorated, painted and carved pumpkins for Halloween. Who knew the pumpkins would gather to read a recent issue of the Pleasanton Weekly?!

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry (from at home, around town or on the road), email your photograph to [editor@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:editor@pleasantonweekly.com). Be sure to identify who is in the photo with names listed from left to right, the location, the date and any relevant details about where you're reading your Weekly.



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# PUSD board moves ahead with January reopening for elementary schools

Secondary schools placed on back-burner for now while officials focus on TK-5 transition

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved plans to move forward with its anticipated Jan. 4 return to hybrid in-person learning for elementary school students during a special meeting last week.

The strategic plan for reopening schools during the pandemic — first established by the board in July and readjusted on Oct. 29, two weeks after the board confirmed the Jan. 4 date — will include placing students in transitional kindergarten through fifth grade into small cohorts that will participate in both in-person class and remote learning.

“The reopening plan ... was approved by the board already on July 14. So it’s important that the community knows, No. 1, that there is a plan and there has been a plan since July and that we are acting on that plan now,” Superintendent David Haglund said during last week’s virtual board meeting.

In order to prevent potential spread of COVID-19, as a part of the plan students when they return will be divided into small cohorts that will be assigned to class on

certain days and times. Students in these cohorts will generally only interact within their own cohort, going to recess and class together and not exposing themselves to other groups.

District officials say site principals will develop a schedule where cohorts will use play structures and attend class at designated times and enforce policies such as social distancing between cohorts and wearing masks whenever not eating.

Families who are nervous about having their student in class will be able to keep them in a remote-learning model, but they will have to make a direct request to their local school site in order to do so. Otherwise, students will automatically be enrolled in the hybrid model.

Teachers are scheduled to begin reporting to school sites on Nov. 30, but they may also request a leave of absence if they have concerns over potential exposure to the virus, under the plan.

The return dates for middle and high school students were placed on the back-burner for now in order to focus on the TK-5 transition back to campus, district staff

said on Oct. 29.

However, trustees said they wanted to reiterate that they plan to bring all students back to the classroom, adding that they are looking at having secondary students return no later than a couple of weeks after elementary students, but plans will be reviewed and decided upon during a future board meeting.

“We have every intention of bringing secondary back as quickly as we can as a part of the phasing work (of reopening schools),” Trustee Jamie Yee said.

Haglund added that there are a number of influencing factors still at play with returning to in-person learning and that coronavirus trends will continue to guide the district’s decision-making.

“We’re assuming that the downward trend, that the positive trend of COVID cases, is going to continue and we are acting as if that is going to be the case. If that data reverses direction and there is a need to pull back the plan, we will absolutely do that. We have said all along that we are going to do what is safe,” the superintendent said. ■

# Monte Vista alum ID’d as pilot killed in SoCal ‘trike’ plane crash

Cause still under investigation;  
Joe Audette remembered as loving family man

By JEREMY WALSH

A man who grew up in Danville has been identified as the pilot who died when his ultralight “trike” airplane crashed moments after taking off from the airfield in Hawthorne in Southern California last month.

Joseph Kenneth Audette, 60, of Riverside was pronounced dead at the scene on the morning Oct. 4, according to the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner’s Office. He was the only occupant aboard the open-air sport plane, according to investigators.

The co-owner of a lumber company and a married father of four, Audette spent his teenage years in Danville after his family relocated, graduating from Monte Vista High School in 1978, according to a family obituary posted Sunday via Legacy on The Press-Enterprise (Riverside) website.

“Joe was always there to help when a family member or friend needed him. Joe was very loved & will be missed by many. May you

rest in peace, Joe,” the obituary stated.

The crash occurred around 9:35 a.m. Oct. 4, moments after Audette’s Evolution Trikes Revo light sport airplane lifted off from Jack Northrop Field/Hawthorne Municipal Airport southwest of Los Angeles, according to the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the incident.

Family said Audette was an avid pilot of his ultralight sport plane, spending many weekends flying from Hawthorne to Newport Beach and back for the past six years.

According to the NTSB’s preliminary report, on that morning the trike plane banked right soon after elevating off the runway and crashed about a quarter-mile away. One witness reported the plane turned right after reaching 500 feet above the ground, while another — a pilot friend of Audette’s who was on the ground at the airfield — said the bank right occurred after 30 to 40 feet above the ground.

Another witness “watched as the pilot ‘pushed the steering to the right and banked harder to the right before flying into the drainage ditch.’ The witness also stated that the engine was running the entire time that it was in flight,” according to the NTSB preliminary report.

Audette had established communication with an air traffic controller and received clearance to take off, according to the NTSB. Investigators said preliminary flight track data “shows the airplane depart from the runway and veer slightly left of centerline then began a right turn before dropping off of radar.” No other aircraft were in the vicinity.

The trike plane hit trees and two rows of fencing before crashing into the wall of flood control channel north of the airport, between West 120th Street and Interstate 105, about a quarter of a mile northwest of the end of the departure runway,

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# Local leaders oppose transferring homeless from Oakland to fairgrounds

Oakland officials float proposal to move unhoused people to county property in central Pleasanton for winter

By JULIA BAUM

A recent proposal to use the Alameda County Fairgrounds for housing unsheltered people from the city of Oakland has prompted widespread opposition from Pleasanton residents and local leaders.

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne called Oakland's request "news to me" in a recent statement, especially because "the fairgrounds is within the city limits of Pleasanton and we work closely with the County and Fair Association on all property related matters."

"That said, the homeless crisis needs serious attention at all levels of government," Thorne said. "Relocating the homeless away from families and friends and in areas where access to public transportation and social services are lacking is not the solution."

In an Oct. 14 letter to Alameda County Administrator Susan Muranishi, Oakland city administrators reached out about "possible county locations, including the county fairgrounds, where residents dwelling in recreational

vehicles and tents could reside."

Officials argued in news outlets last week that an interagency solution is needed for Oakland's estimated homeless population of 3,200.

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, whose district includes parts of Oakland as well as the 267-acre fairgrounds near downtown Pleasanton, suggested using the Oakland Coliseum instead, which some Oakland council members said needs to be available for future business opportunities.

"I do not support using the fairgrounds as a site for unsheltered services for the simple fact that moving people away from the areas in which they are currently located and receiving services is

ridiculous, especially when the Coliseum is a more viable and currently underutilized site," Miley told the Weekly.

Thorne concurred, adding many locally unhoused residents "do not want to leave their communities or the Tri-Valley region because they consider our local area as their home."

"In an effort to better serve Oakland's unhoused population and keep them connected to their primary service providers, we hope the city of Oakland can identify a more serious and appropriate local solution and locations for their residents in need," Thorne said.

Residents sounded off on social media; many were opposed to the idea while some others argued

Pleasanton "can afford to offer some good" and suggested using the fairgrounds to shelter only a small number of people.

Responding to Oakland's request last week, Muranishi said, "Rather than your suggested use of county-owned property in the city of Pleasanton, we look forward to discussing how property jointly owned by the county and the city of Oakland could more appropriately serve this purpose and allow Oakland residents to remain in their communities rather than force them out."

Muranishi added, "If the city is supportive of this approach, we will contact city representatives to discuss current efforts and ensure our work is coordinated." ■

## Remembering Helen Tirsell, Livermore's first female mayor

'Champion of civil rights, the environment and Livermore's agriculture'

By JEREMY WALSH

Helen Tirsell, an equal rights advocate and public policy leader who left her mark on Livermore history in the 1970s when she served as the city's first female mayor, died recently in her modern hometown of Oakland, her family confirmed in an obituary last month. She was 85.

An Iowa native and classically trained concert pianist who moved to the Tri-Valley after her husband was hired on at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Tirsell sat on the Livermore Planning Commission before winning a seat on the City Council in 1974, a four-year term that included two years as the city's appointed mayor.

"Helen was by all accounts a remarkable lady. She was a champion of civil rights the environment and Livermore's agriculture," current Livermore Mayor John Marchand told the Weekly this week.

"The South Livermore Valley Area Plan exists because of the early visionaries like Tirsell, former mayor Archer Futch Harriet Cole and Barbara Stear," Marchand added. "Helen Tirsell had moved out of Livermore by the time I moved here, but she was a great inspiration for former Livermore Mayor Cathie Brown and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf. When she passed away, I adjourned the meeting in her honor. She will be greatly missed."

"Helen Tirsell was my mentor for a long time," said former Livermore mayor Dr. Marshall Kamena, who served two years alongside Tirsell on the City Council. "She was very effective, polite and always prepared."

Born and raised in Greenfield, Iowa, Tirsell studied music at the University of Iowa (bachelor's) and Drake University (master's), according to her obituary. She was a classical concert pianist, chorus singer and music teacher.

She met her future husband Glenn Tirsell while he was studying physics at Iowa State University, and three years after they married, the couple moved to Livermore in 1965 when he began working at the Livermore Lab. The Tirsells had two children.

Tirsell would soon become "passionately interested in public policy and public planning" in Livermore, and received appointment to the Planning Commission, according to her obituary. Then in 1974, running with a campaign slogan of "I'm for Helen," Tirsell earned a seat on the City Council.

She served on the dais from 1974-78, including as mayor in 1976 and 1977 when the position was appointed by fellow council members as opposed to directly elected, according to city officials.

"She left her mark as a pioneer of women's rights, fiercely passionate about protecting those less fortunate with her huge, feisty heart," family wrote in her obituary, which also cited that Tirsell was the first woman ever to hold a mayoral post in all of Alameda County.

"An environmental advocate, Helen helped to protect land trusts in the Livermore hills where more than 50 wineries exist today. She was a huge champion of civil rights and petitioned tirelessly in 1972 for passage of both the Equal Rights Amendment and for Title IX," the

obituary stated.

Kamena recalled developing a close working relationship with Tirsell over hot-button issues where "growth vs. no-growth was at the heart of the disagreement," as well as a contentious debate over a proposed business license tax increase.

After serving on the council, Tirsell went back to school and earned another master's degree at the age of 50 from the Goldman School of Public Policy, attending the University of California at Berkeley at the same time as her daughter Elaine. During this time, the Tirsells moved to Montclair to help with the commute, according to her obituary.

Tirsell would go on to become the assistant to the graduate school dean, handling admissions and running the Sloan Summer Institute at UC Berkeley.

An avid sports fan and active member in groups like the American Association of University Women of California and the Bellevue Women's Club, Tirsell moved to Lake Merritt after her husband Glenn died unexpectedly in 1997.

"Highly educated on subjects ranging from national politics to the Warriors starting lineup in any given game, Helen was a sharp and witty conversationalist, especially with her children, grandchildren, and their friends. One of her greatest desires was that, '... young people will harken to the cause ... and keep fighting' for their passions," her obituary stated.

Tirsell died in Oakland on Sept. 5 at age 85. A cause of death was not revealed. She is survived by her children Don Tirsell and Elaine Tirsell Barden and their families. ■

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# Pleasanton Library reopening for in-person visits next week

Patrons can still access virtual materials, services as needed

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton Library is reopening to the public next week, offering socially distanced internet stations for residents in addition to the usual array of books and other library materials and services.

Starting next Thursday (Nov. 12), the library will be open for “Grab & Go” services and self-checkout, as well as continuing contactless sidewalk service. Residents will be able to pick up library materials that are on hold, access public computers and office machines, and get a library card in person.

Not all services will be offered when the library reopens; no chairs

or tables for reading or studying will be available, nor any interactive toys for children. In-person programs, used-book sales and rooms for studying and meeting are also off limits for now. The library is also not accepting any donated materials at this time.

“Ensuring the health and safety of our patrons and staff is our No. 1 priority,” city officials said, and only 20 visitors will be allowed inside the library at a time “out of an abundance of caution.”

Visits are limited to one hour but library hours will be extended over time as part of a phased reopening plan, “as determined by the rate



RYAN J. DEGAN

The Pleasanton Public Library, seen here on Election Day, is scheduled to reopen for indoor, in-person visits on Nov. 12.

of decline in COVID cases, and as permitted by city and county orders,” according to city officials.

Visitors are required to pass a health screening before entering the library, wear a face covering, maintain six feet of social distance,

and limit their visit to one hour.

Patrons who decide to not visit the library can still access virtual programs, eBooks and streaming movies and digital resources, as well as connect with the library via phone, text and email.

The Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., opens next Thursday (Nov. 12). Hours are Tuesdays through Thursdays, 12-6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Sundays and Mondays. ■

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according to investigators.

The coroner's office said Audette was pronounced dead at the scene at 9:55 a.m. that day, determining the cause of death to be multiple blunt-force injuries in an aviation accident.

The preliminary report represents initial details about the federal investigation; the NTSB says a final report with a determination on the cause of an aviation accident can take 12 to 18 months.

Audette was remembered as a loving family man who also enjoyed recreational activities and watching Bay Area pro sports teams, according to his obituary.

Born in San Francisco, Audette later lived in South San Francisco and Belmont as a child until his family settled in Danville when he was a teenager. After graduating from Monte Vista High, Audette attended community college before transferring to San Diego State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting.

After getting married, he and wife Bo soon made their home in Riverside in the late 1980s. He worked for years at Champion Lumber Company, of which he and his brother-in-law obtained ownership of in 2006.

Among his favorite recreational activities, Audette enjoyed golf, road-biking, snow skiing and flying his trike plane, as well as taking trips with his family, according to his obituary.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Bo, their four children Taylor, Chase, Alexandra and Colby, his parents and his siblings. Memorial service details were not announced. ■

## A Terrific Life



Hazel passed away suddenly, just before her 10th birthday from chronic kidney disease. She lived most of her life in Pleasanton, though she moved with her parents to Sacramento a few years ago. But in her heart, she never left Pleasanton as her roots ran deep.

Neighbors on Walnut Drive would open their front door to find Hazel waiting for a treat or stop to say hi as she basked in the sun at the top of her driveway. Main Street was her stomping ground. Late night walks – every night – followed the path leading to Hazel's friends. Frankie would stop his late-night maintenance duties to feed Hazel treats until both were told to stop. Jaime and his kitchen crew at Hap's would spend time with her after closing. The folks at

Gay 90s, Nonni's and Chianti's would stop what they were doing just to come out and say hello to her. The owner of Cocina's would be quick to find Hazel a snack. Her artist friend would take a break from his nocturnal bursts of creativity and join in our late-night walks. Even Police Officer Ryan became part of her inner circle. And during the day, Murphy's Paw was Hazel's most important stop.

Hazel always knew that Pleasanton is a remarkably warm and generous place. Her view of Pleasanton was the right one, of people who simply know how to be kind, and she taught all of us much about the importance of community. Thank you to everyone who was part of Hazel's terrific life.

— Tracy Dunne and David Nagler

# Flood Ready Freddy is here to help

Zone 7's new series has useful tips, advice

The traditional rainy season is around the corner, and Zone 7 Water Agency is helping Tri-Valley residents prepare with their newly launched Flood Ready Freddy emergency preparedness series.

"Emergency preparedness for any Tri-Valley resident can be daunting," Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor said in a statement. "Zone 7 is thrilled to offer resources that educate Tri-Valley residents on emergency preparedness in a

refreshing, fun and memorable way to increase engagement and preparedness."

Released during statewide Flood Preparedness Week (Oct. 17-24), the series aims to share information about flood risk and flood emergency preparation, and features local "preparedness guru" Flood Ready Freddy and his "trustworthy sidekick" Scout.

The duo will "educate and help prepare families for different

emergency scenarios before, during and after flood season" through videos and one-sheets with emergency preparedness tips and best practices, officials said.

Freddy and Scout will also use videos to teach things like how to place sandbags correctly and understand your flood zone. Handouts with tips and checklists for each topic are also available at [zone7water.com/floodready](http://zone7water.com/floodready). ■

—Julia Baum



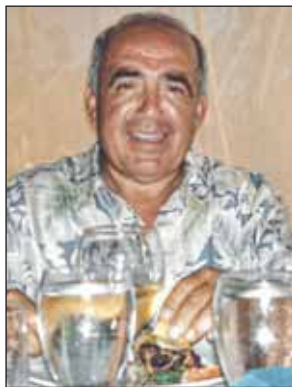
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Zone 7 Water Agency recently launched its Flood Ready Freddy education series.

## Joseph A. Juarez

March 17, 1943 – October 20, 2020

Joseph was born in San Salvador and spent most of his early life under the care of his dear grandmother, Estefana. He remembered his early years fondly and remained forever grateful to his loving abuela. He immigrated to San Francisco with his parents and sister Nellie in the early 1950s. Growing up near West Sunset Park, he attended St. Gabriel's, St. Ignatius, and finally Lincoln High School where he met Cindy, his future wife, in 1959.



Joe enlisted in the US Army in 1961 and served as Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin. He was a Cold War warrior as his life expectancy during the Cuban Missile Crisis was 10 seconds! Cindy joined him in Germany and the two were married October 10, 1962 in Augsburg. They resided in Germany for 2 years, then returned to San Francisco where they had two children, Kamara and David.

Joe was an example of reaching the American Dream. He began his career in banking as a check processor, but through hard work, talent and charm became the youngest Vice President in Union Bank history. He eventually branched out to International Foreign Exchange, where he became a Trader and then a Broker. His career took him and his family first to Los Angeles, then to New York, and eventually back to California. Joe believed that anyone could make it with drive, ambition, and a positive outlook. Joe loved life and his smile and easy elegance reflected this.

In his semi-retirement, Joe worked as a Custodian at Pleasanton Middle School for over a decade, where he was well loved by staff and students alike. Joe always enjoyed spending time with children and was an outstanding coach in many different sports for his own children and many more. He was a very athletic man and a lifetime fan of the 49ers and Giants, with many good times spent at Kezar Stadium, Seal Stadium, and Candlestick Park.

Joe was an accomplished golfer and spent much time out on the green where he could share laughs and cold beers with his buddies. Learning to play at Harding Park as a young man, he sharpened his skills on beautiful courses including Kapalua in Maui and his local favorite Calipe.

Joe leaves behind his high school sweetheart and wife of 58 years, Cindy, and his daughter, Kamara (Don). Predeceased by his beloved son, David and his parents, Jose and Margo, and sister, Nellie. He will be deeply missed by his great friends, including Mike, Bob, Larry and Leo, as well as his sister MaryAnn and beautiful nieces Lizzy, Becky, Jenny and Ashley and their children.

Joe was interned at a lovely private ceremony at St. Augustine's Cemetery in Pleasanton on October 30. Adios and Aloha to a great man! May he rest in peace.

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## BART tests more robust air filters, UV light to reduce virus risk in cars

'The safety features that are in place are working well,' rep says

BART is testing more robust air filters and ultraviolet light rods in its train cars in an effort to improve rider safety and reduce the risk of the novel coronavirus spreading, the agency said last week.

The air in BART's train cars is currently replaced around every 70 seconds. The agency is now in the middle of the pilot program to replace the air filters in its cars with filters that are capable of trapping smaller particles.

BART cars currently use filters

that trap particles between 3 and 10 microns wide, while the new filters are able to trap particles as small as 0.3 microns.

The transit agency is also testing the efficacy of UV-C light rods, which can destroy minute particles in the air. BART's concern that the rods may jostle around while the train is in motion has not yet proved to be true.

"The UV light comes on when it's supposed to," BART vehicle systems engineering manager Ben Holland said. "The safety features that are in

place are working well."

Both features are expected to be permanent fixtures in BART's new train cars and are being tested in legacy train cars, which are not under a warranty affecting new cars.

Eventually, the agency hopes to outfit all of its cars with UV-C light rods and finer air filters going forward.

"Based on everything we've seen so far, it's looking very promising," Holland said. ■

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a lot of Zoom" instead of interacting with voters in person.

"I couldn't be at the farmers market, I missed that immensely," Maher said, as well as participating in live candidate forums, passing out fliers and canvassing neighborhoods.

Maher said he ran a cost effective campaign, raising a little more than \$2,000 in the final days of his campaign: "It proves that you can run an election without a ton of money."

Carreon also noted the outstanding ballot count and said she was "cautiously optimistic that the results will hold" Wednesday morning.

"I am humbled and pleased by the results so far. Lots of Pleasanton votes left to be counted so I will patiently await the results," she told the Weekly. "I have been deeply touched by all the kind words, encouragement and love. My favorite part through this whole thing was being able to reconnect with families that I have taught and loved over the years. It means so much to me that former students and families have voted for me."

Mokashi had not responded to a request for comment as of press deadline Wednesday.

The numbers referenced in this story reflect countywide results for 38.52% of ballots cast so far. ■



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## 'Harvesting Hope'

Women, children and youth of the Pleasanton Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints participated in a monthlong service initiative to bring hope to local residents through donations to several local agencies to support seniors, children and even horses. Projects of the "Harvesting Hope" effort were collected and distributed to local organizations on Oct. 24, including 115 blankets donated to Blankets for Kids, 140 pumpkins painted by children and youth given to senior support groups, more than 200 seasonal cards handmade for seniors, 59 reusable bags sewn for "Big Bay Ray," and 3,321 diapers and over 4,000 wipes donated to Hively — plus 820 other acts of kindness were reported.

# Funds roll in for Livermore candidates days ahead of Election Day

Candidates submit their final finance reports before voting closes

By CIERRA BAILEY

As the end of the general election cycle drew near, Livermore candidates seeking office in local elections submitted their final campaign financial reports ahead of Election Day.

Mayoral candidates City Councilman Bob Woerner and Realtor Momy Nop have had significant contributions roll in during the most recent filing period from Oct. 18 to Oct. 29, taking Nop's year-to-date total to \$51,413.96 and Woerner's to \$55,546.17.

While Woerner's most recently reported contribution of \$500 came from one individual donor, Nop pulled in \$11,169 with \$10,000 coming in as a loan from his own real estate business and the remaining \$1,169 from various donations mostly ranging between \$50 and \$200, with one sizable donation of \$500 from Lewis Investment Company, LLC located in Upland.

Although there's only an approximately \$4,100 difference between the two mayoral candidates' year-to-date total contributions, Nop's expenses have exceeded Woerner's by \$8,037.24. Nop's financial forms indicate he spent a total \$53,506.62, which includes \$16,170.59 paid to San Jose-based Pacific Printing for

campaign mailings during this filing period, and a total of \$1,385.54 in unspecified and unpaid credit card charges.

Woerner's year-to-date expenses total \$45,469.38 and his largest expense this filing period was \$1,300 for a half page advertisement in The Independent newspaper.

Two newcomers, Pete Patterson and Brittini Kiick, are competing for City Council to represent District 3, which covers southeast Livermore.

Both candidates have run considerably low-cost campaigns, with Kiick's total expenses to date reported at \$9,295.41 and Patterson's at \$6,506.55. However, Kiick raised \$2,798.47 more than Patterson with her year-to-date contributions totaling \$11,370.72 while Patterson trails behind with \$8,572.25.

Sizable donations rolled in for both Kiick and Patterson during the Oct. 18 to Oct. 29 filing period, with the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association PAC contributing \$1,000 to Kiick's campaign. She also received three \$100 donations from residents.

Patterson's only contribution for this filing period was a large donation of \$2,000 from Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern's 2022 reelection campaign.

City Councilman Bob Carling, who is running unopposed for District 4, which represents the southwestern parts of Livermore, did not list any donors or received contributions on his finance forms but he did report spending \$518.94 of his own money on campaign signs.

In the race among five candidates vying for two at-large seats on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education, three candidates have contribution information available on the Alameda County election site for the filing period from Sept. 20 to Oct. 17.

Former Tri-Valley teacher and parent volunteer Yanira Guzmán raised \$3,775, bringing her year-to-date total to \$6,700. Notable contributions include \$100 from author, community leader and TEDx speaker Chandra Brooks and \$100 from Kim Newman, a business development executive at IBM. Guzmán also received \$100 in non-monetary contributions from Katie Anderson, the marketing and events coordinator for the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, for providing design services for campaign marketing materials.

Donations for public policy advocate Kristie Wang for the same period add up to \$1,175 mostly

from a handful of Livermore and South Bay residents. However, she also received a \$100 contribution from Aventi Group COO Sridhar Ramanathan. Wang's reported year-to-date total is \$6,759, which includes a total of \$2,100 in loans borrowed from her personal funds she earned as a PR consultant for Bay Area Community Resources, a national service organization.

Fellow contender and technology business analyst Asa Strout

trailed well behind Guzmán and Wang this period, raising just \$735 with the bulk of it coming from MCH Electric President Tyler Humphrey, who contributed \$500. However, Strout's year-to-date total is reported at \$5,019.90, most of which was raised earlier in the year.

Financial disclosure forms were not available on the county website for Kandiss Hewing or incumbent Chuck Rogge. ■

## Jean Pollard

August 31, 1945 – October 16, 2020

Jean Verry Pollard ("Jean Bean"), a long-time resident of Pleasanton, died October 16, 2020 at the age of 75 after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Jean was born to Russell and Annie Verry in Wilmington, NC. She graduated from New Hanover High School where she was a member of the marching band. She went on to earn her nursing degree from James Walker Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1966. She worked as a registered nurse in Alabama and North Carolina before she met the love of her life and moved to California. She then began her 38-year career at the Veterans Hospital, Livermore Division. She volunteered at the East Bay Stand Down for homeless veterans and would often talk about the time she went to Southern California and helped injured civilians after the Northridge Earthquake in 1994. Jean retired from the VA in 2013. She was honored to care for Americas veterans.

After moving to California, she married her "sweetheart" David Pollard, Sr. on October 8, 1977. Together they built a beautiful life and enjoyed boating and fishing together with their family. They loved the holidays and started many traditions that have continued over the years.

Jean is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Herrick (Jason) of Pleasanton; step-children: Debra Pollard of Klamath Falls, OR, David Pollard, Jr. of Magalia, CA, Ruth Pollard-Flores (Ron) of Livermore, Shirley Pollard (Eric) of Livermore; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, David in 1999.

The beach was Jean's "happy place." She loved to collect seashells and walk barefoot in the sand. She loved to throw a party for any reason, enjoyed baking holiday goodies and made the best fried chicken. She was a long-time member of GraceWay Church and treasured her bible study group. She enjoyed crocheting, winning at the slot machines and playing bingo and skip-bo. She was known for her beautiful handwriting and perfect hair-never a strand out of place. Her smile could light up a room.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Jean will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020 at GraceWay Church, 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, in person attendance is limited and has reached maximum capacity. The service will be live streamed to allow for virtual attendance. Please use <https://youtu.be/3avLAFx3wRk> if you wish to do so.

The family prefers donations in her memory be made to the staff at Sunol Creek Memory Care. <https://www.gofundme.com/in-memory-of-jean-pollard-jean-bean> or checks can be mailed check directly to Sunol Creek with "In Memory of Jean" on the memo line.

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Close behind in third place is Planning Commissioner Nancy Allen with 20.70% (6,785 votes). Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Randy Brown has 11.32% of the vote at last count, with Housing Commissioner Zarina Kiziloglu at 8.56%, Chiman Lee at 7.36% and attorney Jarod Buna at 5.93%.

Arkin did not reply to request for comment at the time of publication.

Balch said, "There are still a lot of votes to count and we don't know the final results ... regardless of the results, I appreciate the positive campaigns by all for the Pleasanton City Council race."

The numbers referenced in this story reflect ballots processed as of 38.52% voter turnout countywide, indicating there are many ballots left to tally across Alameda County — though an exact number of pending tabulation for Pleasanton, or the county overall, are not yet known. ■

A light crowd of Pleasanton voters turned out to the polling place at Valley View Elementary School on Election Day, maintaining social-distancing practices while doing so.



RYAN J. DEGAN

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# Amador Valley, Foothill high schools celebrate groundbreaking for new science buildings

Measure I1-funded projects estimated to open in September 2021

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton Unified School District leaders last week marked the groundbreakings of new science classroom buildings at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools funded through the voter-approved Measure II.

Livestreamed on the district's Facebook page, the back-to-back events on Oct. 29 saw a small collection of district officials and board members gather for the groundbreakings of the new buildings that will offer students expanded and modernized learning areas at each comprehensive high school campus.

"This building is a testament to the support and hard work of our cabinet, our school board, our community members and our students," second-year Amador principal Josh Butterfield said. "I can tell you that Measure I1 and the bond funds that are going to make this building possible are really a testament to the support of our community. And I just want to thank our community support from the bottom of my heart for what you are able to provide for our students."

Funded through Measure II, PUSD's \$270 million school facilities bond passed by Pleasanton voters in 2016, both new classroom buildings will replace leased portables used by the schools. Each

project has an estimated completion date of September 2021.

Geared toward promoting a mix of different subjects, the two-story, 2,900-square-foot Foothill building will consist of four engineering classrooms, three science classrooms and two computer labs. It will also include a reconfigured dropoff area to improve traffic flow along Foothill Road.

Across town in Amador, the new building will likewise include a blending of learning environments and will consist of five standard classrooms, three science classrooms, two computer science labs and two rooms specifically for special day class students.

"This project has been in the works for quite a few years now, so to see it actually happening is incredible," Foothill principal Sebastian Bull said at his school's groundbreaking. "This building is the first new building on Foothill's campus in close to 15 years, so it's an important new addition to our campus. But more importantly, this project represents the potential for some incredible opportunities for our students."

"Being able to combine biomedical science, engineering and computer science all in the same building will allow for some impressive collaboration among the programs. I'm excited to see what the future



Clockwise from top: PUSD leaders turn the dirt to mark the ceremonial groundbreaking at Amador Valley High School on Oct. 29. Rendering of Amador's new building, which includes two rooms for special day class. A rendering of Foothill's new science classroom building. PUSD officials at Foothill's groundbreaking; both buildings are expected to open September 2021.

holds," he added.

"It is absolutely without a doubt a pretty exciting time for the Pleasanton Unified School District. (These buildings) will be evidence of the community support Measure II has brought this opportunity to the students (in Pleasanton) and we're really really pleased," Superintendent David Haglund said at Amador's groundbreaking. ■



## Express lane opens on northbound I-680 in Sunol area

SB counterpart expected by spring

Caltrans and the Alameda County Transportation Commission last week held a virtual ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of a new express lane on northbound Interstate 680 in the Sunol area.

The express lane runs on northbound I-680 between south of Auto Mall Parkway and Highway 84, and can be used by carpoolers, motorcyclists and transit vehicles, according to Caltrans.

A southbound express lane

through the same area is still under construction. By spring 2021, tolling operations for solo drivers will be in operation in both directions, and there will be a near-continuous express lane system on I-680 from south of Highway 84 to

north of Highway 262.

"I cannot stress enough the importance of this regional transportation project," Fremont Mayor Lily Mei said in a news release after the Oct. 29 ribbon-cutting. "Millions of drivers travel along this

corridor, and now I can happily say that they will be able to reach their destinations more quickly and more reliably."

More information about the project can be found at [www.alamedactc.org](http://www.alamedactc.org). ■

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# ‘Our Dublin’ — Student designs shirt to celebrate city’s diversity

DHS junior’s campaign, raising funds for new scholarship, draws support from Warriors

BY CIERRA BAILEY

A Dublin teen has taken a creative and fashionable approach to promoting diversity and inclusion in her community by designing T-shirts with a unifying message.

Acacia Tripplett, 16, said she was inspired to bring her vision for the tees to life after witnessing “division and hatred” spreading throughout the nation amid civil unrest and racial tension, which peaked earlier this year following the police-involved death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on Memorial Day.

“I wanted the shirt to be a reminder that our differences aren’t something to be afraid of; they’re not something to be anxious about,” the Dublin High School junior and diversity ambassador said. “Our differences are something to be celebrated.”

Designed by Tripplett, the front of the black tee features five raised fists of different skin tones with the words “Our Dublin” printed in white capital letters beneath them. The back of the shirt includes a quote from the young adult novel “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas, which reads, “Your voices matter, your dreams matter, your lives matter. Be roses that grow in the concrete.”

After reading the novel, which was released in 2017 and tells the story of a Black teen who witnesses the police shooting of a childhood friend, Tripplett said she was



touched by the story.

“When I came across the quote, it really resonated with me — especially with what I was promoting with the T-shirts and my goals and ideas — and I thought that the quote really embodied everything that I was promoting,” she said.

Tripplett said that although the quote made the shirts more expensive to make, it was important to her that they be available to the Dublin High community, including faculty, staff and students, at no cost.

She was able to make this happen by reaching out to various organizations and community members for donations. “We were able to get to \$15,000 to buy 3,700 T-shirts,” she said, adding that the



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Dublin High junior Acacia Tripplett (left) distributes her “Our Dublin” T-shirts at the school’s gym with the help of her mother Natasha.

funds were raised over the course of about five weeks.

Among the donors were the city of Dublin, the Diablo Black Men’s Group and the San Ramon Valley Diversity Coalition. With the amount raised, Tripplett was also able to offer the shirts for free to the students and staff at Valley High School.

Tripplett’s efforts captured the attention of the Golden State Warriors public relations team. She delivered a presentation to them

about the idea behind the shirts, which resulted in a video message featuring some players and coaches, including head coach Steve Kerr, wearing and promoting Tripplett’s tees.

“Strength in numbers means our Dublin. Dub city means our Dublin,” they said in the video montage.

The T-shirts are now up for sale to the public online.

“All of the money we raise from people purchasing the shirts is

going to go to creating a scholarship program for a Dublin High School senior,” Tripplett said. The guidelines and criteria for the scholarship have not been finalized yet, but Tripplett said that the reason for limiting the eligibility to seniors is to encourage the recipient(s) to promote unity and diversity beyond Dublin as they embark on their college journey.

More information about the project and shirts are available at [diversityambassador.square.site](https://diversityambassador.square.site). ■

## MAIN STREET

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“The community has embraced it as well as played by the rules, and I really believe that this is something that the city of Pleasanton should ... really get into and embrace as well.”

First proposed by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and signed off by city officials toward the end of spring, the weekend street closures were initiated in response to the coronavirus pandemic as a way to allow local restaurants and shops to continue business in the relative safety of the outdoors.

The original weekend street closures were intended to only last from June through August; however, the popularity of the closures prompted city officials to extend the weekend closures through Sunday (Nov. 1)

At the moment there are no imminent plans to re-initiate the weekend closures, with city staff saying the streets will need to be made available for customer parking in the winter while adding



RYAN J. DEGAN

Ted DiStefano and Kristyn McQueen were among the Pleasanton residents enjoying the city’s final downtown street closures.

that future street events are still possible.

“Over the four months of the weekend on Main Street closures, we were very pleased to see the restaurants’ ability to successfully participate as well as the community’s positive response. Now as we move in to the holiday season there are merchants that need the

street open to best serve their customers as well as downtown residents that need to be able to access their parking,” deputy assistant city manager Pamela Ott said.

“The city will continue to support downtown restaurants by allowing downtown merchants to have a pop-up in the parking space(s) in front of their storefront

to continue to offer outdoor dining if they choose to do so. It’s very likely that some version of the street closures will return next year as we understand how we’ll be able to bring back events and gatherings,” Ott added.

General safety guidelines applied to all residents who attended the weekend closures, with social distancing and masks when not seated at a restaurant being mandatory for all downtown visitors.

Despite these precautions, some residents were still not completely comfortable with the often-crowded city streets and would time their visits to avoid the evening crowds.

“(We haven’t really) come here often. We live actually right behind here and we normally do come downtown a lot. But we haven’t lately just because it gets really busy, so we came out here a little earlier before the crowds,” local resident Kristyn McQueen said while grabbing an early dinner on Saturday.

While Pleasanton’s downtown street closures may have come and gone, indoor operations are

expected to continue — and possibly expand — over the coming months, as long as Alameda County maintains progress in combating the spread of COVID-19.

Alameda County was upgraded to the orange tier in the state’s COVID-19 blueprint last month, after recording between one and 3.9 cases per 100,000 per week and documenting a COVID-19 positive testing rate between 2%-4.9% over seven days.

The orange tier classification and corresponding local health order will allow Alameda County restaurants to conduct indoor dining up to 25% capacity or less than 100 people, whichever is less.

Despite the ability to eat indoors, some residents like McQueen may still not be convinced that it is the safest move.

“I think it’s going to be a long winter and some people are going to want to sit inside but others aren’t going to be comfortable with it. I don’t think we are going to be eating out (in person) nearly as much as we have been. We’ll get it to-go,” she said. ■

## THE SHOW WILL GO ON

Newly launched Actors Conservatory trains next generation of artists despite pandemic

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

**T**welve young theater enthusiasts are preparing for a life in the performing arts as they comprise the inaugural class of the Actors Conservatory at Las Positas College.

"The Actors Conservatory is a great opportunity for anybody looking to make a career in the arts," class member Matthew Bessiere said. "All of the professors are dedicated to giving you the best education possible."

The conservatory was started in the belief that inspired, trained actors will be leaders in the next generation of artists, able to advocate for theater as an art form as well as a viable skill. Its founding entailed a long period of planning and preparations, said Titian Lish, theater and performing arts coordinator at the community college in Livermore.

"It took about five years of development, research and advocacy," she recalled. "I traveled to New York and Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, and I talked to students to see what was working."

She asked actors what they loved about conservatories they had attended and what could have been better.

"Also I did a lot of curriculum development within our own department — we had to expand our catalog offerings," Lish said.

Finally last year Las Positas announced that this fall it would launch the two-year program,



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Artistic director Titian Lish (top, left) leads a class with the Las Positas College Actors Conservatory.

Next, they are looking at smaller productions, including children's theater, and looking for ways to engage audiences.

Despite the current challenges, Lish is optimistic about the future of this year's students.

"We are keeping an eye on the county guidelines — we want to get the students back in person," she said. "People need to stand onstage at some point, too."

"We have a supportive administration that believe in it as a potential flagship experience," she added. "At the Actors Conservatory, we believe students should be able to explore their passion and dedication for theater in a meaningful, affordable and inspiring way."

Inaugural class member Ricardo Jauregui thinks it is mission accomplished.

"I wanted to train with the Las Positas Actors Conservatory because I knew it would provide me with the opportunity to build upon my experience and skills as an actor, performer and artist as part of what I knew would be a really inspiring and rewarding environment," he said.

Members of the Actors Conservatory's inaugural class are Bessiere, Jauregui, Weiss, Alise Bradford, Gideon Capili, Kieran Fernandez, Colin Fitzmaurice, Jasmine Guerrero, Liva Langer, Osvaldo Mora, Lyle Sahagun and Logan Schluntz.

For more information, visit [laspositascollege.edu/theater](http://laspositascollege.edu/theater). ■

which begins with acting, musical theater workshop, stage speech, movement and voice. During the second year, students perform in multiple productions.

In the spring, about 20 students were planning to join the inaugural Actors Conservatory, Lish said, a size that allowed a lot of individual attention. But when COVID-19 struck, seven had to drop out.

"Between April and September it became clear many students decided to take a gap year," Lish said.

Some had to go to work because parents had lost jobs, others shared small homes that lacked a dedicated performance space. And the time commitment of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day no longer worked for everyone.

"Conservatory training is really committing to it as a job," Lish explained, "fall and spring semester and a production over the summer.

"They spend two dedicated years with us training deliberately and specifically as actors so after those

two years they have the skills to perform — some as hobbyists, some professional," she continued.

"And they've paid for it at the community college price point."

The cost is important, Lish noted, because a program would cost upwards of \$20,000 a year elsewhere.

"We felt like in arts education we needed a way for people to have training but not have to go into debt for an industry that is really challenging," she said.

With the Las Positas program, it is possible to transfer to a four-year college if a student decides to pursue a bachelor's degree, whether in theater or another field. And the conservatory does not necessarily lead to a professional life in the theater but perhaps to be active in amateur productions.

"We wanted community theaters to have a strong base," Lish said.

Plus she is pleased that students now are able to pursue acting education in the Tri-Valley.



AARON BURG



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The Las Positas College production of "Evil Dead" was directed by Titian Lish in 2019.

"Stage Door," directed by Dyan McBride, was one of the productions last year at Las Positas College.

# Hope Hospice honors military veterans

Patients presented with cozy blankets, plus lapel pins

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Hope Hospice is finding creative ways to acknowledge the military service of its patients.

During the past five years, an average of 10% of Hope Hospice patients have spent many of their prime years as members of the United States armed forces. To commemorate this service while providing compassionate end-of-life care to these patients, Hope Hospice has instituted a Veteran Blanket Program.

Volunteer Thais Carlucci heads up the drive, procuring soft fleece fabric in designs themed after the four major military branches — Navy, Marines, Army and Air Force — to make cozy lap blankets. An American flag motif is used for veterans of the smaller branches, such as the U.S. Coast Guard.

Social workers present a blanket in the appropriate design to the patient and family during the admissions process.

“Feedback from patient families over the years has been that family members keep the blankets long



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Hope Hospice home health aide Jose Benitez presents a veteran appreciation pin to patient Norman Thomas.

after the patient has passed on, as a warm memory,” Carlucci said.

The blanket program began in 2016, after a Hope Hospice team brainstormed on how to honor

patients with military service. Carlucci, who has service members in her own family, suggested the idea of a themed blanket, since a comfort item is a welcomed gift.

Recently, Hope Hospice also started giving out special lapel pins with the message, “Hope Hospice Honors Veterans.” The pins come with patriotic stands for families to display them at a patient’s bedside if they are unable to wear them.

The Veterans Appreciation Program is supported by American Legion Post 237, based in Pleasanton. Legion member Earl Stevens, who also volunteers for Hope Hospice, was instrumental in connecting Hope Hospice with the Legion, which donates funds to cover the cost of fabric.

The number of blankets needed each year varies, but Carlucci says she and other volunteers find themselves making at least 30.

Learn more about Hope Hospice services and community programs at [HopeHospice.com](http://HopeHospice.com) or by calling 829-8770. ■



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Ukulele master Jake Shimabukuro.

## Virtual benefit to showcase ‘Best of the Bankhead’

Event to include audience favorites online and catered dinner

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

“Best of the Bankhead,” a virtual benefit for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, is being held at 6 p.m. Nov. 21 to celebrate the arts and acknowledge all the live entertainment missed as a result of the pandemic. Tickets include dinner and wine delivered to homes prior to the event.

The benefit will be hosted by the center’s Executive Director Chris Carter and emceed by Freddy Silveria, who will appear live from the Bankhead stage. It will feature cameo video performances by some of the most popular artists who have appeared at the Bankhead since it opened in 2007.

Bankhead and the Bothwell Arts Center for COVID-19 safety, “Best of the Bankhead” will be the only major fundraising event this year for Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, replacing the annual Brilliance at the Bankhead gala. Typically held in September, that fundraiser has been postponed to 2021.

“While we continue to offer virtual performances such as Vineyard Vibes and online art classes, our ability to deliver on our mission to serve the community through the arts has been severely restricted, far beyond anything we could have imagined,” Carter said.

“We took quick action to preserve our financial situation, but in order to come back strong when we’re able to open again, we must continue to rely on the support of the community,” he continued. “We are focused on how we can help restore the arts in downtown Livermore as soon as it is safely possible.”

Tickets to “Best of the Bankhead” are \$150 per person for event access, and catered dinner and wine delivered. To attend with no dinner or wine, “Pay What You Want” tickets are available at a suggested minimum of \$25.

The event will include a drawing for two special items: a Circle of Diamonds pendant donated by Lance Cavaliere Jewelers valued at approximately \$5,000; and a pair of tickets to the 2021 Brilliance at the Bankhead Gala starring Vanessa Williams. Drawing tickets are only available in advance through the box office for \$20 each or 10 tickets for \$150.

Event tickets may be picked up at the Bankhead Theater with an optional tour of its gallery’s new exhibit of works by local artists who create or teach at the Bothwell.

To buy tickets, visit [www.livermorearts.org](http://www.livermorearts.org), call 373-6800 or email [boxoffice@lvpac.org](mailto:boxoffice@lvpac.org). ■



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Comedian Paula Poundstone.

Audience favorites performing at “Best of the Bankhead” will include comedian Paula Poundstone, ukulele master Jake Shimabukuro, and smooth jazz legend Keiko Matsui. They have appeared at the Bankhead more than four times each, filling the house, and all three are booked for live performances at the Bankhead in 2021.

The Choir of Man, a rollicking pub show that has sold out the theater twice in less than a year, was scheduled to return (virtually) next week but had to cancel due to new restrictions in London.

Due to the closure of the

## Mother-daughter service group holding membership drive

Pleasanton chapter helped 33 local charities in 2019-20

The Pleasanton Chapter of National Charity League, a mother-daughter service organization, has started its annual membership drive, which runs through Jan. 15.

“We are excited to welcome new mothers and daughters into our chapter,” chapter president Wendy Costanzo said. “Our aim is to develop the leadership skills and community service mindset of young women while strengthening the mother-daughter bond.”

Membership is open to women with daughters in the sixth grade who live in Pleasanton. The chapter currently has about 300 members.

The Pleasanton NCL chapter has volunteered more than 7,400 hours in its 2019-2020 year for 33 local philanthropies including Hively, Meals on Wheels, Open Heart Kitchen, PUSD, Fertile GroundWorks and the Pleasanton Senior Center. Recent activities include making Halloween-themed crafts for Pleasanton seniors,

gardening at Fertile GroundWorks, and making face masks for John Muir Medical Center and Open Heart Kitchen.

Interested mothers may attend one of the prospective member meetings, being held via Zoom. Contact [membershippleasanton@nclonline.org](mailto:membershippleasanton@nclonline.org).

For more information about NCL and the Pleasanton chapter, visit [www.nationalcharityleague.org/vpage/index-pleasanton](http://www.nationalcharityleague.org/vpage/index-pleasanton). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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## London lockdown cancels Bankhead show

The Choir of Man, which was scheduled to send a virtual show from a London pub to a local audience Nov. 12, has had to postpone the performance after all restaurants and bars in London were closed due to rising COVID cases so they are not allowed to livestream as planned. Ticket holders for the \$20 performance may wait for a new date to be announced when London reopens; convert tickets to a donation to the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center; exchange tickets for an E-gift card; or get a refund to the original payment method. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org) or call 373-6800.

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### Happy campaigning is over? So are we

If this year wasn't challenging enough, why not throw in an election? And let's make it nasty and divisive on all levels — from the presidential to the local campaigns.

Maybe it's because we are tired of being isolated. During this 34th week of the shelter-in-place with no end in sight, stress is high and hope is low. People are losing sleep over unemployment, unpaid bills, concern about the mental and physical health of loved ones, and, of course, becoming infected with the virus we are trying to stem.

Maybe it's the sheer number of candidates. Even in elections that aren't usually races because only the incumbents run (like Danville Town Council or most Tri-Valley school boards), candidates came out in droves in 2020.

Danville had triple the number of candidates as open council seats — nine total. Dublin City Council had that many candidates, too, for two available seats.

We heard from residents who wanted to condemn candidates based on false rumors about their personal pasts, without as much as a question about whether the rumor was true. One candidate received vile, racist, sexist correspondence from a community member; another candidate threatened a community member.

We heard many, many unverified (and unverifiable) allegations of wrongdoing by candidates.

Intentionally misleading and blatantly false information was posted on our Town Square; when it was removed pending verification, our moderators were attacked on the forum and via email.

Candidates or their representatives were posting on our Town Square sites, too, posing as citizens, trolling.

Signs were stolen. FPPC complaints were made. Lawsuits were filed.

"Clean money" became an issue in this election, but nobody defined the term. Some candidates derided their opponents for taking money from developers, but those same candidates willingly accepted money from labor unions or other special interests.

Speaking of money, a significant number of Tri-Valley council candidates raised over \$40,000; one raised more than \$80,000, with over \$22,000 coming from the same person. That's obscene in a local election.

Our small editorial staff conducted and covered eight virtual candidate forums (12 if you count mayoral and council forums separately as they were presented), including forums on four nights in a row from Sept. 21-24. In

addition, we profiled every candidate running in city/town and school board elections in the five Tri-Valley communities, did endorsements in every race and covered campaign finance. We really got to know all the candidates and were impressed by a majority.

However, some were clearly out of their depth. One candidate had "big concerns" that we didn't promote her candidate profile story to her liking and we spent a lot of time explaining to her the difference between our role and the candidate's role.

But nothing beat the candidate who sent us a scathing email because, with no civic experience and without a feasible plan of action, he did not earn our endorsement. That was a first.

Combined, our editorial staff has decades of experience and this local election, by far, was one of the ugliest in terms of dirty tactics, misinformation, hateful name-calling and venomous attacks (on candidates, each other and on us).

Salve to our wounds, though, were the recent words of a reader:

"I just want to let you know how much I appreciate the good job you and your team have done, under unimaginably difficult circumstances, to keep all voters informed and engaged. It can't have been easy for any of you, working from home, keeping things on an even keel, and sorting the wheat from the chaff as these very truths we hold to be self-evident have seemingly come under siege. Toss in a record-breaking fire season and a worst in more than a century global pandemic and lesser souls would surely have broken.

"We readers are often quick to criticize, sometimes too slow with a word of encouragement. Working out the logistics of the virtual candidate forums was a challenge you met and the result was perhaps one of the best-informed cadre of voters in a very long time, if ever."

Kind words and a bit of encouragement go a long way in these extremely difficult times. Let's remember that as these newly elected or re-elected officials step up to lead.

And be good to one another. ■

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Actress Loughlin reports to Dublin prison to serve sentence in college bribery scandal

Television actress Lori Loughlin reported to the minimum-security federal prison for women in Dublin last week to begin serving a two-month sentence stemming from her conviction in the college admissions bribery scandal that grabbed national headlines last year, according to the Associated Press.

Loughlin and her husband, fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli, accepted plea deals in August for paying half a million dollars in bribes to pass their daughters off as rowing recruits to gain admittance into the University of Southern California, the AP reported. The celebrity couple were among several dozen high-profile parents arrested in the federal "Operation Varsity Blues" investigation in 2019.

Loughlin, who like her husband reversed course to plead guilty after initially denying the charges for more than a year, was sentenced to two months in prison, a \$150,000 fine and 100 hours of community service, according to the AP.

She reported last Friday to the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, a minimum-security facility for female inmates located not far from the Santa Rita Jail, to begin serving her prison sentence, which will include an initial 14-day

quarantine under COVID-19 protocols. The AP reported that the defense and prosecutors agreed that she would not seek an early release on coronavirus-related grounds.

Loughlin, 56, has acted professionally since she was a teenager and is perhaps best known for her role on the sitcom "Full House" in the late 1980s and early 1990s, as well as more recently starring in Hallmark Channel television movies.

She is the second celebrity actress to be incarcerated in the Dublin prison after being convicted in the college admissions scandal.

Emmy Award winner Felicity Huffman served 11 days of a 14-day prison sentence there in October 2019 after pleading guilty to paying an admissions consultant \$15,000 to have a proctor correct her daughter's SAT exam answers in 2017, according to the AP.

### In other news

- Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc., agreed to a nearly \$1.5 million settlement that was approved last week to resolve allegations that stores under the company's brands up and down California violated state laws on hazardous waste disposal, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

The judgment in the civil enforcement lawsuit originating in Ventura County Superior Court includes 207 store locations under the New Jersey-based company's namesake brand and its subsidiaries such as Cost Plus World Market. Two stores in the Tri-Valley were cited in the settlement.

The enforcement case, which originated after two refuse fires tied to an Oxnard store, centered on the improper handling, transportation and disposal of batteries, electronic devices, ignitable liquids, aerosol products, cleaning agents and other flammable, reactive, toxic and corrosive materials that were not supposed to be sent to local landfills, according to prosecutors.

"When businesses, large or small, illegally dispose of hazardous waste, not only do they violate the law, but they put the environment at risk," Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said in a statement. "We will not stand idly by while corporations disregard the safety and well-being of the environment."

"The protection of our environment and public health is always a top priority. This settlement acts as a deterrent to other companies as non-compliant companies will be held accountable for violating our environmental laws," Contra Costa County DA Diana Becton, whose office was also involved in the civil prosecution, added in a separate statement.

Bed Bath & Beyond had not yet responded to a request for comment. Prosecutors said the company cooperated with the investigation and took corrective action once notified of violations.

The case involved more than 30 counties across California at stores owned by the company, including Bed Bath & Beyond, Cost Plus, buybuy BABY, Harmon, Harmon Face Values, World Market and Cost Plus World Market,

according to prosecutors.

The investigation unfolded in the wake of a fire at Oxnard's Del Norte Transfer Facility on Christmas Eve 2015, igniting in a load of store waste from the trash compactor from the Bed Bath and Beyond store in Oxnard, prosecutors said.

The bagged store waste reportedly burst into flames when a city employee used a front-end loader to spread the freshly dumped trash pile. The subsequent investigation revealed numerous items of waste that isn't allowed to be dumped for landfills, including several electronic items and hazardous waste such as lithium batteries and a small can of lighter fluid, prosecutors said.

Four months later, a fire broke out in the Oxnard store's trash compactor itself, and again investigators found improperly dumped waste.

After the Ventura County fires, inspectors from Alameda County DA's environmental units — along with other similar divisions statewide — launched a series of investigations that included undercover inspections, according to O'Malley.

"These inspections, and other investigation, revealed that Bed Bath & Beyond had been sending regulated hazardous wastes from stores to local landfills throughout California," O'Malley's office said.

"When notified of the investigation, Bed Bath and Beyond took steps to cooperate and to dedicate additional resources towards environmental compliance and improving its existing regulated-waste management program, including by performing regular self-audits of its compactors and waste bins in California," local prosecutors added.

The settlement, filed in Ventura County Superior Court on Oct. 26, cited 207 stores statewide, including the Bed Bath & Beyond store at 4882 Dublin Blvd. in Dublin and the Cost Plus World Market at 5564 Springdale Ave. in Pleasanton. There were no stores in the San Ramon Valley, but the list did include the Cost Plus World Market in downtown Walnut Creek.

Under the final judgment, Bed Bath & Beyond is ordered to pay \$1,327,500 in civil penalties and reimbursement of investigation and prosecution costs, as well as an additional \$171,250 to fund supplemental environmental projects furthering environmental enforcement in California. The settlement also includes a permanent injunction prohibiting the retailer similar future violations of law, prosecutors said.

- A young Modesto man died in a motorcycle crash last week on northbound Interstate 680 in unincorporated Alameda County, California Highway Patrol officials said.

The crash occurred at about 6:30 a.m. Oct. 27 north of Andrade Road in the community of Sunol, killing 20-year-old Alexis Ponce Garibay.

Ponce Garibay drifted on his 2006 Suzuki into a construction zone and hit the back of a Chevrolet pickup truck parked between the northbound and southbound lanes, CHP officials said.

The truck belonged to a construction crew working in the area.

Ponce Garibay was ejected from his bike and pronounced dead at the scene, according to CHP officials.

Witnesses told the CHP that Ponce Garibay did not try to avoid the truck before hitting it. He was wearing a helmet, CHP officials said. Any other witnesses to the collision are asked to call the Dublin office of the CHP at 925-828-0466.

- Dublin Police Services recently received a \$62,500 traffic safety grant from the state to assist with the department's efforts to reduce deaths and injuries on city streets.

"With an ever increasing number of cars on our roadways these days, now more than ever, it is important that we are at the forefront of traffic safety," Capt. Nate Schmidt said in a statement. "This funding allows us to educate and enhance the safety of all residents. Being awarded this OTS grant will ensure our community remains safe on the roadways and continues to provide the best service to our community."

The one-year grant, which runs through Sept. 30, 2021, is in addition to a different state grant DPS also received last month — \$50,000 — to help the department streamline processes to collect and report traffic data.

This new grant will help fund a variety of traffic safety programs, including special patrols with emphasis on alcohol- and drug-impaired driving prevention, awareness and education of California's hands-free cellphone law, education of traffic rights for bicyclists and pedestrians, and awareness and education of primary causes of crashes — excess speed, failure to yield, failure to stop at stop signs/signals and improper turning/lane changes.

It will also support community education presentations on issues such as distracted driving, DUI, speed, and bicycle and pedestrian; collaborative efforts with neighboring agencies on traffic safety priorities; and officer training and/or recertification: standard field sobriety test (SFST), advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement (ARIDE) and drug recognition expert (DRE), city officials said.

"Through education and behavioral changes, we hope to create an environment that is safe and equitable for all road users in our community," Schmidt added.

Funding was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Oct. 31

#### Weapons violation

■ 2:56 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Warrant arrest

■ 8:59 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

■ 9:44 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

■ 3:22 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

#### Theft

■ 11:55 a.m., 3600 block of North Glacier Court; bicycle theft

■ 3:28 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 8:58 p.m. on the 3600 block of Fieldview Court

#### Drug violation

■ 6:25 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

### Oct. 30

#### DUI

■ 2:19 a.m. at Bernal Avenue and Sunol Boulevard

#### Vandalism

■ 11:07 a.m. at Laurel Creek Drive and Olson Court

#### Theft

■ 11:50 a.m., 400 block of Boulder Creek; theft from auto

■ 8:52 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Domestic battery

■ 2:05 p.m. on Mohr Avenue

### Oct. 29

#### Drug violation

■ 12:12 p.m. at Kolln Street and Orloff Drive

#### Vandalism

■ 1:09 p.m. on the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Warrant arrest

■ 5:06 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

#### Theft

■ 5:17 p.m. on the 3300 block of Streamside Circle

### Oct. 28

#### Fraud

■ 7:59 a.m. on the 4700 block of Amanda Place

■ 6:10 p.m. at Hopyard Place and Valley Avenue

#### Warrant arrest

■ 1:31 p.m. on the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road

■ 2:21 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 7:51 p.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue

### Oct. 27

#### Graffiti

■ 9:33 a.m. on the 3200 block of West Lagoon Road

#### Shoplifting

■ 2:48 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Criminal threats

■ 4:28 p.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

#### DUI

■ 11:16 p.m. at Gulfstream Street and Fairlands Drive

### Oct. 26

#### Drug violation

■ 2:52 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft

■ 8:10 a.m. on the 4300 block of Foothill Road

■ 9:27 a.m., 400 block of Boulder Court; theft from auto

#### Vandalism

■ 9:56 a.m. on the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

■ 6:39 p.m. on the 1900 block of Greenwood Road

■ 7:16 p.m. on the 1800 block of Greenwood Road

#### Domestic battery

■ 10:15 a.m. on West Angela Street

#### Burglary

■ 11:22 a.m. on the 4100 block of First Street

#### Embezzlement

■ 6:27 p.m. on the 4500 block of Hopyard Road

## Theater

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL - ON DEMAND LISTENING** For the first time in its 44-year history, the Bay Area's favorite holiday tradition, A Christmas Carol, will come to life as A Christmas Carol: On Air, an enthralling radio play the whole family can enjoy from the comfort of home. This timeless story of optimism and redemption will feature the delightful music, deliciously spooky ghosts and cast that has made it a beloved Bay Area holiday classic. Tickets include an activity book with a number of themed activities and games that families can participate in at home while listening together. Dec. 5-31. Visit [act-sf.org](http://act-sf.org).

## Concerts

**ADVENTURE CLUB, WOOLI & ROSSY** Enjoy a socially distanced electronic music event, from the comfort of your own car, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds featuring Adventure Club, Wooli & Rossy. 8-11 p.m., Nov. 6. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**ELECTRONIC MUSIC DRIVE-IN CONCERT** Vital Events presents Adventure Club, Kaivon & Brenda for a socially distanced drive-in concert. 8-11 p.m., Nov. 7. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**VINEYARD VIBES WITH BRIAN MAGGI & MORE** Brian Maggi is the creator and host of Adulterated and a Bay Area comedian and writer. He's written for Chicago's Second City and co-created the underground humor magazine In Formation. 6 p.m., Nov. 8. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**THE CHOIR OF MAN** It's a party. It's a concert. It's a not-to-be-missed hour, up close and personal with the boys live in a real London pub. The runaway hit of numerous international music festivals, the members of the Choir of Man sing and dance their way through everything from favorite sing-along classics to classic rock when the ultimate feel-good show comes to your own home. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 12. Visit [www.livermorearts.org](http://www.livermorearts.org).

## Spirituality

**NOVEMBER VIRTUAL RELIGION CHAT** This month's topic: How does your congregation help bridge the different political or social justice views within it? The speakers are Imam Dawood Yasin of the Muslim community and Gaurav Rastogi of the Hindu community. The event is free and all are welcome. 5-6:15 p.m., Nov. 11. Visit [mceastbay.org/chat](http://mceastbay.org/chat).

## Festivals & Fairs

**DOWNTOWN LIVERMORE STREET FEST - NOW VIRTUAL** The festival this year will be held virtually and all Livermore artists, crafters and makers are invited. Sign up for a booth now. Nov. 7-18. For more information visit [events@livermoredowntown.com](http://events@livermoredowntown.com).

## Seniors

**VIRTUAL FALL SOCIAL** Join virtually on Zoom for a simple craft, holiday dessert or share favorite Thanksgiving memories and traditions. 1:30 p.m., Nov. 13. For more information call (925) 931-5365.

**PHOTO CLUB VIRTUAL MEETING** The photo club meets virtually to share classic photos. If interested in joining, email [pleaseniorg@gmail.com](mailto:pleaseniorg@gmail.com). 2 p.m., Nov. 12.

## Talks &

**ECOPSYCHOLOGY AND HOW TO RECONNECT WITH NATURE** Ecopsychology is a field of study that seeks to understand the connection between the human species and the natural world (plants, animals, elements). This two-part series examines the four "tasks" essential to reconnection., 4-5 p.m., Nov. 11. Visit [savemountdiablo.org](http://savemountdiablo.org).

**HOPE HOSPICE PRESENTS FREE GRIEF WORKSHOP** Hope Hospice annually offers a special Handling the Holidays workshop to teach healthy coping strategies to help the bereaved during this difficult time. Space is limited and currently held virtually. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 12 and Dec. 7. Contact 829-8770.

## Bingo

**BLUE DEVILS DRIVE-IN BINGO** Drive-In Bingo from the comfort of a car, truck or SUV in the Pleasanton OTB Parking Lot. Get the live game call over the FM radio and watch the ball camera live on Zoom with a smartphone or tablet. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Nov. 7. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

## Fundraiser

**WALK FOR VETS VIRTUAL CHALLENGE 2.2** For 22 Walk for Vets strives to raise awareness that 22 veterans are lost to suicide each day. Funds raised will help bring mental health professionals to Las Positas College in an effort to support mental health services and to stop suicide among veterans. Funds will also support services provided by the Pleasanton Military Families. Oct. 21-Nov. 11. Visit [rungsingup.com](http://rungsingup.com).

## Family

**HELLO KITTY CAFE TRUCK** Fans of Hello Kitty can look forward to new exclusive goodies and limited-edition collectibles. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Nov. 7. Stoneridge Shopping Center near the Cheesecake Factory.

**DRIVE-THRU DINOSAUR ADVENTURE** Bring the entire family to a Dinosaur Adventure Drive-Thru and take a prehistoric tour featuring 80 life-sized dinosaurs. See a 40 foot T-Rex, 30-foot Brachiosaurus, Triceratops, Velociraptors and more all from the comfort and safety of your vehicle. Nov. 12-29. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**STEAM & DIESEL EXCURSIONS** Enjoy a train ride through the canyon on

a beautiful fall weekend day. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. departures. Nov. 7-8 & 14-15. Visit [www.ncry.org](http://www.ncry.org).

## Charity

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Operation Christmas Child volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 16-23. Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys to children worldwide for more than two decades. To participate visit [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations).

**NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE - PLEASANTON CHAPTER** The Pleasanton Chapter of the National Charity League, Inc. has started its annual membership drive. Membership is open to women with daughters currently in the sixth grade who reside in Pleasanton. Applications for membership are only accepted during the annual membership drive from now through Jan. 15. To learn more, visit [nationalcharityleague.org](http://nationalcharityleague.org).

**TRI-VALLEY HAVEN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM** Tri-Valley Haven has transformed its program to safely provide holiday items and food to the thousands of residents in economic need by providing pre-bagged food and gift cards while practicing social distancing and CDC guidelines. Nov. 23 is designated for a turkey pickup and Dec. 12 for holiday gift giving. For more information, visit [trivalleyhaven.org](http://trivalleyhaven.org).

## Outdoor Recreation

**SPRINGTOWN BIRD WALK** Meet Ranger Eric at Marlin Pound Park in Springtown to set out along the short creek trail in search of birds. Black-necked Stilts and Avocets could be out there. Binoculars will be available to borrow. 9 a.m., Nov. 14. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**WINTER WATERFOWL** Join Ranger Vickie to explore the different types of waterfowl found in the park. Starting with basic identification tips and then a mile walk. Cancelled if raining. 9 a.m., Nov. 15. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB MEETING** Meeting over Zoom, Speaker Kate Frey, author of "The Bee Friendly Garden", will discuss locally-focused gardens that strive to contribute to the community. Examples of these kinds of gardens and accompanying sustainable, ecological principles will be presented in a slideshow. 7-8:30 p.m., Nov. 12. Visit [lavgc.org](http://lavgc.org).

## Government

**PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Currently held virtually. 7 p.m., Nov. 12. Visit [pleasantonusd.net](http://pleasantonusd.net).

## PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

### Buttercup here

I'm a charming lady who loves to show my goober side! Watch me zoom around and bonk into you to ask for scratches. Am I the most graceful? Not exactly, but I'm guaranteed to keep you laughing with my smile and goofy personality. I like making friends with people and going on adventures. I can get a little nervous when other dogs get too close, so I'd prefer to be the only dog in your life. My adoption fee is waived. Mention me on your application at [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org).

**LIVERMORE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** The Livermore School Board holds regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month to conduct business of the District. Currently held virtually. 7 p.m., Nov. 10. Visit [livermoreschools.org](http://livermoreschools.org).

**DUBLIN PLANNING COMMISSION** The Dublin Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Currently held virtually. 7 p.m., Nov. 10. Visit [www.dublin.ca.gov](http://www.dublin.ca.gov).

## Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

Perry Automotive  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
573549

The following person doing business as: Perry Automotive, 3282 Shawn Way, Hayward, CA 94541, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Jack L. Perry, 3282 Shawn Way, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by Jack L. Perry, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 1, 1999. Signature of Registrant: Jack L. Perry, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 6, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 16, 23, 30, November 6.)

Pleasanton Weekly; PleasantonWeekly.com; TriValleyViews.com; DanvilleSanRamon.com  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 573665

The following person doing business as: Pleasanton Weekly; PleasantonWeekly.com; TriValleyViews.com; DanvilleSanRamon.com, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 203, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Embarcadero Media, 450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306, California. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein February 15, 2009. Signature of Registrant: William S. Johnson, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 8, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2020.)

Anderson Plumbing  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 573637

The following person doing business as: Anderson Plumbing, 4300 Black Ave., #614, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Sam Anderson, 5152 Twin Creek Court, Antioch, CA 94531. This business is conducted by Sam Anderson, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein March 18, 2020. Signature of Registrant: Sam Anderson, Owner. This statement was

filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 8, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2020.)

Achievers Home Loans  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 574002

The following person doing business as: Achievers Home Loans, 3171 E. Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Jasbir S. Gujral, 3171 E. Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Jasbir S. Gujral, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein May 18, 2004. Signature of Registrant: Jasbir Gujral, Broker. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 23, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020.)

Achievers Realty  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 574005

The following person doing business as: Achievers Realty, 3171 E. Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Jasbir Gujral, 3171 E. Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Jasbir Gujral an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Jasbir Gujral, Broker. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 23, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020.)

Help U Sell Achievers  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 574004

The following person doing business as: Help U Sell Achievers, 3171 E. Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Meena Gujral, 3171 E. Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Meena Gujral, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Meena Gujral, Broker. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 23, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, November 6, 13, 20, 27.)

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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Aug. 24 to Sept. 4 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

### Pleasanton

- 2707 Alpina Court** V. Kumaraswamy to A. & S. Paramasivan for \$700,000
- 3579 Ballantyne Drive** M. & S. Natale to L. & Y. Kim for \$1,275,000
- 5732 Belleza Drive** S. Parrish to S. & Y. Palanisamy for \$840,000
- 3469 Bernal Avenue** B. Attebery to Duemling Family Trust for \$789,000
- 274 Birch Creek Drive** Laughton Family Trust to R. Tinnacher for \$725,000
- 763 Bonde Court** Decker Trust to Hoberg Trust for \$1,130,000
- 1504 Brookline Loop** Griggs Family Trust to E. & T. Choi for \$1,750,000
- 4863 Canary Drive** Barbara Trust to G. & R. Strickle for \$1,430,000
- 3999 Cavestri Circle** Meritage Hms Of California Inc to B. & Z. Qiu for \$1,129,500
- 926 Clinton Place** Zampierin Living Trust to B. Cordtz for \$850,000
- 686 Crystal Court** Wang Trust to S. & S. Chempeth for \$1,530,000
- 4284 Diavila Avenue** Mahmoudi Living Trust to A. & N. Natoo for \$1,098,000
- 8104 Ensenada Drive #2** H. & A. Koning to A. & A. Chavez for \$499,000
- 3647 Glacier Court** R. Baker to R. & P. Janarthanan for \$970,000
- 4973 Golden Road** C. & S. Palmer to B. & A. Yang for \$1,168,000
- 27 Grey Eagle Court** Cavanaugh Family Trust to Godil Trust for \$3,731,500
- 7551 Ivy Court** M. & L. Bjork to M. Pina for \$825,000

- 1872 West Lagoon Road** Menon Family Trust to C. & N. Gupta for \$1,880,000
- 3657 Manchester Street** Stjern Living Trust to M. & P. Kulkarni for \$1,285,000
- 3556 Milleford Court** D. & D. Bell to R. & S. Nair for \$2,250,000
- 3295 Monmouth Court** Morrell Living Trust to V. & S. Patil for \$1,325,000
- 7710 Olive Drive** B. & J. Simone to H. & K. Lei for \$1,193,000
- 7599 Olive Drive** J. & S. Lane to P. & S. Ranganna for \$1,200,000
- 5539 San Jose Drive** R. Battaglia to R. Fewster for \$479,000
- 3981 Vineyard Avenue** T. Sotelo to M. Van Fossen for \$1,150,000
- 3428 Virgil Circle** Myers Living Trust to P. & B. Sitaraman for \$1,270,000
- 2145 Armstrong Drive** Mckean Trust to K. & S. Giovacchini for \$800,000
- 286 Birch Creek Drive** Colin Trust to F. & S. Islam for \$619,000
- 1175 Bradford Way** Saltzman Family Trust to 1999 Swamy Trust for \$1,299,000
- 6243 Camino Del Lago** M. Wu to J. & Y. Zhu for \$1,265,000
- 6302 Camino Del Lago** Arnold Trust to L. & C. Yuan for \$1,362,500
- 3555 Carlsbad Court** Blake Family Trust to J. Vans for \$975,000
- 3599 Carlsbad Court** Cunningham Trust to B. & S. Venkata for \$1,113,000
- 671 Concord Place** Rhee Family Trust to T. & K. Pang for \$572,000
- 865 Concord Street** Haakenstad Family Trust to Y. & L. Yang for \$1,275,000
- 7844 Creekside Drive** Y. & S. Hahn to S. & R. Ramamohan for \$835,000

- 2442 Crestline Road** D. & C. Brown to C. & J. Phillips for \$1,178,000
- 4594 El Dorado Court** I. & S. Chuang to R. & J. Salla for \$1,404,000
- 3917 Fairlands Drive** Pappas Family Trust to E. & E. Guillen for \$1,275,000
- 686 Happy Valley Road** Scherere Family Trust to C. & S. Tregear for \$2,590,000
- 4229 Holland Drive** M. & P. Odonnell to S. Foster for \$1,100,000
- 6461 Inglewood Drive** S. & B. Davidson to C. & A. Mah for \$971,000
- 7803 Lafayette Court** C. & J. Splivalo to C. & J. Martindale for \$1,500,000
- 446 Mares Court** Truex Family Trust to L. & W. Spence for \$3,860,000
- 4738 Mason Street** H. & M. Skinner to A. Yu for \$1,125,000
- 1923 Paseo Del Cajon** Clay Trust to Z. & K. Xiu for \$1,350,000
- 3121 Paseo Robles** Moresco Trust to M. & T. Oakes for \$1,300,000
- 6768 Paseo San Leon** E. & K. Suk to A. & S. Sampige for \$1,350,000
- 3625 Pontina Court** Jackson Family Trust to D. Kim for \$2,300,000
- 2264 Raven Road** B. & J. Kovacs to A. & D. Bansal for \$1,400,000
- 3767 Reflections Drive** Hpc Community Trust to S. Caporusso for \$870,000
- 4018 San Giorgio Court** Soora Living Trust to P. & L. Ratnaraj for \$830,000
- 4613 Shasta Court** Smith Trust to J. & B. Nguyen for \$1,025,000
- 4573 Shawnee Way** J. Bennett to X. Li for \$530,000
- 4243 Sheldon Circle** D. Demotto to M. Amin for \$655,000
- 878 Sylvaner Drive** A. & B. Mchone to P. & P. Seeram for \$1,220,000
- 188 Valletta Lane** 3N Land & Bldg Funds Reit Inc to J. Varnica for \$810,000
- 182 Valletta Lane** 3N Land & Bldg Fund Reit-Inc to W. & D. Song for \$870,000
- 3951 Vierra Street** Patibandla Living Trust to Galani Trust for \$2,100,000
- 3843 Vineyard Avenue #15** E. & K. Kalubowila to E. Kantarevic for \$421,500
- 4992 Wingate Drive** Crisostomo Family Trust to R. & B. Janarthanam for \$1,440,000

- 766 Forester Court** D. & C. Noble to J. & M. Degroat for \$1,280,000
- 155 Ganesha Common** A. & J. Vincent to E. Cuaresma for \$680,000
- 1048 Glenn Common** L. & P. Wieber to J. & H. Bitcon for \$525,000
- 573 Heligan Lane #1** D. Spiller to A. Guerrero for \$675,000
- 715 Katrina Street** Y. & A. Mcpeake to Ream Trust for \$895,000
- 800 Las Flores Road** C. & G. Edgmon to R. Tumbokon for \$747,500
- 2057 Lawson Circle** R. Kelly to S. & T. Yuncuoglu for \$1,265,000
- 918 Marcella Street** J. & B. Knott to I. & K. Chan for \$965,000
- 2117 Mars Road** Faltings Trust to K. & D. Seideman for \$1,000,000
- 123 Martin Avenue** J. & T. Wright to C. & B. Davis for \$698,000
- 1802 Meadow Glen Drive** Khan Family Trust to S. & H. Dhillon for \$1,040,000
- 1054 Megan Road** K. & J. Kim to M. & T. Davis for \$1,045,000
- 490 Persimmon Common #3** D. Sturla-Wanner to W. & D. Liang for \$710,000
- 3949 Portola Common #1** S. Munos to A. & V. Rodriguez for \$680,000
- 1641 Prima Drive** Nordstrom Living Trust to A. Aslanian for \$1,370,000
- 3832 Princeton Way** Klarman Trust to G. & W. Rodan for \$725,000
- 5520 Rainflower Drive** A. & K. Lontoc to M. & A. Regacho for \$793,000
- 530 Sandalwood Drive** D. & A. Garcia to M. & S. Wilson for \$790,000
- 2858 Siena Road** G. & A. Luera to Gamch Trust for \$1,410,000
- 1297 Spring Valley Common** A. Kirch to Johnson Trust for \$465,000
- 605 Tina Way** L. Ye to C. & A. Jeffrey for \$841,000
- 881 Tranquility Circle #9** H. Shea to V. & K. Lafaver for \$755,000
- 2398 Treadwell Street** C. & C. Paczocha to S. & A. Lyengar for \$1,360,000
- 1626 Vancouver Way** A. Goldstein to L. & C. Yee for \$995,000
- 433 Wall Court** C. & C. Heuser to C. & T. Girling for \$1,025,000
- 255 Wildrose Common #5** R. & S. Zanganeh to D. & T. Rich for \$515,000
- 5301 Windflower Drive** Pritchett Family Trust to A. & J. Sipes for \$645,000
- 1320 Windswept Common #1** T. & C. Girling to S. & B. Patel for \$680,000
- 3009 Worthing Common** T. & R. Miller to M. & M. Mejasich for \$780,000
- 375 Basswood Common #10** D. & T. Buckner to L. Hodzic for \$740,000
- 389 Basswood Common #5** A. Atkinson to D. & S. Surve for \$760,000
- 4173 Colgate Way** Alderson Family Trust to S. & S. Madathil for \$861,000
- 442 Covellite Lane** Ramos Family Trust to P. Forcier for \$935,000
- 775 El Rancho Drive** D. & G. Allen to G. & R. Bigornia for \$715,000
- 5871 Felicia Avenue** L. & R. Casey to Plotts Trust for \$1,060,000

Source: California REsource

## FALL IS THE NEW SPRING

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**3831 Antonini Way, Ruby Hill**  
5 BD, 5.5 BA, 5,278 SF on .49 Acre  
2 BD on 1st Floor, Office & Bonus Room  
Offered at \$2,800,000



**Exclusive in Alden Lane**  
5 BD, 4.5 BA, 3,362 on .24 Acre  
Pool, Spa, Gourmet Outdoor Kitchen  
Offered at \$1,650,000



**Exclusive in Mohr/Birdland**  
4 BD, 2 BA, 1,909 SF on .22 Acre  
Offered at \$1,200,000



**1808 Zenato Place, Ruby Hill**  
5BD + loft, 5.5 BA, 5,643 SF on .46 acre  
Main level office and guest suite  
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## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Aug. 24-Sept. 4)

**Total sales reported:** 61  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$421,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,860,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,169,901

### Livermore (Aug. 24-Sept. 4)

**Total sales reported:** 76  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$345,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,960,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$811,157

### Dublin (Aug. 24-Sept. 4)

**Total sales reported:** 53  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$368,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,875,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$879,792

### San Ramon (Sept. 21-Oct. 2)

**Total sales reported:** 50  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$377,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,425,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,189,400

Source: California REsource



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