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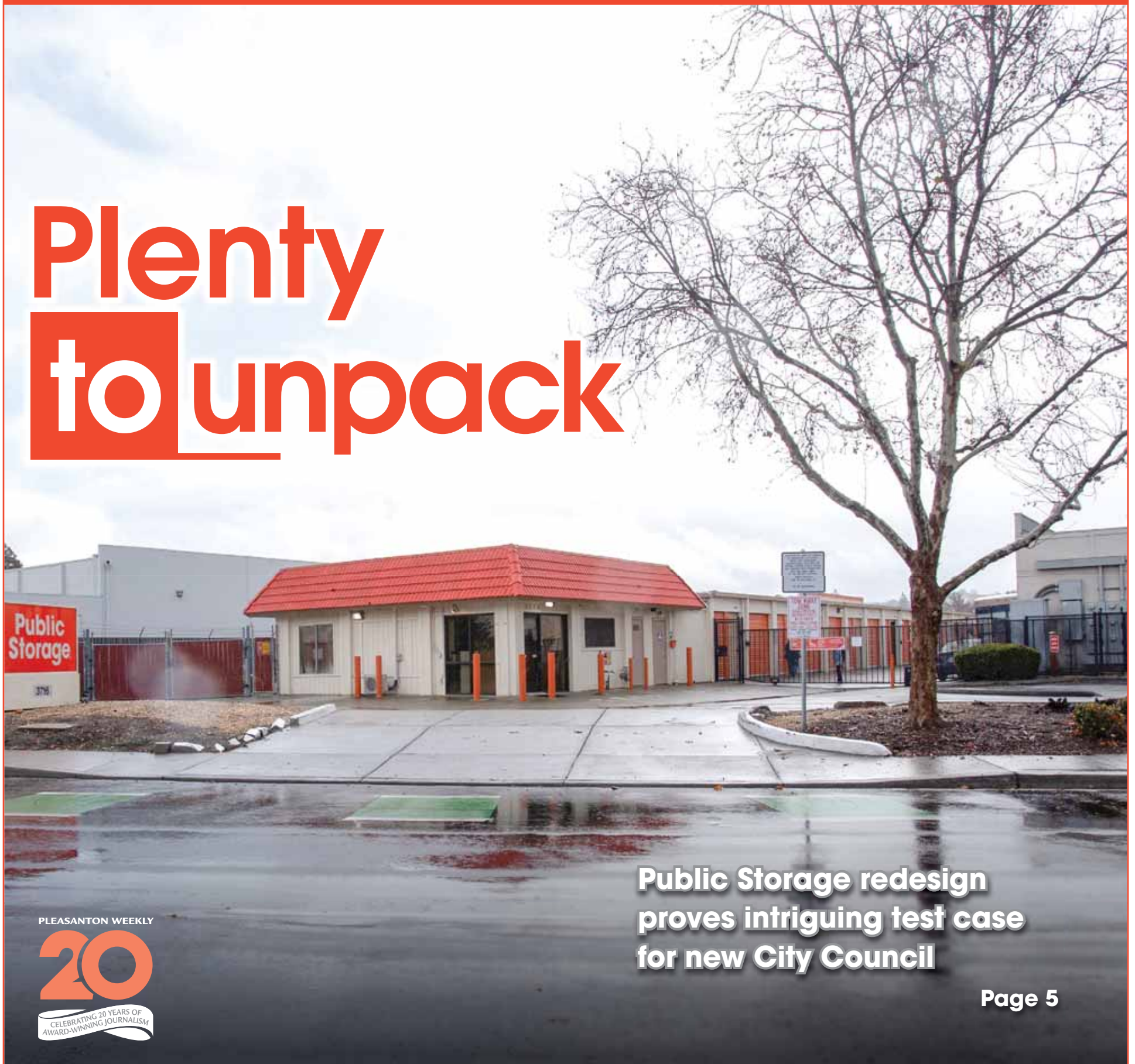
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# VALLEY VIEWS



By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**



Livermore artist Alison Akin's collage was among 12 winners in the CURE Calendar Contest.

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## Calendar girl

Meet Ms. February. Alison Akin had her collage, "Healing Spirit Paintress," chosen to enhance the second month of the year in a 2021 calendar created by CURE Media Group, which publishes cancer research updates.

Alison, who lives in Livermore, came head-to-head with the disease when her mother battled colon cancer, which moved into her liver, and died in 2003. Alison, then 43, an only child, took care of mom with her stepdad.

"She was such a trooper," Alison recalled. "All the other patients loved her."

Then, in 2016, her stepdad died of brain cancer.

"It was a 5-1/2-week experience and very intense," Alison said.

During these struggles, Alison discovered CURE magazine, which reaches more than 1 million patients, survivors and caregivers.

Then a couple of years ago Alison retired after 32 years with Apple and decided it was time to get back to her art and painting.

"I did graphic design and illustrating in college but for a pretty long time I was working and raising my kids — I have two adult children and three grandchildren," she said. "Now my art is all I do."

She especially enjoys collages, and has joined an international mixed media group headquartered in the Netherlands that posts challenges for its members, cluing them what to add to their canvases.

"We've all become great friends," Alison said.

The CURE Calendar Contest, in its second year, draws entries from across the country in a variety of media including painting, photography and sculpture.

Alison's collage uses acrylics, glass beads, embroidery thread for grass, tissue paper, 3D butterflies and Tibetan flags, ink, blue tulle and gold

leaf. The "Healing Spirit Paintress" girl is filled with love, optimism and the belief that art can help relax and heal those dealing with hardship.

"It was very cleansing to do this. Painting is an incredible way to help you get through things," Alison said, adding with a laugh, "It is also great when you are not trying to get through things."

Alison noted she comes from a long line of artists. Her great-grandfather, who immigrated from Ireland, painted ceilings and did stained glass in San Francisco. Her grandfather did cartooning for fun, and her mother was an oil painter.

"When I was little, my father wound up pretty sick with heart problems and passed away at 35. Then my mother painted up a storm," Alison remembered. "She did a lot of seascapes."

"Looking at this painting I did, it is reflective of what she did when she was trying to process the loss," Alison added. "It is a way to try to get in the moment, to help you get through the hard stuff."

The CURE Calendar Contest attracted 121 entries this year. Staff members did the judging, choosing the art they felt best represented the creativity that can be found in the cancer experience. They viewed each entry not only as a therapeutic outlet for the artists but also something that could inspire those who view it.

The calendar is not available for sale although copies are sent to each artist, but the website ([www.curetoday.com](http://www.curetoday.com)) displays all the art submitted.

Alison was touched that her collage was chosen for the calendar.

"I was really ecstatic, especially given what it is about," she said. ■

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

### About the Cover

The Pleasanton City Council approved new plans for the redesign of the Public Storage property at 3716 Stanley Blvd., a 3-1 decision on Dec. 15 that went slightly against staff recommendations and the Planning Commission. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Doug Young.

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## Would you rather be the boss, or have a boss?



### Mike Lewis

*Small business owner*

I much prefer to be my own boss because when I had a boss, I would see all sorts of inefficiencies in various systems — and much to my dismay, they would never be corrected. That really irritated me.



### Amanda Mason

*Legal intake professional*

I would prefer to be my own boss because although it comes with more stress and responsibility, the rewards of making my own rules and schedule, and likely a higher income, could be well worth it.



### Jack Sabin

*Postal worker*

Well, I've been the boss, and I've had a boss. Having had both experiences, I can honestly say that so long as I have a decent boss, I prefer having a boss. I tend to worry a lot about work matters, so when the buck stopped with me, I felt like I had the weight of the world on my shoulders. It is a relief to not have to feel that way anymore, and to just be responsible for doing my job as best as I can.



### Susan Greene

*Interior designer*

I love being my own boss because it allows me to exercise my own unique creativity without being influenced or edited by a supervisor. I function best and do my best work without any of that kind of interference.



### Taylor Grimes

*Resources engineer*

It's hard to say because I have a really great boss who listens to my ideas, values my opinions and allows me a great deal of latitude in my work. If I had a different kind of boss, who was constantly micromanaging my every move and insisting I do things his particular way, I would definitely prefer to be the boss than have a boss.

— Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Chaos in D.C.

The Tri-Valley's U.S. Reps. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) and Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) were among hundreds of legislators forced to flee the House floor on Wednesday as thousands of rioters supporting President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. as both houses of Congress met to certify the Electoral College votes.

"Thank you to everyone who has checked in. I am safe and my staff are safe. I'm grateful to the men and women of the Capitol Police," Swalwell posted on his Twitter. "Terrorists will not stop democracy. (Joe Biden) is going to be the next president. Soon, Congress will resume its duty of certifying the election."

Both legislators were reported to be safe in the afternoon. The situation in the nation's capital was still very much fluid as the Weekly went to press on Wednesday afternoon. For continuing coverage, you can visit the Weekly's website or your preferred national news outlet.

### Suspicious death

Livermore police detectives are investigating the death of a resident inside a home on the west side of town Monday as suspicious.

Sgt. Steve Goard confirmed the incident but said few details could be made public because of the active nature of the investigation.

The situation unfolded after police received a call around 12:30 p.m. Monday about a person down inside of a residence on the 1200 block of Geneve Court, according to Goard. The neighborhood is near the Portola Avenue-Murrieta Boulevard intersection, not far from Al Caffodio Park.

Additional details including the identity of the victim, the cause of their death and the circumstances of the original call had not been revealed publicly as of press time Wednesday.

"LPD detectives are actively investigating the case and following up on information learned so far," Goard told the Weekly.

### Food distribution

Two Alameda County Community Food Bank distribution sites are now available in Pleasanton on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Tri-Valley residents in need: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Muslim Community Center East Bay (5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., No. 300) and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alameda County Fairgrounds (4501 Pleasanton Ave., Gate 8).

Officials advise participants at the drive-thru sites to keep their car windows up, follow the cones, answer the intake questions and open their car trunk so food can be placed in their vehicle contact-free. ■

## City OKs Public Storage redesign

Redevelopment project proves intriguing test case for new Pleasanton City Council

By JEREMY WALSH

The Public Storage facility on Stanley Boulevard is on its way to getting a major overhaul after the Pleasanton City Council approved the final redesign plans following an at times testy public debate late last month.

The three-hour hearing on Dec. 15, which focused primarily on the new three-story storage building being added toward the backside of the property and the affordable housing fee being charged to the owner for redeveloping the site, was the first significant action item for the revamped council whose newly elected members were sworn

in earlier that night.

A first test for the new council, the Public Storage project had been called up for review one month earlier at the request of now-Vice Mayor Julie Testa, who would openly criticize the version of the plans approved by the Planning Commission but strongly support the final designs revised by the developer days before the council meeting.

"I'm very pleased with the changes that have happened, and how rapidly it was done. And I'm very appreciative of that because I do not believe this project, a couple of weeks ago, was what

our community deserved, what our residents deserved," Testa said.

Councilwoman Kathy Narum, the lone dissenting voice in the 3-1 vote on the plans, specifically objected to the revised pitched roof design for the new buildings instead of flat top look more common for industrial facilities. But she also raised concerns about how the redesign process played out.

"It's an industrial area, and I think we're trying to make something into mixed-use (transitional), when it's industrial," Narum said, later adding: "I do have some concern about the public process. I feel like this design was done much

without public input ... I'm not sure that this is good government. It doesn't feel transparent, quite frankly."

Testa later explained that she spoke with the developer at their request after she called for council review of the project, and "I certainly wasn't planning to plan a project, but the applicant asked me what my concerns were and I did share."

Narum and Testa also found themselves on opposing ends in the debate on the affordable housing fee before Testa ultimately joined

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Alameda County officials, including outgoing Supervisor Scott Haggerty (center), attend the ceremonial groundbreaking of the new ACFD Regional Training Center in Dublin.

## ACFD breaks ground on new training center in Dublin

Project includes 5-story tower for rescue simulations

By JULIA BAUM

The Alameda County Fire Department marked the start of construction on its new Regional Training Center in Dublin with a groundbreaking ceremony just before Christmas.

Located next to the existing Fire Station 17 on Gleason Drive, the future facility will replace ACFD's current spot — which is more than 50 years old — with a "safer and more upgraded training center in order to ensure our county firefighters have the ability to prepare for

real-life emergency scenarios," department officials said in a statement.

"The possibilities for the training site are endless, including collaborative exercise opportunities with partnering and adjacent agencies, and keeping our members prepared to respond to any incident to protect the communities we serve," ACFD Fire Chief William McDonald said.

Firefighters will train on site for various scenarios involving the types of buildings they are likely to encounter in the

real world, including climbing multiple flights of stairs, using ladders, cutting into roofs, and going into trenches or underground vaults to simulate rescuing people.

A 7,500-square-foot training building with two classrooms, an office, storage, exercise facilities, restrooms and locker rooms is planned, as well as a 6,500-square-foot, five-story tower.

The tower will have simulation

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## ACE operator to manage Valley Link service

Tracy's Vargas named board chair for Regional Rail Authority

By JULIA BAUM

The future Valley Link commuter light rail line will be managed by the same operator as the Altamont Corridor Express train service after the Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC) reached an agreement last month.

Calling the deal "advantageous for the Valley Link project," the Regional Rail Authority Board of Directors voted unanimously at its December meeting to task SJRRC — ACE's governing body — with managing the operation of future Valley Link service between the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin Valley.

Officials cited SJRRC's "exemplary safety record in managing the operations of both the ACE commuter rail service for over 20 years and the Amtrak San Joaquins for over seven years" among their reasons for supporting the memorandum of understanding.

Under the terms of the memorandum of understanding, the Regional Rail Authority board will remain owner of Valley Link service and be responsible for "all governance and project funding, policies, planning, development, implementation and service decisions."

Outgoing board chair Scott

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# Longtime East Bay park district GM Doyle retires

Four-decade career began as ranger; EBRPD doubled to 125,000 acres during tenure

Robert Doyle, general manager of the East Bay Regional Park District for the past decade and a fixture at the district for more than four decades, retired last week.

Doyle, who started with the park district as a park ranger in 1973, is credited with being instrumental — in various positions within the district — in the preservation of tens of thousands of acres in urban areas for habitat preservation and recreation; for helping create the district's regional trail system, including 200 miles of new regional trails; and expansion of parks in urban areas for multicultural communities, including increasing private fundraising for Regional Parks Foundation programs that help connect youth from underserved communities to nature.

"Preserving land for parks on a large landscape scale has been something I've been passionate about and is worth fighting for," Doyle said in a statement released by the park district.

The park district, comprising nearly 125,000 acres in 73 parks in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and more than 1,250 miles of trails, more than doubled in acreage during Doyle's 47 years with the district.



Robert Doyle, general manager of the East Bay Regional Park District, retired last week after more than four decades of service.

"Bob lives conservation," Seth Adams, conservation director of Save Mount Diablo, said in a statement.

Save Mount Diablo is a Walnut Creek-based land trust and conservation organization working to preserve land on and around Mount Diablo (Doyle was one of the founding board members of Save Mount Diablo in 1971).

"John Muir is the East Bay's most famous conservationist, but much of his work was elsewhere ... Bob Doyle has been the most effective environmentalist in the history of the East Bay, with a greater positive

impact on the physical geography than any other individual," Adams said.

Diane Burgis, a Contra Costa County supervisor and a former EBRPD board member, said Doyle started out as an "activist to the core" and later became a "diplomat with an activist's heart" who was able to make things happen.

"He was key to getting a lot of different (tax) measures passed that helped fund protecting open space," Burgis said in an interview, "and working to help get legislation passed that enabled saving open space."

A key moment for Doyle was in 1979, when then-GM Richard Trudeau tapped him to head up creation of a regional trail system connecting its parks. Today, those regional trails — including the 13.5-mile Contra Costa Canal Regional Trail, the 26-mile Iron Horse Regional Trail and several sections of the San Francisco Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay — offer not only recreation, but also environmentally friendly modes of transportation for getting to work, school or shopping.

Other significant milestones during Doyle's time at EBRPD include securing future parklands developments at three now-closed Bay Area military bases; success, after a 20-year battle, to secure land along the Richmond shoreline, including the Dotson Family Marsh (named after the family who began the fight to acquire this property for the public) and the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, co-managed by the district and the state; and increasing the park district's connection with multicultural communities, including through the Regional Parks Foundation, a private fundraising nonprofit that improves park access for underserved communities, including communities of color.

"The landscape of the East Bay would be significantly different if it were not for Bob Doyle," former EBRPD general manager Pat O'Brien said in a statement. "Not only did he help create parks and preserve properties and areas for wildlife, but he inspired other people, who took up the mantle to advocate for open space, for legislative priorities within the district, and to procure public access."

In his last year with the park district, Doyle led it through the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most challenging times in its history.

"The district overcame tremendous challenges to keep parks open and safe for the public when they needed them most," said Doyle, who credited the district's relationships with the Alameda and Contra Costa health departments in helping accomplish that. "COVID-19 has shown just how essential parks are to the community's physical and mental health."

Finding someone with all of Doyle's qualities will be difficult, Burgis said. "But I think the agency itself is so well-respected that some really good candidates will come forward." ■

—Sam Richards, BCN Foundation

## Sunol Glen teacher wins Bridging the Distance Award

Giang among seven educators to receive inaugural county award

By JULIA BAUM

Sunol Glen School teacher Huong Giang was one of seven honorees to earn an inaugural Bridging the Distance Award from the Alameda County Office of Education last month.

The nominees received the honor for their commitment to and excellence in distance learning instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic at the 31st annual Teacher of

the Year Awards virtual ceremony on Dec. 9 — the first time the award ceremony was held online.

Part of the school's kindergarten and first-grade team, according to Sunol Glen Unified School District's website, Giang has



Huong Giang

been teaching more than 20 years, including six at Sunol Glen. She has also taught grades 2, 3 and 5 at Sunol Glen.

"Doing the best that I can for my students and letting them know that I care about them is more important than ever," Giang said in a statement. "This has meant learning new technology programs, sharing ideas with fellow teachers, communicating clearly and often with

my families, being understanding and supportive of my students, and creating detailed weekly plans that allow for flexible instructional groupings."

"My students know that I work hard for them, because I care about them and love being their teacher," Giang added.

Nominations were solicited from Alameda County parents, guardians and students. Seven educators,

including Giang and Valley View Elementary teacher Lourdes Luy, were selected from 261 nominations representing 146 teachers at 49 schools to receive a Bridging the Distance Award.

ACOE did not name any county-level honorees for Teacher of the Year, instead naming two honorees from the 2020 and 2021 cohorts for consideration for the 2021 California Teacher of the Year. ■

### FIRE TRAINING

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rooms for smoke and burning scenarios, a training control room, roof props, and apparatus bay and cantilevered concrete platforms for repel training.

An urban search and rescue complex with collapsed building and confined spaces props will also be built along with other training props like low and steep roof pitches, horizontal windows, flash over, open field fence, forcible entry, and heavy tanker and rail car props.

The site is also adjacent to the Sheriff's Regional Training Center, allowing law enforcement to use the rappelling wall and rooms for training officers.

Outgoing Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who retired this week from representing District 1 after 24 years of leadership, attended the socially distanced event on Dec. 16.

"I have always been a very proud supporter of our police and firefighters, so being able to secure funding for a state-of-the-art training center for our first responders has been a dream come true. This facility will become a Tri-Valley gem for all to be proud of," Haggerty said.

The Regional Training Center is scheduled to be completed by spring 2022. ■

### VALLEY LINK

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Haggerty, who recently retired from public service, said in a statement, "One of the reasons that I am excited about this, having served on the ACE board for 24 years, is that there is a trust factor knowing that ACE is one of the premier rail lines in the state of California, if not the entire United States."

"Entering into the agreement at this early point in the project enables SJRRRC to provide input into project development and achieve safe, efficient and cost effective operations," Haggerty said.

Assuming Haggerty's old position for now is Tracy City Councilmember Veronica Vargas, who previously served as board vice-chair since the agency started in 2018.

"It's incredible how much we've accomplished in such a short time frame," Vargas said. "My goal is to keep this project moving on the same trajectory and to get service up and running at the soonest possible date."

Vargas added she's "ready for the challenge" of leading in the coming year, and "fighting for an equitable share of funding to support immediate economic recovery while simultaneously planning for and working toward a long-term future for our project."

Also recently named the 2021 vice chair of the League of Cities Transportation, Communications and Public Works Policy Committee, Vargas will take over for the remainder of Haggerty's term through the end of 2021.

A new vice-chair will be elected

at the next Regional Rail Authority board meeting.

As for the Valley Link project itself — which is expected to carry about 33,000 daily passengers in 2040, and create 22,000 jobs during the construction phase and 400 permanent jobs — the deadline for public comment on the draft environmental impact report is a couple weeks away.

Residents have until Jan. 21 by 5 p.m. to submit their comments and responses to the document. Send comments to [draft-eircomments@valleylinkrail.com](mailto:draft-eircomments@valleylinkrail.com) (be sure to include "Valley Link DEIR" in the subject heading, or via mail to:

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# East Bay Community Energy aims for 100% clean energy by 2030

New policy is 15 years ahead of state deadline

By JULIA BAUM

East Bay Community Energy recently committed to providing nearly 1.7 million local customers with 100% renewable energy in the next decade, 15 years ahead of the state's target date, when the Board of Directors adopted the policy at its Dec. 16 meeting.

The action makes EBCE one of the country's largest electricity providers to commit to 100% renewable power in the next ten years, and also sets the stage for taking "bold action to fight climate change while addressing the needs of our community," officials said in a statement.

Board Chair Dan Kalb, who also serves on the Oakland City Council, said the policy "has already resulted in contracts for over 500 megawatts of new California wind, solar, and energy storage," and that EBCE "expects to contract for

several hundred more megawatts of clean energy" this year.

"This positions EBCE well to meet its 100% clean energy goals," Kalb said. "Through this procurement, EBCE is also focused on bringing the benefits of clean energy — jobs, resiliency, healthy air, and lower costs — to residents and businesses across the East Bay."

Service from the agency is already available in Dublin and Livermore, while Pleasanton is set to officially join as EBCE's 12th and newest member city in April, when all residential and business accounts in the city will be automatically enrolled.

Customers will see EBCE charges on their PG&E bill, along with a generation credit to offset the EBCE charges. Anyone with a special rate such as CARE, medical baseline, electric vehicle or solar NEM will also transfer

automatically to EBCE.

Pleasanton officials told the Weekly that the new policy will appear on the Pleasanton City Council's Jan. 19 meeting agenda, but they did not provide any details.

The agency's clean energy goal was also cited by Emeryville City Councilmember and Board Vice Chair Dianne Martinez as "the critical underpinning of EBCE's broad plan to transform the energy systems across the East Bay," including planned wind farms in Altamont Pass.

"This commitment, and the investments that come with it, will create good, family-sustaining jobs in our communities while also improving our environment," Martinez said.

One of 19 community choice aggregation (CCA) programs in California, EBCE has operated since June 2018. ■

# State extends deadline for COVID relief grant applications

1,900+ grants issued so far through Alameda County CARES Grant Program

By JULIA BAUM

The deadline to submit applications for the first round of Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program funding has been extended to next Wednesday (Jan. 13), the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) announced this week.

Thousands of applications have been received since the program opened Dec. 30, which has caused some businesses to have "trouble accessing the application" due to high traffic, according to officials.

After making some adjustments to the program website, the Round 1 application deadline was then extended from today to Jan. 13 at 11:59 p.m.

Officials said the program "is not first-come, first-served, nor a rolling approval process," and that "all applications will be reviewed following the now-extended application deadline."

Funds will be issued as originally planned to avoid any delays to grant recipients. To learn more about grant requirements and eligibility, visit [carereliefgrant.com](http://carereliefgrant.com).

Under the Alameda County CARES Grant Program, more than 1,900 grants have been issued to small, local and growing businesses. In November, the Board of Supervisors redirected up to \$8 million in CARES Act funds to assist small businesses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore were among 10 cities in the East Bay that contributed nearly \$2 million in matching funds to the program, while the East Bay Economic Development Alliance provided administrative oversight and coordination on behalf of the county.

"Alameda County and our local city partners are pleased to be able to provide these grants for small

businesses who have been disproportionately impacted by the effects of the pandemic," said Keith Carson, vice president of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and East Bay EDA board chair.

"Small and local businesses are part of the backbone of our communities, and it is crucial that we do everything that we can to help them continue to operate while concurrently following public health guidance to keep people safe," Carson said.

More than 7,700 applications were received — about four times the number of grants available from a total funding pool of \$9.8 million. Each grant awarded was for \$5,000 and meant to cover necessary costs related to business disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic between March 17 and Dec. 30.

For more information about the Alameda CARES Grant Program, visit [EastBayEDA.org/grants](http://EastBayEDA.org/grants). ■

# Alameda County Reads

New program launches next week

Alameda County's first county-wide reading program will kick off later next week, giving residents a chance to read the same book and later discuss it together.

The Alameda County Reads program will launch on Monday (Jan. 11) with "Eat Joy: Stories & Comfort Food from 31 Celebrated Writers," edited by Natalie Eve Garrett.

The kickoff event will start with a video of County Librarian Cindy Chadwick interviewing Garrett.

People can sign up online for a discussion and arrange to pick up the book at their local library.

The program will last through April with various book discussion events and other programs, according to the county library.

Eight county library branches are participating in the program: Albany, Castro Valley, Centerville, Dublin, the Fremont Main Library, Newark, San Lorenzo and Union City.

People can find out more about the program online at [aclibrary.org](http://aclibrary.org). ■

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## Superior court updates pandemic rules

Extends stay related to evictions, plans limited in-person traffic hearings

Alameda County Superior Court officials on Tuesday announced actions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including extending the stay on execution of writs of possession to March 1, to align with the current moratorium on evictions in Alameda County.

The court also said that, starting Thursday, it would begin hearing a limited number of in-person traffic matters in Department 102 of the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse at 661 Washington St. in Oakland.

The clerk's office will remain closed to the public and walk-in

appearances will not be permitted for now, court officials said.

Those directed to appear in person must bring proof of their court date to be admitted into the courthouse and will be required to complete a health screening questionnaire.

Officials said the court will significantly limit the number of in-person matters each day due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases.

Defendants in traffic and criminal matters are urged to appear remotely whenever possible. ■

—Bay City News Service

## Stay-at-home order likely to extend for Bay Area

County health officer updates Board of Supervisors

California's COVID-19 stay-at-home order for the Bay Area is likely going to continue beyond today, an Alameda County public health official said earlier in the week.

"My best guess is it will be continued," Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss told the Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting Tuesday.

But Moss said hopefully it will just be days later when the stay-at-home order is lifted. The order must be lifted for the Bay Area as a whole and whether it is lifted is based on the availability of intensive care beds in the region.

In Alameda County, the availability of intensive care unit beds is well above what state officials want to see before lifting the order, but the Bay Area's capacity was just at 7.9% as of Sunday.

Capacity must meet or exceed 15% before the stay-at-home order will be lifted, county health officials said.

The officials expected to hear from the state later in the week about the projections for ICU bed capacity. California health officials

determine when the region meets or exceeds the 15% capacity threshold based on a state formula. Those updates were pending as of press time Wednesday.

Moss said that when Alameda County comes off the state's stay-at-home order, it will likely go back on the purple tier of the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, which provides the strictest guidelines for economic activity in the county.

The rise in the number of coronavirus cases in the county appeared to have leveled off after mid-December, Moss said. But he suspects cases will rise again because of holiday gatherings.

Hospitalizations have also leveled off in recent days as a change in hospitalizations trail a change in the number of cases.

As of late Tuesday afternoon, 53,714 people in Alameda County had tested positive for the coronavirus and 656 people had died due to COVID-19. Those numbers include figures reported by the city of Berkeley, which has its own public health department.

Countywide as of Monday, 424

people were in the hospital with COVID-19 and 109 were in intensive care. Just over 25% of intensive care beds were occupied by people with the coronavirus, according to public health data.

As of Sunday, 131 ICU beds were available in the county, public health officials said.

Vaccination for the coronavirus is moving ahead, with 40% of doses administered so far. That compares with about 35% statewide.

Colleen Chawla, director of the county's Health Care Services Agency, told the board that vaccinating people has been challenging logistically.

It's not as easy as setting up a large vaccination clinic, she said. Health officials must choose people to vaccinate based on the priority list established by the state.

Doses of the vaccine continue to arrive in the county in shipments of 2,000 to 3,000 one to two times per week, Chawla said. As of Sunday, the county had received 60,075 doses. ■

—Bay City News Service

### THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



#### HIGHLIGHTS

##### Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Consistent with State and County Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic this will be a virtual meeting. Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available January 6, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: [cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning\\_agenda.asp](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp)

- P20-0987, Sean Wells/Gilman Brewing Company, 706 Main Street

Application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to operate a bar. Zoning is C-C (Central Commercial), Downtown Revitalization, Active Ground-Floor Overlay, Core Area Overlay, Downtown Hospitality Central Core Area District.

- Objective Design Standards

Work session to review and discuss the process of creating Objective Design Standards for residential development.

##### COMMISSION RECRUITMENT

The City Council recruits and appoints residents of Pleasanton to a variety of boards and commissions, allowing them to contribute to and influence decisions affecting the city, providing advice and feedback on important community issues.

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### Bicycles for kids

"It was pedal to the metal" as volunteers from the Livermore Valley Craft Brew Foundation and Kids Bike Lane worked last month to assemble and prepare bicycles to donate to 48 middle school students in Livermore, according to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. The donations were made possible by money raised during the foundation's second annual Bikes n' Brews Fundraiser, held virtually in October. Shown: Jesse Barto (above), technical director for the foundation, and volunteer Shawna Lettau (right) with the bicycles before they were distributed to the local kids.



# State unveils plan to resume in-person classes statewide in February

\$2B 'Safe Schools for All' proposal would focus on TK-2 before progressing up

California launched a \$2 billion initiative last week to support safely resuming in-person classes in the state's public school system amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The "Safe Schools for All" plan will focus on reopening schools in February for students in transitional kindergarten through second grade and progressing into higher grades later into the spring, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Dec. 30 in a briefing on the plan.

The funding equates to roughly \$450 per student, according to Newsom, and will support testing of school staff and students, personal protective equipment, contact tracing and vaccinations.

"Safety is key," Newsom said. "Just reopening a school for in-person instruction on its own is not going to address the issue of safety. We have to focus on these mitigation steps, we have to focus on accountability."

Many schools across the state have resumed in-person classes in recent months in some form or for certain groups like special needs students.

The state allowed schools to resume in-person classes once their

county had been out of the purple tier — the most restrictive in the county's four-tiered pandemic reopening plan — for at least two weeks.

Those schools were allowed to continue holding in-person classes even after the state issued its regional stay-at home order for roughly 80% of California's counties.

As of November, schools in 41 counties were holding in-person classes to some extent, according to Newsom, while schools in the remaining 17 were mostly holding classes online.

"Kids are learning," Newsom said. "They're just not learning all equally, particularly our youngest children."

Newsom and state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond said the new plan is intended to address the disparities from county to county, school district to school district and campus to campus by ensuring testing and protective equipment are readily available to students and staff.

"We know that many families — foster families, homeless families, English learners, free- and reduced-lunch families — have been impacted

in different ways," Thurmond said.

"So we'll be continuing our work ... to make sure that kids are connected to their schools, that they have access to the resources that they need to be successful," he said.

Test frequency will depend on which tier a school's county falls into, according to Newsom.

TK-12 schools in counties that are in the least-restrictive yellow and orange tiers will have testing available for symptomatic students and staff as well as those who may have been exposed.

In the higher red and purple tiers, testing will also be required every two weeks for asymptomatic people. If a county's rate of new cases per 100,000 people exceeds 14, testing will be required weekly.

All students and staff will also be required to wear a face covering, with staff required to wear surgical masks, specifically.

California Teachers Association President E. Toby Boyd expressed appreciation for the state taking educators' concerns into account when drafting the plan, but

suggested it is not yet airtight.

"In all our conversations and letters sent, we have been calling for tougher safety standards, rigorous and consistent testing, data collection and transparency," Boyd said in a statement.

"While these tenets are addressed in the proposal released last week, there are many unanswered questions and the devil is always in the details, particularly as it relates to implementation and execution," he said.

Teachers are expected to be prioritized for coronavirus vaccinations, which Bay Area lawmakers, doctors and education advocates have pleaded for in recent weeks as the vaccine has rolled out to health care workers and residents in long-term care facilities.

Under the state's current vaccination timeline, teachers and child-care workers will begin receiving the vaccine next month along with people over age 75 or age 65 if they have underlying health conditions, workers in emergency services, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, manufacturing and the

industrial, residential and commercial sectors.

Dr. Naomi Bardach, a pediatrician with the University of California at San Francisco, is expected to oversee the school reopening process along with officials from the California Department of Public Health, Cal/OSHA and the state's education agencies.

Newsom said the oversight team is intended to both ensure schools are operating safely as well as offering in-person and virtual resources to teachers and schools that are concerned about transmission of the virus.

"We want to be more present," Newsom said. "We want to be more proximate to the concerns and also the opportunities for improvement."

Boyd said the union plans to continue working with state officials to improve or tweak the plan if necessary.

"This must be a joint effort to ensure a safe return to our classrooms where we know our students learn best and thrive," he said. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

## BART extends earthquake monitoring program

Passengers receive warning to take cover when temblor happens

By JULIA BAUM

A recently extended agreement between BART and the U.S. Geological Survey will allow the transit agency to continue monitoring local seismic activity and alert the public with real-time information when an earthquake takes place nearby.

The pilot program, which was set to expire Dec. 31, does not predict earthquakes but instead sends an alert to users that one has started, shaking is expected at their location, and they should take cover immediately. Alerts may be issued via television, radio and cell

phone, and give safety directions like Drop, Cover, and Hold On.

"BART uses earthquake information from ShakeAlert to protect our riders, workers and infrastructure by triggering automated actions, like slowing trains to prevent potential derailment," said BART Director John McPartland, whose district includes the Tri-Valley.

Using data from ShakeAlert, which has powered the Earthquake Early Warning System since its inception, BART will receive details on the earthquake's origin, time, location and magnitude, as well as ground motion records and estimates.

As the first public transportation agency in the country to adopt an early earthquake warning system, BART has partnered with the USGS, which issues ShakeAlert messages used by BART and other partners, for the past nine years.

In addition to ShakeAlert

data, BART also has an Earthquake Emergency Response Plan and holds several drills a year so staff is trained and prepared to respond.

In the event of an earthquake, passengers should follow instructions from BART employees, who

are trained to evacuate riders from dangerous areas. Following an earthquake, BART trains will remain in place (with the exception of the Transbay Tube and Caldecott Tunnel) until it is safe to move to the nearest station and off-board passengers. ■

## Latest on COVID-19 at Santa Rita Jail

Nearly 90 active cases among inmates, staff

Nearly 90 cases of coronavirus remain active at Santa Rita Jail among the Dublin facility's inmates and staff members, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

As of Monday, 80 inmates and nine staff members have active cases of the virus, according to the sheriff's office. Eight of the inmates are symptomatic and none are hospitalized.

Roughly 6,800 tests have been completed at the facility since the pandemic began, with another 102 outstanding. The jail's population as of Monday was 2,158, according

to the sheriff's office.

To date, 414 total positive cases have been confirmed among inmates at the jail, 139 of which were eventually released from custody. Including active cases, 93 staff members have also tested positive.

No coronavirus-related deaths have been recorded in inmates at the jail, according to the ACSO.

As of Monday, 53,714 total COVID-19 cases have been reported in Alameda County, including 656 deaths. ■

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Photos (top) and design renderings (below) give a look at the front and back of the Public Storage facility before and after the proposed renovations. Note: The orange trim shown in the bottom left drawing was removed by the council. (Top photos by Mike Sedlak. Bottom images courtesy of city of Pleasanton)

## PUBLIC STORAGE

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the 3-1 majority in imposing a \$137,000 fee — a total reached as new Mayor Karla Brown and Councilwoman Valerie Arkin attempted to find a passable compromise.

The council's decisions last month would seem to represent a final resolution for the Public Storage redevelopment that had been in the planning phase for nearly three years; although the approvals could still be challenged in court, no such appeals had been filed to date.

"All we're trying to do is reinvest in the community and build new, state-of-the-art storage," Public Storage official Bryan Miranda told the council on Dec. 15.

Miranda at one point said the Pleasanton project was "by far the longest process that I have had in all of my projects," but later, after being prodded by Brown, he acknowledged that there were certainly delays on Public Storage's end that contributed to the length of the city's review timeline.

The final plans call for major renovations at the Public Storage facility that has long been in operation at 3716 Stanley Blvd., located roughly between the Nevada Street-Old Stanley Boulevard intersection and the Bernal-Valley-Stanley junction.

Seven existing, single-story storage buildings would be torn down, and the outdoor storage areas used primarily for trailers, boats and recreational vehicles would be removed. In their place would be a new three-story storage building with a net total of almost 166,000 square feet of new space, along with a separate new single-story storage building at about 9,300 square feet.

Another seven single-story storage buildings currently at the property would remain intact. The office building at the front along Stanley Boulevard would be renovated.

Public Storage will retain one apartment unit onsite for the manager, one of several changes made to the project plans after the Planning

Commission meeting. That version, approved by the commission 4-1, removed the manager's unit.

The 6.59-acre parcel is among commercial and service businesses, including several car repair shops, to the east, and the Central Self Storage site across the street. The Vintage Apartments and downtown Pleasanton are also just down the road, in opposite directions.

But Public Storage is now next door to part of the new Irby Ranch housing development, including the Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch apartment complex for adults with special needs.

The proposed three-story building is on the east and south side of the Public Storage property, away from Irby Ranch and partly alongside the new Nevada Street extension.

As part of their redevelopment application, Public Storage agreed to provide \$300,000 to the city to build a public trail on the south side of Nevada Street, plus another \$14,000 for five years worth of trail maintenance as well as construct two decorative benches for the Nevada sidewalk.

The Planning Commission voted 4-1 on Oct. 28 to approve the project as proposed at that time, which was similar in concept to the revised version taken to the council — except for the manager's unit and exterior building design elements. The commission action incorporated 97 conditions of approval for the project.

Commissioner Nancy Allen dissented, opposing the Public Storage brand orange banding on some of the new construction, which she argued went against the "community character element policies" in the city's General Plan that aim to discourage bright franchise colors and signs.

Then, at Testa's request on Nov. 17, the Public Storage application

was called up for council review.

The council hearing was originally scheduled for Dec. 1 but then bumped out to Dec. 15 at the applicant's request — the first in a series of late twists and turns for the project before it reached the finish line:

- The shift in hearing date meant the project would come before the new council, instead of the prior council before the transition.

- That also meant there would only be four people on the dais for the debate. Newly elected Councilman Jack Balch had to recuse himself from the Public Storage hearing because he already voted on the matter when he was on the Planning Commission — he was part of that commission majority.

- Public Storage officials submitted revised plans to the city on Dec. 8. Among the changes was to incorporate design elements from the Irby Ranch neighborhood and Sunflower Hill complex, including roof forms, materials and colors (and remove the orange brand color banding).

- As part of the council hearing, the company requested the city substantially reduce the affordable housing fee down from the amount prescribed by city code of approximately \$2.1 million down to around \$26,000 because they'd only have five employees maximum. The assumed density, off which the fee maximum fee was calculated at \$13.02 per square foot for industrial, was 414 employees, per city staff.

- Noting the much-lower employee count, the manager's unit staying and past fee reductions for other storage facility projects, city staff recommended the council impose a fee of \$68,973. They presented the council with five total options for consideration.

- In another calculation, city staff issued a memo on the same day as the hearing correcting

the revised land value estimate to \$338,459 — saying an earlier value they calculated (\$2.4 million) was a mistake.

- Because the project was called up for review by the council, it was not considered an appeal and instead Dec. 15 was a separate process independent of the commission action, in effect like a new application, according to city attorney Dan Sodergren. So the council needed majority votes to pass; a 2-2 stalemate would be the same as "no action" and the application dying. That news surprised Public Storage reps at the hearing.

- During public comment, council members heard from several residents of the new Irby Ranch neighborhood concerned about the new construction next to their homes and the visual impacts from the end product.

- They also heard several critical comments about the city creating undue burdens on businesses as well as the way the public process played out. Steve Van Dorn, president and CEO of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, said, "We now have a completely different project than what was approved by the Planning Commission and supported by staff, based on input from one City Council member. Based on what I have just outlined, why would anyone want to serve on our Planning Commission when all their hard work is thrown out the window by our council member that is not even discussed in a public manner?"

- Testa later remarked that she was concerned that the original design passed through the Planning Commission while, in her view, not conforming to the General Plan due to the orange brand colors.

- It took the council three motions to finally settle on an affordable housing fee. A motion by Testa for \$516,878 failed; a motion by Narum for \$68,973 was withdrawn without a majority; a motion by Arkin for \$137,000 (approximately double staff's recommendation) passed 3-1 with Narum in dissent. ■

**'I'm very pleased with the changes that have happened.'**

**Julie Testa,**  
Pleasanton vice mayor

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Two teens injured in late-night shooting

A pair of 18-year-olds from the East Bay were injured in a shooting late Saturday night in Pleasanton, according to city police.

The victims' injuries were not life-threatening, and investigators believe the shooting was a targeted attack and not a random act of violence, according to Lt. Brandon Stocking. No arrests had been made as of Tuesday morning.

"We are currently working all leads in this case. Both shooting victims have been released from the hospital. We have recovered two vehicles that are in evidence and have been processed. This is all we have right now. We will continue to provide updates as they come," Lt. Kurt Schlehuber told the Weekly on Tuesday.

The investigation unfolded just after 11 p.m. Saturday when police received calls from residents reporting the sounds of several gunshots in the area of Stoneridge Drive and Gibraltar Drive, according to Stocking.

As officers searched that area, the California Highway Patrol was contacted by two people who were pulled over on eastbound Interstate 580 at Hacienda Drive. They reported having been shot and in need of medical attention, Stocking said.

Officers responded and made contact with three people in the victim vehicle. Two of the occupants sustained non-life-threatening gunshot wounds, and several bullets had struck their vehicle, according to Stocking.

The victims told police they had exited the freeway and were driving westbound on Stoneridge Drive

when at least one occupant of another vehicle started shooting at them, Stocking said.

The victims' names are not being released; Stocking identified them only as an 18-year-old man from Oakland and an 18-year-old woman from Richmond.

The investigation remains active and ongoing. Anyone with information about the case can contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 925-931-5100.

### In other news

- Ken Sandy, Danville's first and longest-serving police chief and a Contra Costa County Sheriff's deputy from 1965 until his retirement in 1992, died Dec.



Ken Sandy

24 in Walnut Creek from complications of COVID-19. He was 83.

As a sheriff's deputy, Sandy was directly involved with several major incidents in Contra Costa County, including the plunge of a school bus from Yuba City off of the Interstate 680/Marina Vista off-ramp in Martinez in May 1976 that killed 28 students and an adult adviser (the second-worst bus disaster in U.S. history), and the March 1969 bombing of a Shell Oil fuel pipeline crossing San Leandro Creek near the unincorporated community of Canyon, southwest of Moraga.

Former Contra Costa County administrator Phil Batchelor described Sandy as caring, competent, willing to sit down with people having problems or disagreements.

"He brought people together, respecting both sides, that was Ken," Batchelor said last week. "People

gravitated to him; they liked him, trusted him." Had Sandy or someone like him been the police chief in some of the American cities that experienced social unrest in 2020, helping bring disparate viewpoints together, Batchelor believes, there would have been fewer riots and less overall discord.

Sandy, a Danville resident, was among the law enforcement officers who responded to Canyon on March 17, 1969, for what Batchelor described as "reports of trouble" there. He and other officers were there when a Shell Oil fuel pipeline running between the Martinez refinery and Oakland International Airport was blown up by a bomb. The late-night explosion killed one Shell worker, injured several other people and leveled Canyon's only store.

About seven years later, Sandy, according to Batchelor, was the first law enforcement officer on the scene of a horrific school bus crash. A Yuba City school bus headed to Miramonte High School in Orinda for a choir event was making a stop in Martinez when the bus' brakes failed — the bus plunged off the elevated off-ramp and landed on its roof. Of 53 people on board, 29 were killed.

"(Sandy) couldn't understand what he was seeing ... when he radioed for help, he indicated they needed all the medical personnel they could get," said Batchelor, adding that the trauma affected Sandy profoundly. "They couldn't believe the number of people who were killed, all those kids."

Sandy was named the town of Danville's first police chief upon that town's incorporation in July 1982. As the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office has provided police services

to that town since its incorporation, Sandy remained with the sheriff's office during his tenure there, which ended with his retirement as a captain in 1992.

Sandy also served as a board member with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, stepping down in 2009. Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen of Danville said she got to know Sandy both from his time on the fire board and from attending the same church as Ken and his wife, Dorothy, did.

"We had many great conversations about public safety, and about his genuine concern for the community," Andersen said in an email.

Sandy leaves his wife, Dorothy — hospitalized herself as of last week battling COVID-19 — as well as a daughter, Reagan Hall, and stepchildren Jennifer Maher, Kim Prosser and Ron Maher. A visitation was scheduled to be held yesterday in Walnut Creek. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

## Sylvester DeFazio

September 1, 1936 – December 25, 2020

Sylvester DeFazio died of heart failure on his favorite holiday, Christmas. Although he had been in failing health in recent years, his passing was unexpected. He was 84.

Sylvester, known as Sub or Sil to his friends, was born Sept. 1, 1936, to proud parents Aneillio, an immigrant from Naples, Italy, and Anna DeFazio of West Virginia. The family, with nine children, lived in the coal-mining town of Spelter, West Virginia.

Although Sil was supposed to try out for the Pittsburgh Pirates after high school, he opted to join the Navy to help with our nation's efforts in the Korean War. Sil hopped on a bus for a five-day journey to the San Diego Naval base where he ultimately shipped out to Japan for his wartime service.

When Sil returned to the states, he moved west to Oakland, California, in 1957 to find work and marry his lovely bride, Jacqueline. He attended refrigeration school at Laney College and started a career with Coca-Cola and Admiral, which inspired him to open his own appliance repair business. Sil saw potential in that field and purchased Appliance Parts Distributors in San Leandro. His business acumen led him to expand his business with locations in Dublin and Fremont. The thriving business remains family owned.

Sil was a loving, generous and hard-working man with an outsized personality and a heart of gold. Family and friends meant the world to him. He was generous in every aspect of that word. He particularly enjoyed coaching his sons' sports teams and later took great pride in watching his grandsons play sports. He embraced his Italian heritage and was a longtime member of The Colombo Club in Oakland. He cherished time with his daughters and granddaughters at the club's father-daughter dinners.

Sil also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved to pheasant hunt with his sons and good friends, Milt Braden and Eddie Lee. He lived for spending time on a boat, salmon fishing with his brother-in-law, John Parker.

Sil was predeceased by his parents; his sister and brother-in-law, Carmela and Benny Quinones; and his brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Barbara DeFazio; sister-in-law, Joanne DeFazio; and brother-in-law, John Parker.

He leaves behind many beloved family members, including his devoted wife of 64 years, Jacqueline, and his brothers and their spouses, Frank and Virginia DeFazio, Mario and Dorothy DeFazio, Augustine DeFazio, Anthony and Angie DeFazio and John and Jean DeFazio; sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Jim Husted; and sister-in-law Dixie Parker.

He is also survived by his children and their spouses, Michael and Susanne DeFazio, John and Denise DeFazio, Mary Foxworthy and Compton Chase, Anna DeFazio and Carmina and Bill Dutra; and grandchildren Drake and Rachel Foxworthy, Brandon and (wife) Lexi DeFazio, Jacqueline and Collette Besson, Garry Bannister III and Grant, Joseph, Daniel, Jenna and Allison DeFazio; plus numerous nieces, nephews and many special friends.

Sil was a larger-than-life man with a big heart. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Services will be private due to pandemic regulations.

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Jan. 2

#### Drug violation

- 2:09 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:07 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 4:27 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Pimlico Drive

#### DUI

- 7:39 p.m. at Owens and Johnson drives

#### Assault/Battery

- 11:06 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Rialto Way

### Jan. 1

#### Theft

- 1:14 p.m., 4200 block of Sheldon Circle; theft from auto
- 7:34 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Warrant arrest

- 7:04 p.m. on the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Robbery

- 7:39 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

### Dec. 31

#### Drug violation

- 7:05 a.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

#### Theft

- 7:53 a.m. on the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
- 9:22 a.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; theft from auto
- 11:56 a.m., 4300 block of Payne Road; theft from auto
- 6:49 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 11:46 p.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

#### Fire

- 11:43 p.m. on the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue

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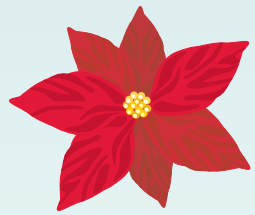
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## Safe Art Expo open through next week

Works on display in windows with information to purchase

**BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

A commercial venue in Livermore scheduled to open in 2021 is offering a COVID-Safe Art Expo that began mid-December and runs through Jan. 14.

Thirty-eight local artists are displaying their works inside the storefront windows at Republic Square, a shopping center adjacent to the San Francisco Premium Outlets. All of the artwork is for sale, with artists' contact information included to arrange a purchase.

Anne Giancola, visual arts manager of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, is curating the show and believes it helps fill a void left by the pandemic.

"The artists are excited to have the opportunity to bring to viewers the joy of art, which is sorely missing in these COVID times," Giancola said.

"The transformative power of art brings a sense of well-being and happiness to our lives whether we are the creators of art, hanging the art in our homes or offices, or viewing the art in an exhibit."

The Art Expo features works by artists who live locally or who specialize in showcasing the beauty of the Tri-Valley. Themes vary from landscapes to abstracts and three-dimensional fine handcrafts.

The media include acrylic and oil fine art paintings, acrylic pour medium, glass works, ceramic pieces, sculpture and photography.

"Because of current restrictions for museums and art galleries, we wanted to create an interesting experience for the shopper to view local Tri-Valley artists in an outside setting that is both safe and

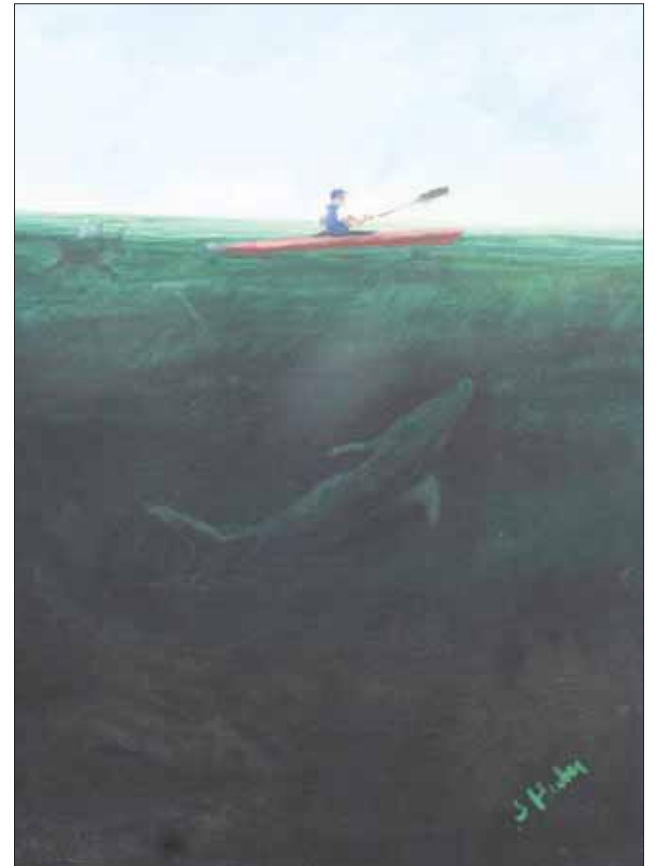
fun," said Michael R. Van Every, president of Republic Urban Properties West Coast.

Republic Square at Livermore has five restaurant buildings, two quick service retail buildings and one retail building.

"As we open our shops and businesses at Republic Square over the coming year, we invite the public to visit, shop, eat and enjoy a cultural experience," Every said. ■



"Monet's Garden" by Larry Lagin.



"Kayaking Over Whales" by Jen Huber.



"The Gray (Cove #2)" by Linda Ryan.



"Red Poppies" by Anne Giancola.



"Topsy-Turvy Ceramics" by Barbara Sorenson.

## County relief grants help arts organizations

Arts, cultural groups hit hard by pandemic closures

**BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Museum on Main and Cantabella Children's Chorus were among the 157 arts and cultural organizations recently awarded grants from Alameda County, totaling \$900,000, through its Arts Relief Grant Program.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act-funded grant program was begun to assist organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is managed by the Office of the Alameda County Arts Commission under the leadership of Alameda

County Auditor-Controller Melissa Wilk and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

"The county recognizes that arts and cultural organizations are an essential part of our community and an instrumental aspect of our economic recovery," Wilk said.

All qualifying applicants from throughout the county were given a grant award, ranging in size from \$3,150 to \$15,750, and based on the size of each organization's operating budget.

In Pleasanton, Livermore and

Dublin the following grants were awarded:

- Alameda County Fair (arts and cultural traditions): \$15,750
- Cantabella Children's Chorus (music): \$3,150
- Cheza Nami Foundation (multi-disciplinary): \$3,150
- CYT Tri-Valley (theater): \$3,150
- Dublin Partners in Education (multi-disciplinary): \$9,450
- Harmony Fusion Chorus (music): \$3,150
- Livermore Art Association (visual arts): \$3,150

- Livermore Cultural Arts Council (multi-disciplinary): \$3,150
- Livermore Shakespeare Festival (theater): \$3,150
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- Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (multi-disciplinary): \$15,750
- Museum on Main (visual arts): \$3,150
- Pacific Chamber Orchestra (music): \$3,150
- Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre (theater): \$3,150

- Radiance (dance): \$3,150
- Valley Concert Chorale (music): \$3,150
- Valley Dance Theatre (dance): \$3,150

The arts and cultural organizations in Alameda County and nationally have been particularly hard hit as these venues were among the first to close and are among the last designated for reopening.

To learn more about the programs of the Alameda County Arts Commission, visit the website [www.acgov.org/arts](http://www.acgov.org/arts). ■

# Many drive-in theaters closed, but others going strong amid pandemic

Showings continue at Pleasanton fairgrounds this week

Many Bay Area drive-in movie venues that popped up when the pandemic hit have shuttered, at least for now, but some are still open, with some of the most popular movies ever — including “Frozen” in Pleasanton — coming up.

The outdoor movie series at Corte Madera’s Lark Theater in Marin ended with the summer, and all upcoming screenings of the Fort Mason Flix drive-in festival have been canceled in compliance with the local shelter-in-place order.

“We hope to see you again at the drive-in one day soon,” Fort Mason Flix organizers posted on the festival webpage. “Until then, be safe, stay healthy, and wear a mask!” The Pier 70 outdoor “Dinner and a Drive-in” series began and ended in October.

The New Parkway, a beloved indoor movie venue in Oakland, closed in response to the pandemic, but held a couple of outdoor movie nights in late August and late September. No screenings have

been held since then. And Cameo Cinema in St. Helena has called off its outdoor offerings until spring 2021.

However, the Alameda County Fairgrounds “Classics From Your Car” series of outdoor movies is still going strong. “Frozen” is coming up today (Jan. 8), and “Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle” will be shown on Saturday (Jan. 9) at the fairgrounds at 4501 Pleasanton Ave. in Pleasanton. Learn more at [alamedacountyfair.com/movie-drive-ins](http://alamedacountyfair.com/movie-drive-ins).

West Wind, a chain that opened its first drive-in theater in 1952, has two theaters in the Bay Area: The Solano Drive-in in Concord and the Capitol Drive-in in San Jose.

The chain is not only going strong but seemingly flourishing in the pandemic. The business, family-owned and operated from the beginning, recently reopened two drive-ins that had been shuttered for years, the Concord venue

and the Santa Barbara Drive-in in Goleta.

While the fairgrounds offerings are strictly classic movies, West Wind shows a mix of films including new movies. The Fairgrounds offers comestibles including cheeseburgers with 100% Angus beef and Wisconsin cheddar cheese, while West Wind advertises itself as “retro,” with a fully stocked snack bar.

The Capitol Drive-In is at 3630 Hillcap Ave. in San Jose, and is currently open for business, with “Wonder Woman 1984” on the bill.

The Solano Drive-In is at 1611 Solano Way in Concord. Because COVID-19 restrictions often change quickly, it’s best to check with this venue to determine whether it’s open.

In general, with almost any venue, it’s a good idea these days to call ahead and check that the business is currently open. ■

—Bay City News Service

## Talk about tool care

Speaker to share tips about keeping gardening gear shipshape

Landscaper and gardener Phil Stob will address the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club on “Tool Care and Sharpening for the Home Gardener,” at its next meeting, at 7 p.m. next Thursday (Jan. 14) via Zoom.



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Stob, a gardener for 50 years, is an engineer by profession but uses his spare time to grow and plant trees all over his community. He also is a “gear head” who collects tools, picking up many from garage sales and Craigslist, and he says he has learned that an old sharp tool will outperform most of the new

tools available.

Stob’s talk will focus on tool sharpening as club members are about to get their garden tools ready for spring. He is a firm believer that well maintained garden tools make

a job easier and more enjoyable, plus says the clean cuts result in healthier plants.

The public is invited to the talk as well as club members. For Zoom meeting details, email [president@lavgc.org](mailto:president@lavgc.org).

During the pandemic, garden club work parties practice social distancing and wear masks as they service the Sensory Garden in Pleasanton, Hansen Park Rose Garden and Eden Garden in Livermore.

To learn more about the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club, go to [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org) ■

## Eagle Scout Kunsh Zutshi

Project was agility structure for SPCA

Kunsh Zutshi, a member of Troop 905 sponsored by St. Raymond Catholic Church, has qualified to become an Eagle Scout, and his Eagle Court of Honor is planned for the future due to COVID-19.

Zutshi, a senior at Dublin High School, served in his troop as quartermaster, webmaster and patrol leader for more than four terms. He also volunteered for the past five years at the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue and at a veterinary shelter.

His other activities are martial arts, where he earned a second-degree black belt, and 4H

speech competitions, where he has placed gold at the state level. Zutshi also enjoys running and has participated in multiple triathlons and long-distance running events. He wants to eventually participate in a half marathon.

Zutshi’s Eagle Scout project was to build an agility structure for the East Bay SPCA, consisting of jumps, cavalettis,



Kunsh Zutshi

weave poles and a horizontal ladder. He designed the blueprints on Inventor and rendered 3D models, and decided to make the structure out of PVC so it would be light but also durable.

He recruited and supervised a group of friends to build the structure, then delivered the completed project to the East Bay SPCA.

Zutshi, the son of Swati Bakshi and Rahul Zutshi of Dublin, plans to study biology in college, then go into veterinary medicine or zoology. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## Public Notice

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) is seeking public input on emergency service changes that were implemented as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Full details of LAVTA’s response to the pandemic, including the emergency service changes and the public input process are available at [www.wheelsbus.com/covid/](http://www.wheelsbus.com/covid/).

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File No.: 574754  
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Hill Mortgage  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 574903  
The following person doing business as: Hill Mortgage, 350 Main Street, Ste. H., Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Scott Hill, 6966 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Scott Hill, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Scott Hill, Broker/Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 2, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1, 8, 2021.)

### 997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: AGNES HWUN-GIAT YAO KWAN, also known as AGNES HWUN-GIAT YAO KWAN and AGNES Y KWAN and AGNES H KWAN and AGNES KWAN. Case No.: RP20082162. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of AGNES HWUN-GIAT YAO KWAN, also known as AGNES HWUN-GIAT YAO KWAN and AGNES Y KWAN and AGNES H KWAN and AGNES KWAN. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: REGINA KWAN PETERSON in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: REGINA KWAN PETERSON be appointed as personal representative

to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on FEBRUARY 8, 2021, at 9:45 a.m. in Dept.: 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The Petitioner: Regina Kwan Peterson, Pro Per, 605 Blossom Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. (708) 646-4331. (Pleasanton Weekly, December 25, 2020, January 1, 8, 2021.)

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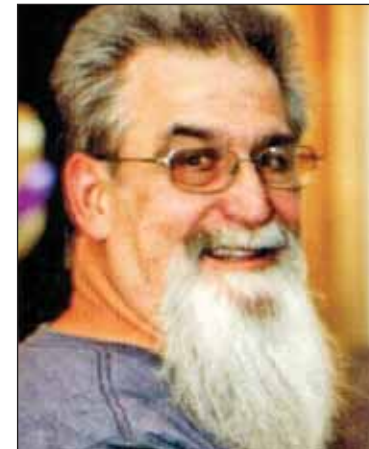


## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Community mourns two unexpected losses

Joe Rose Jr. was driving force for PJFL; Kevin Gallegos Lopez was standout at Foothill



Joe Rose Jr.

Sometimes life just sucks. It is a brutal statement but one that is painfully true. As we welcomed the new year with all the hope of putting 2020 behind us, we lost a pair of people that I knew or knew of within days of each other.

Joe Rose Jr., a longtime leader with the Pleasanton Junior Football League, and Kevin Gallegos Lopez, a 2014 Foothill alum who was a standout wrestler for the Falcons, left us in such a short period of time.

#### Joe Rose Jr.

Joe, a 1970 graduate of Amador Valley, passed on Dec. 30 of a heart attack at the age of 69, leaving a group of longtime Pleasanton residents stunned.

I grew up in Pleasanton, and every kid in the 1960s and 1970s knew Joe Jr. — or “Big Joe” or “Big Daddy,” pick your nickname. Joe cut an imposing figure around what was then a small town. His father Joe Sr. was arguably the most popular and well-known police officer in the history of Pleasanton.

Joe Jr. was larger than life.

“You got that right,” said Mike Lusby, one of Joe’s best friends. “Since he passed, I have been getting so many texts and calls talking about how great a guy he was. He was that way since the beginning.”

Joe, who was older than Lusby, took him under his wing once he hit high school.

“He may have been two years older than me, but he took an interest in my football game,” Lusby explained. “We would go after practice and work out more at a local park. He was the reason I was a two-way starter.”

Lusby also recalls how Joe taught him how to look at life.

“He instilled the ‘don’t give a (crap) about what other people think of you,’” Lusby said, laughing. “He could hang out and feel comfortable with any group — the jock group or the hippie band people.”

Joe was one of the driving forces

in the PJFL. He was not only a board member and a coach, but a mentor to incoming coaches.

He also coached junior football in Livermore and was so respected by both programs that the annual Pleasanton-Livermore All-Star game is called “The Joe Rose Bowl.”

I know he took a great amount of pride when former PJFL players came back and in turn coached in the league. Greg Chandler was one such player.

The former Foothill athlete and current Foothill assistant coach played for Joe and then coached alongside him. The 2019 Cardinals team where Chandler and Joe coached was Joe’s last team and was his 50th year coaching.

“Joe was a gentle giant,” Chandler said. “He always cared more about teaching us the right way to play and carry yourself on the field rather than worrying about winning.”

Guy Houston, who was mayor of Dublin followed by serving in the California State Assembly, had his sons Bart and Sumner play for Joe in PJFL.

Bart went on to star as a QB for Wisconsin and Sumner as an offensive lineman for Oregon State. Houston has always felt Joe gave the boys a solid foundation.

“He really cared about the kids,” Houston said. “It wasn’t about winning, but the type of character the kids had. He was always so proud of my boys’ accomplishments.”

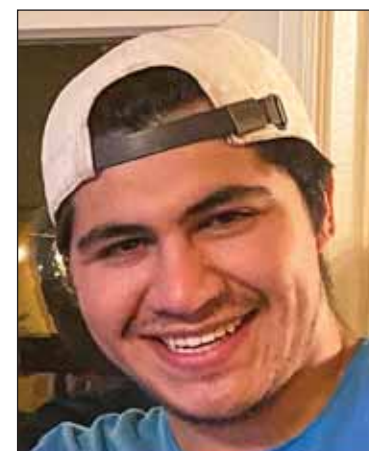
Joe was also a well-known wrestling coach in town.

“You could bet that he would be at every single Amador football or wrestling match,” Lusby said.

#### Kevin Gallegos Lopez

It stinks when anyone dies, but when it is someone young, it stings right to your core. Such is the case when we heard 25-year-old Kevin passed on Jan. 2 from a stroke.

I can’t speak for everyone, but when I see a kid with the world at his feet pass away, it finds me questioning my faith at times. I did not know Kevin personally, but



Kevin Gallegos Lopez

my wife who works at Foothill and some of my kids knew Kevin.

I did not hear a bad word about Kevin, not just from my family, but from all I talked to about the young man

It is the kind of feeling that does not go away inside. The mid-20s is the age when you almost feel invincible, but then something pops up and turns your world upside down.

It is not fair.

Kevin was a popular student who wrestled at Foothill before moving on to Chico State where he recently graduated with a degree in public health sciences.

He was born in Mexico and attended Valley View Elementary and Pleasanton Middle before moving on to Foothill. He was the oldest of four siblings and was looked to as a hero by his brothers and sister.

As a Dreamer, he was an inspiration to all around him as he realized education was the best route to attain success.

There is a GoFundMe page set up for Kevin’s family; it had raised over \$50,000 from community contributions as of Wednesday morning. Please search it out online if you are interested in donating. ■

*Editor’s note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his “Pleasanton Preps” column, email [acesmag@aol.com](mailto:acesmag@aol.com).*

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**BAY AREA ARTISTS** The Artist in Residence Program at Tao House in Danville, in which Eugene O'Neill produced his masterpieces, provides a working retreat for developing or established playwrights, scholars or critics of the performing arts. Fellowships are given to persons focused on the performing arts for whom a space of time to work without distraction would be beneficial. Apply for next year's session by Jan. 31. Visit [eugeneoneill.org](http://eugeneoneill.org).

**SAN FRANCISCO MIME TROUPE** The San Francisco Mime Troupe presents "Red Carol" a radio play offering a working class take on Dickens' classic play. Now through Jan 17. Visit [sfmt.org](http://sfmt.org).

## Concerts

**THE CHOIR OF MAN VIRTUAL PUB SHOW** Join the boys in a London pub after hours for a night filled with singing, dancing and laughter. Don't miss the concert everyone has been talking about, now Live from London. 7:30, Jan. 15. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**DRIVE-IN CONCERT** World-renowned DJ, producer and songwriter Gareth Emery will play back-to-back shows at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Jan. 16. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

## Teens

**AXIS PRESENTS FREE WEBINARS** Axis Community Health is hosting free, online events for parents and students now through spring. In the first, "Plugged In Parents," learn to create a healthy, media-friendly environment and help teens avoid the pitfalls of social media and overuse of technology. 5:30-6 p.m., Jan. 13. Visit [axishealth.org](http://axishealth.org).

## Gardening

**TOOL CARE & SHARPENING FOR THE HOME GARDENER** Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC) guest speaker Phil Stob shares everything you need to know on how to keep

garden tools in tip-top shape. LAVGC invites members of the public to attend by emailing [president@lavgc.org](mailto:president@lavgc.org) to get the Zoom meeting details. 7 p.m., Jan. 14.

## Talks & Lectures

**ELECTRIFY YOUR RIDE** Join Sustainable Contra Costa and Drive Clean Bay Area for an EV and e-bike webinar, Electrify Your Ride. DCBA will review available EV and e-bike models, incentives, and how to charge at home and on the road. Participants will have the chance to chat with EV and e-bike owners and ask questions. 7-8:30 p.m., Jan. 20. Visit [drivecleanbayarea.org/events](http://drivecleanbayarea.org/events).

**EATING GREEN; WASTE LESS IN 2021** Sustainable Contra Costa will share new actions through the Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge, a free platform to work with others and reduce household greenhouse gas emissions. 6:30-8:00 p.m., Jan. 21. Visit [sustainablecoco.org](http://sustainablecoco.org).

**DE-FRACK YOUR HOME** Home electrification is a hot topic and a key step in addressing the climate emergency, but what exactly is involved? Join our guests to learn about induction cooktops, efficient space heaters, heat pumps, tankless water heaters and much more. 7-8:30 p.m., Jan. 27. Visit [sustainablecoco.org](http://sustainablecoco.org).

## Seniors

**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR FOR SENIORS** Grab a cup of coffee and join friends online. Do fun activities and reconnect with other seniors from the Dublin Senior Center. 10-11 a.m., Jan. 13. Visit [DublinSeniorCenter.com](http://DublinSeniorCenter.com).

**PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY USERS GROUP** The Personal Technology User Group (PTUG) is for all computer enthusiasts. The monthly virtual session takes place on the fourth Thursday of each month and includes discussions, lectures, demonstrations and a question/answer period. 10 a.m., Jan. 28. E-mail [pleaseniorg@gmail.com](mailto:pleaseniorg@gmail.com).

**SENIORS 60+ LUNCH PROGRAM** Served curbside at the Pleasanton Senior Center, M-F, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Please call Open Heart Kitchen at 500-8241 for more information. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

**NEW YEAR'S SWAG DRIVE-THRU FOR SENIORS** Welcome in the New Year with hope and good will. Pick up a swag bag for seniors, at the Dublin Senior Center, filled with a useful list of local resources and goodies. Enter from Donohue Drive and drive toward the Senior Center front entrance. Please stay in the car, roll down the window of an unoccupied passenger seat, or pop open the trunk and Senior Center staff will bring a swag bag to you. 12:30-1:15 p.m., Jan. 28. For more information call 556-4511.

## Grants

**ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON** Rotary International is an organization of business and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. To achieve that end, Pleasanton Rotary seeks to support the human service needs of our community and is currently accepting Grant applications until 5 p.m., Jan 31. For more information visit [pleasantonrotary.org](http://pleasantonrotary.org).

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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 30 to Dec. 4 for San Ramon.

### San Ramon

- 9005 Alcosta Boulevard #202** W. Huang to R. Decena for \$470,000
- 9005 Alcosta Boulevard #208** R. & I. Sheyman to A. & D. Singh for \$475,000
- 1377 Bayberry View Lane** L. & J. Kim to W. & Y. Yin for \$1,375,000
- 2190 Canyon Lakes Drive** Y. Xue to J. Chen for \$1,100,000
- 4864 Cornflower Street** S. Chauhan to M. & A. Sathe for \$1,340,000
- 525 Crocus Hill Court** D. Bieller to A. & R. Gopichandran for \$1,330,000
- 3987 Dunbarton Circle** Farley Family Trust to Ruathaiwat Trust for \$1,742,000
- 5068 Fioli Loop** T. & R. Supramaniam to J. & A. Budhiraja for \$950,000
- 10030 Foxboro Circle** T. & T. Kindel to F. & P. Rodrigues for \$1,050,000
- 2160 Goldenrod Lane** Patwardhan Trust to A. & A. Tsou for \$1,195,000
- 6172 Lakeview Circle** J. Anderson to S. & K. Sen for \$885,000
- 9905 Mangos Drive** Y. Ouyang to R. & P. Apsingekar for \$1,071,000
- 2523 Marsh Drive** S. & G. Galbraith to S. & C. Ahn for \$1,521,000
- 3223 Munras Place** Martinez Trust to S. & A. Surya for \$1,187,000
- 370 Murindo Place** J. Hoyt to S. & N. Bhatt for \$1,439,000
- 4736 Norris Canyon Road #203** J. Orsetti to K. Mohankumar for \$575,000
- 1808 Paloma Court** S. La to A. & C. Harris for \$1,163,000

### No Alameda County sales

Note: The Weekly has been unable to obtain fresh Home Sales data for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin in recent weeks. California REsource, who compiles this information for Embarcadero Media papers, said the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's Office has changed the process (or canceled it altogether) for publicly reporting grantor-grantee data. Other counties' data remains available.

- 431 Pine Ridge Drive** Ho Living Trust to D. Tan for \$655,500
- 4341 Reedland Circle** K. Oliaei to N. & B. Panda for \$1,220,000
- 120 Reflections Drive #16** N. & J. Soo-Hoo to A. Tengshe for \$360,000
- 120 Reflections Drive #27** Dosaj Trust to V. Sanchez for \$356,000
- 3561 Rosincress Drive** J. & B. Javier to R. & A. Aggarwal for \$1,835,000
- 3321 Sleeping Meadow Way** Z. & E. Hashemi to X. & N. Mo for \$1,478,000
- 3224 Spicewood Lane** Lao Family Trust to L. & B. Wang for \$1,392,000
- 14 Spring Garden Court** S. Krishnasamy to E. & S. Shetty for \$1,080,000
- 215 Stone Pine Lane** K. Amintaheri to S. Heidberg for \$737,000
- 124 Summerset Court** Williamson Trust to A. & A. Gupta for \$1,405,000
- 20 Terraced Hills Circle** R. Le to M. & S. Tripathi for \$970,000

Source: California REsource

## EXCLUSIVE LISTING

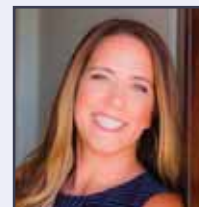
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 4123 Moller Dr, Pleasanton  
 991 Rose Ave, Pleasanton  
 5246 Blackbird Dr, Pleasanton  
 2665 Starling Ct, Pleasanton  
 2679 Starling Ct, Pleasanton  
 2435 Via De Los Milagros, Pleasanton\*\*  
 2009 Foxswallow, Pleasanton  
 2444 Via De Los Milagros, Pleasanton\*\*  
 940 Dewing Ave, Lafayette  
 4189 Garatti Court, Pleasanton  
 233 Trenton Circle, Pleasanton  
 2264 Raven Road, Pleasanton  
 5771 Ivy Court, Pleasanton  
 5375 Springdale Avenue, Pleasanton  
 4684 Cope Ct, Pleasanton  
 2782 Turnstone Drive, Pleasanton  
 4419 Shearwater Court, Pleasanton

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 2103 Raven Road, Pleasanton  
 833 Everett Street, El Cerrito  
 7490 Flagstone Drive, Pleasanton  
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 4122 Clarinbridge Circle, Pleasanton  
 5393 Midvale Court, Pleasanton  
 3922 Devon Place, Livermore  
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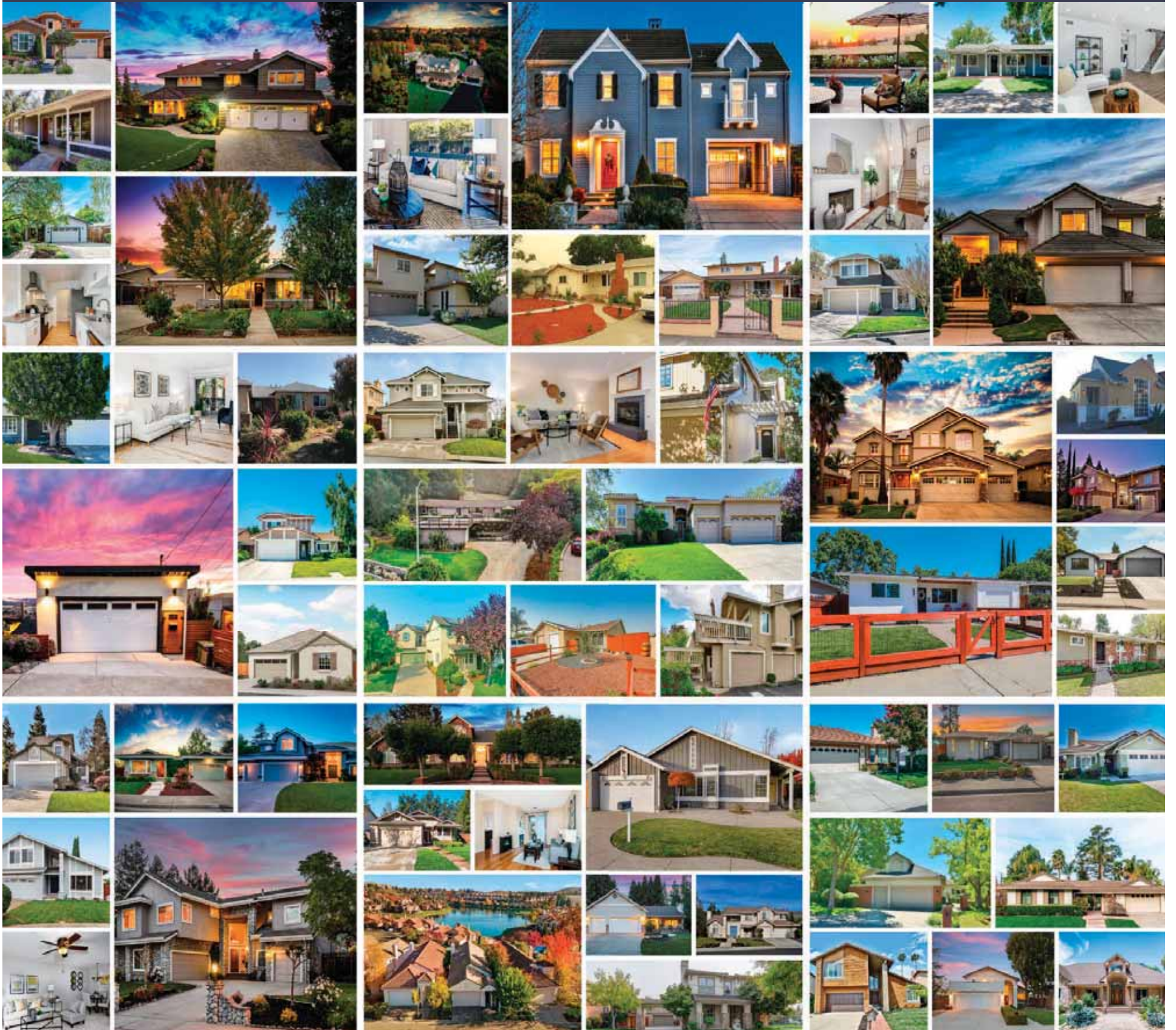


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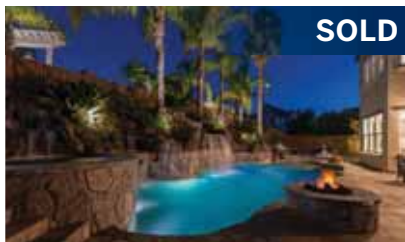


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 Sold for \$2,125,000  
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**SOLD**  
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**SOLD**  
**606 Rosinccress Ct, San Ramon**  
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**SOLD**  
**8511 Deervale Rd, Dublin**  
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**4792 Canary Dr, Pleasanton**  
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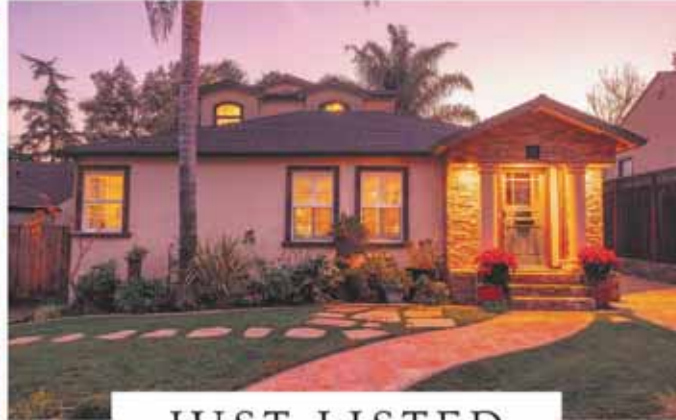
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