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BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Cookies for a cause

Just when I'd convinced myself it was my civic duty to gorge on Girl Scout cookies once a year, my granddaughter decided not to join a troop. This didn't matter to me until cookie season recently started, pandemic-style, with no Scouts offering sales in front of grocery stores.

But I have discovered another source of cookies that benefits a worthy cause. Sara and Mateo Molina spend each weekend in their kitchen baking their mother's famous cookie recipe, which they deliver to buyers in festive boxes to raise money to buy groceries for low-income families in Cali, Colombia.

Their parents, Maria and Mauricio, are from Colombia, and normally all of them enjoy frequent trips to enjoy their large extended family. While there, Sara and Mateo also discovered Casa San Jose, a foundation that focuses on the city's recyclers, who are the lowest-paid workers in the country. It provides food and access to health care, and also has programs for the elderly and for youths.

"We were seeing the poverty firsthand, and we saw how drastically different it is from here," said Sara, 16, a junior at Foothill High School, who called the need "staggering."

"Last spring break (2019) I was able to work with them for a little bit. They are really good people, hard-working and deserving," she said.

"We were planning on going to Colombia last summer with some of my sister's friends but with COVID we couldn't travel," Mateo, 13, an eighth-grader at Pleasanton Middle School, recalled. "So we wanted to help from here."

"Before COVID they had banquets, food and afterschool care programs for families, but with the pandemic, providing food became difficult and they are really struggling," Sara said.

Sara and Mateo — and their friends — had always loved their mother's special cookies so they decided to bake and sell them to benefit Casa San Jose.

"The cookies are very chocolaty and sweet, and the walnuts counteract the sweetness," Mateo explained.

The endeavor, which they dubbed Humankind Cookies, offers packages of six Originals or 15 Minis, described as a "combination of crunch and chocolate bliss that will make your day," for \$5. They take orders on their website as well as Instagram.

"We always cook with masks and



Mateo and Sara Molina make cookies to raise money to buy groceries for those in need in Colombia.

gloves, and everything is super sanitary," Sara said. "We have no-contact deliveries."

Their parents donate the ingredients for the cookies and cover other expenses, so with no overhead, Sara and Mateo have been able to send \$8,000 to Casa San Jose.

"This has funded more than 9,000 pounds of food for these families," Sara said. "It's just incredible how much support we're getting from our amazing community."

A family of four in Colombia can buy a week of basic groceries for \$15, so the \$5 cookie price goes a long way.

"They send photos and videos, and they're so heartwarming," Mateo added.

The sister and brother also help out closer to home and rallied friends to raise money for downtown Pleasanton restaurants struggling during the pandemic. After taking up a collection from family and friends, they divided \$2,000 among Wild One, McKay's, Salt Craft, Brava and Patio. Also they have come together under the name Humankind Together to support Bottle Taps, Open Heart Kitchen and Valley Humane Society.

The Girl Scouts, on their website, list many ways to find cookies, from downloading the Cookie Finder app to directly texting a local seller. But their cookie season ends this month, so check out humankindcookies.org to try a new homemade sweet — and to help a sister and brother make a difference. ■

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

About the Cover

Alisal Elementary first-grader Brandon Pedersen was among the students in Pleasanton to return to in-person instruction on March 4 after months of remote-only education due to the coronavirus pandemic. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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COMPASS

If you could make yourself invisible for a day or so, where would you go?



Lakshmi Rajagopalan
City planner

I would just hang out at the beach the whole day, read a book and relax. I would find it very amusing and recuperative to watch people staring at my book appearing to turn its own pages.



Terri Smith
Medical office manager

I would go to the Louvre Museum in Paris. I've never been, but there is so much there that I want to see. I would cut to the front of every line because no one would be the wiser for it, and doing that would enable me to see absolutely everything in a short period of time.



Daniel Curtis
General contractor

If I could be invisible for the day, I would go to Area 51 and we all know why. I would also go to the Library of Congress to see how many shooters were involved in the Kennedy assassination. And then, since there would be a bit of time left in my day of invisibility, I would also race over to Fort Knox in order to surround myself in gold.



Maddie Gallagher
Restaurant/bar manager

I would sit in on a meeting inside of the Oval Office. I've always been so curious to get the inside scoop of what really goes on in there, and I would love to learn some highly confidential secrets.



Tim Smith
Firefighter

I would go backstage at a concert put on by my favorite band. I would really love to get that behind-the-scenes perspective of what goes on before the concert starts, and after it's over. I assume it is exciting backstage before the concert starts, and relaxing once the performance is over. Lots of fun either way and so very interesting.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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EBCE webinar

Pleasanton residents with questions about electrical service from East Bay Community Energy are invited to attend a community Zoom webinar next Wednesday (March 17) from 12-1 p.m.

Representatives will be on hand that day to answer questions about the upcoming transition to renewable energy from EBCE, the not-for-profit public agency providing renewable electricity in Alameda and San Joaquin counties.

The city of Pleasanton will begin receiving electricity via EBCE in April, after joining the agency in late 2019. All residential, business and municipal electricity customer accounts will be automatically enrolled and start receiving EBCE electricity at that point, but have the choice to opt out and continue with service from PG&E.

For more information, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov or call 1-833-699-EBCE (3223).

State of the District

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, whose district includes Pleasanton, is set to deliver his annual State of the District address virtually next Wednesday evening.

Miley is expected to update the community on happenings from the past year, as well as goals for the year ahead, for the county and his District 4, which in addition to Pleasanton includes East Oakland, Montclair, Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview and El Portal Ridge.

The web event will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (March 17), livestreaming on his official Facebook page (<https://bit.ly/3841y5N>) or via Zoom (<https://bit.ly/2PxEsyJ>).

DPS Citizens Academy

Registration is open for the Dublin Police Services 2021 Citizens Academy, which runs each Wednesday for 10 weeks beginning March 31.

For adults who live or work in Dublin, the Citizens Academy aims to teach participants about law enforcement operations, foster positive relationships and promote community policing with active citizen involvement.

The format will be Zoom-based until COVID-19 restrictions allow otherwise, DPS officials said.

The program is limited to the first 20 registrants who qualify due to the pandemic. In addition to age and residency/work requirements, applicants must successfully complete a background check, sign waiver forms and be approved by Police Chief Garrett Holmes.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. March 22; visit dublin.ca.gov or contact Deputy Paula Greenbaum at 925-833-6622 or pgreenbaum@acgov.org. ■

County OKs Livermore solar project after marathon appeal hearing

Developer lauds decision for renewable energy proposal; 'disappointed' citizen group plans to sue

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the contentious Aramis solar energy project planned for north Livermore after nearly 10 hours of presentations, discussion and deliberations last week.

The marathon meeting on March 4 saw the supervisors hear all four appeals filed over the project — three by Livermore-area citizen groups and one by the project developer, Intersect Power — before

ultimately voting to deny all appeals and uphold the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments' approval of the 410-acre project north of the city limits.

"It seems that the need for climate change trumps the need for open space in terms of the balancing of the equities," said Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, whose District 4 includes Pleasanton. "I'm always looking at how to balance the equities, and in this case it looks like climate change wins out," he continued, adding

that both proponents and opponents of the project argued their points "very convincingly."

Supervisor Richard Valle echoed similar sentiments. "It's a very contentious issue — I understand that — open space vs. the future of our planet but for me it's the future of the planet and the future of my grandchildren and their children that's paramount and that's the primary reason why I think we need to move this forward."

During last week's meeting, the three community advocacy groups

that filed appeals opposing the project — Save North Livermore Valley, Friends of Livermore and Friends of Open Space & Vineyards — were each given 20 minutes to share presentations detailing the grounds for their appeals.

The developer, San Francisco-based Intersect Power, was given 10 minutes to present its appeal related to multiple conditions of approval imposed by the zoning board in November.

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Preliminary design rendering of 10x Genomics' planned development at the former Pleasanton Plaza site, which the company purchased for \$29.4 million to expand its corporate presence in the city.

10x Genomics unveils expansion plan

Company doubling down on HQ presence near mall

By JULIA BAUM

Local biotech company 10x Genomics announced on Tuesday new details about expanding its footprint in Pleasanton by leasing a second building in the same complex shared by its current headquarters and paying \$29.4 million to buy the old Pleasanton Plaza site nearby.

Mayor Karla Brown said in a statement that the company's "investment in new facilities to expand its headquarters and research presence further demonstrates that Pleasanton is a flagship city for life sciences companies," adding that "we look

forward to our continued partnership in working with 10x Genomics on this project."

The former Pleasanton Plaza retail complex just south of Stoneridge Shopping Center at 1701 Springdale Ave. will undergo "a significant transformation," 10x Genomics representatives said.

After the existing single-story buildings are demolished, three new buildings totaling 381,000 square feet and a parking garage will be built across the 14.6-acre site. The first building is scheduled to open next year, and include clean rooms for labs as

well as office space.

The rezoning and redevelopment plan was initially reviewed by the Pleasanton Planning Commission in November, and staff reported comments about the project were "generally positive."

As a planned use development proposal, the Pleasanton City Council would have final approval of the concept. A formal hearing is expected to take place in the spring.

While construction is underway on the second campus, another building at Pleasanton

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Alameda County moves to red tier

Ushers back indoor dining, movie theaters, gyms, secondary schools

Alameda County was among the three latest counties in the greater Bay Area to fall out of the state's most-restrictive coronavirus reopening tier Tuesday, bringing the number of the region's counties in the red tier to eight.

Alameda, Santa Cruz and Solano counties all moved out of the purple tier of the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy following declines in their case and test positivity rates.

Whereas most business sectors were required to operate outdoors or remain closed under purple tier restrictions, the tier changes that took effect Wednesday allowed Alameda County to resume indoor operations at 10%-25% percent capacities for businesses like gyms, restaurants, movie theaters, museums, zoos and aquariums.

The move also kept the Pleasanton Unified School District on track to reopen middle and high schools effective yesterday — which was due to take place after the Weekly's press deadline.

"I want to express my gratitude for the PUSD elementary team members who worked diligently to get schools ready for the return of students and staff beginning last

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JACQUI HATZIKOKOLAKIS

Officials and families celebrated the opening of Dublin's Imagine Playground last week, which has received recognition as the Tri-Valley's first all-abilities playground that offers a fun space for all kids to safely enjoy playing outdoors.

Region's first all-abilities playground opens in Dublin

\$5.06 million Imagine Playground offers facilities for all residents

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Dublin achieved a major feat toward its goal of making city recreation facilities more accessible to all residents last week when it officially opened Imagine Playground, the Tri-Valley's first all-abilities playground.

Located at Dublin Sports Grounds on Dublin Boulevard and Civic Plaza, the \$5.06 million project was unveiled at a grand-opening ceremony on March 6, where local officials and community members alike gathered to mark the occasion and appreciate the new facilities.

"The city saw a tremendous need for this project, not only in Dublin, but in the greater Tri-Valley region," Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez said in a statement. "The feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. I can't wait to see this playground

being used and enjoyed."

Breaking ground in October 2019 as an all-abilities space at the popular Dublin park, the Imagine Playground includes an all-inclusive picnic area, upgraded landscape, parking facilities, and pathways to improve accessibility and connectivity to other park features including various sports fields and a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant restroom facility, city officials said.

To complement the new facilities, a new public art piece "Conversation" by artist Barbara Grygutis has been installed near the playground, which will be illuminated every evening for visitors. City staff said the piece is intended to emphasize the "uniquely human ability to transcend difference and find common ground through conversation."

Imagine Playground was designed with input from a number of individuals and organizations throughout the region who work with people with special needs, including Dublin Unified School District special education teachers, sports field user groups, Little League Challenger Baseball and the School of Imagination, according to city officials.

Popup booths were also strategically placed at Dublin events in late 2018, to gauge the pulse of the community and gain input on what the all-abilities space should include.

Staff added that \$1.4 million of the funding needed to create the playground was secured by State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda), who acquired the funds through a California Department of Parks and Recreation grant.



"Every year at this stage we get to decide where our hard earned dollars go, and there is no question that a first-of-its-kind playground like this in the Tri-Valley is something that I as a mother of three ... wanted to participate in," Bauer-Kahan said at the opening ceremony for the playground.

"I've spent endless hours on

playgrounds watching my kids play and learning what it means to play with one another and that's what we need so much right now with the kids out of the classroom," she added. "The openings of projects like this is what's going to bring our communities together and give our children the childhood that they need." ■

Goodwill closing Dublin, Livermore stores

Nonprofit cites 'economic reasons' in shuttering 8 shops, laying off 61 workers

Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay last Friday announced the closure of eight retail stores in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties, and the layoffs of 61 employees, citing the economic consequences of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The locations closing are in Dublin, Livermore, Oakley Durant Square in Oakland, Albany,

Berkeley, Dixon and Vallejo.

"We have had to make a difficult decision for economic reasons," said Mike Keenan, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay. "Our employees are our first priority and we will continue to do everything we can to support them at this difficult time and fulfill the Goodwill mission in our

remaining stores and facilities."

The nonprofit organization said the laid off workers "will receive a separation package that will include one week of pay, a month of health benefits, and individual career services including: resume development and assistance, mock interviews, job search and potential placements, and assistance applying for EDD benefits."

Revenue from sales of donated goods at its stores are used to provide jobs for vulnerable members of the community, Goodwill said.

The organization provides no-cost training, employment placement services and support services to those in need, "including people with disabilities, people impacted by the criminal justice system, people who are unemployed or underemployed,

veterans and military families, older workers, and young adults," it said in a news release.

"But because our stores have been shut down for most of the last year due to the pandemic, it has created a tremendous fiscal challenge and we must make a challenging business decision in order to sustain mission services," Goodwill said. ■

—Bay City News Service

Condos damaged in overnight fire

At least four people displaced; no injuries reported

By JEREMY WALSH

A condo fire in Pleasanton seriously damaged two units and displaced at least four residents after breaking out in the early-morning hours last Saturday, according to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

The situation unfolded around 1 a.m. when firefighters received a call about a fire in a condominium complex in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue, according to deputy fire chief Joe Testa. The building features separate second- and third-floor units above ground-level garages.

After igniting on one of the outdoor balconies, the fire spread among two upper-floor units, according to Testa. In the multi-unit building, the third-story condos have a loft space that acts like a partial fourth story; the heaviest damage was concentrated to the two loft spaces.

Firefighters gained control of the fire within about 20 minutes, according to Testa. The blaze forced



Firefighters work to gain control of the upper-floor fire in this condo complex on Vineyard Avenue early Saturday morning. LPPFD

the entire building to be evacuated for over an hour.

The two damaged units were left uninhabitable, displacing at least four residents for the time being, Testa said. No injuries were reported among residents or firefighters.

The cause and source of the fire were still undetermined as of Monday. "The amount of damage in the area of origin has left the cause undetermined as of now," Testa said. The incident is under joint investigation by LPPFD and the Pleasanton Police Department. ■

Pleasanton approves legislative framework for 2021

Council members also take positions on housing and local control

By JULIA BAUM

In addition to taking stances on a number of proposed state initiatives, the Pleasanton City Council unanimously approved the city's legislative framework for 2021 at its regular meeting last week.

Every year, after reviewing and discussing proposed state and federal legislation, the council's Legislative Subcommittee develops policy recommendations for the council. Since 2016, those legislative advocacy efforts have been expanded to include a legislative framework with annual legislative "focus areas" for the city.

"I have watched the Tri-Valley framework that has been put out by prior councils and I believe that this is a continuation of that, and can allow our regional partners and us to have a unified voice on these important topics," Councilmember

Jack Balch said before voting at the March 2 meeting.

Among the city's focus areas for 2021 are COVID-19 response and recovery, housing, fostering economic prosperity, mental health, and the city's infrastructure including streets, water, sewage and telecommunications.

Senate Bills 5 and 15, which involve housing and development, received council support, as did SCA 2 on public housing projects.

Another bill that had "conditional support" from staff and also caught the attention of Mayor Karla Brown was Senate Bill 38, concerning beverage containers — a topic of interest for many Pleasanton residents since the buy-back center at Pleasanton Garbage Service folded last year.

"We've been hearing a lot of concerns about there's no place to

recycle beverage containers," Brown commented before asking assistant to the city manager Becky Hopkins to tell residents "how this may or may not help their situation, where they've got cans and bottles that they've paid a nickel in recycling fees and they want to get their nickel back. How do they do that?"

Hopkins explained that SB 38 proposes a program modeled after the mattress industry program where, "when you buy a mattress, you pay a fee, and the industry has to run this program to make sure those materials are recycled. When you buy a new one, the old one is properly recycled."

In this instance, the beverage container industry would be required to create and fund a self-recycling machine program, which

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10X GENOMICS

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Corporate Commons will help 10x Genomics grow its operations. The building at 6210 Stoneridge Mall Road is booked for "an extensive interior buildout to enhance the company's research and development capabilities," company officials said. The new space will be occupied in phases, and is expected to be fully completed by 2023.

Though now grown to more

than 900 employees around the world, including in Singapore, China, the Netherlands, Copenhagen and Sweden, the company said these decisions "reaffirm" their commitment to Pleasanton, where it has called home for nearly a decade.

"Pleasanton has been an incredible base for us since our start in a garage almost 10 years ago with its great talent, affordable cost of living and vibrant community," co-founder and CEO Serge Saxonov

said in a statement. "We look forward to extending our headquarters in this city and staying here for years to come."

In recognition of the long-term investment in the community, the currently-named street Fabian Court connecting the 10x Genomics building on Stoneridge Mall Road to the new campus on Springdale Avenue will be renamed by the city to "Genomics Place" later this year, company officials said. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

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

City Council

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Approve agreements with 1) Lisa Wise Consulting in the amount of \$302,001 for the preparation of Housing Element for 2023-2031 (6th RHNA Cycle); and 2) First Carbon Solutions in the amount of \$343,170 for the 2023-2031 Housing Element Environmental Impact Report
- Local campaign finance options; review new State contribution limits and existing City of Pleasanton voluntary expenditure limit

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Swalwell sues Trump, allies over Jan. 6 Capitol riot

Tri-Valley congressman seeks damages, findings of law violations

By JEREMY WALSH

Local U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) sued former President Donald Trump, his son and two allies in federal court last Friday, alleging their words and actions before the 2020 election certification make them liable for the rioting at the U.S. Capitol in January.

The civil complaint filed on behalf of Swalwell, a fifth-term congressman who served as one of House Democrats' impeachment managers in Trump's Senate trial that ended with acquittal last month, seeks a jury trial against the four defendants, award of damages and a declaration that they committed violations including inciting a riot, negligence, aiding and abetting assault, and inflicting emotional distress.

"Unable to accept defeat, Donald Trump waged an all out war on a peaceful transition of power," Swalwell said in a statement announcing his lawsuit Friday morning.

"He lied to his followers again and again claiming the election was stolen from them, filed a mountain of frivolous lawsuits — nearly all of which failed, tried to intimidate election officials, and finally called upon his supporters to descend on Washington D.C. to 'stop the steal,'" Swalwell added.

"As a direct and foreseeable consequence of the defendants' false and incendiary allegations of fraud and theft, and in direct response to the defendants' express calls for violence

at the rally, a violent mob attacked the U.S. Capitol and stopped Congress's counting of electoral college votes. The defendants assembled, inflamed and incited the mob, and as such are wholly responsible for the injury and destruction that followed," the congressman said.

In addition to the Republican former president, the civil complaint names Donald Trump Jr., former Trump attorney and ex-mayor of New York City Rudy Giuliani and current U.S. Rep. Mo Brooks (R-Ala.), citing their words and actions in attempting to overturn the presidential election results, including comments at a Trump rally in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6 just before the deadly breach of the U.S. Capitol.

Jason Miller, a spokesman for former President Trump, hit hard at Swalwell in a statement to the Associated Press about the new lawsuit, calling the Tri-Valley congressman "a low-life" who has "no credibility."

"Now, after failing miserably with two impeachment hoaxes, (Swalwell is attacking) our greatest President with yet another witch hunt," Miller said, according to the AP. "It's a disgrace that a compromised Member of Congress like Swalwell still sits on the House Intelligence Committee."

Brooks cast the lawsuit off as frivolous and "a meritless ploy," in a statement to the AP.

Swalwell was among the scores of House of Representatives and Senate members, both Republicans and

Democrats, plus their staffs, forced to flee for safety as rioters supporting Trump stormed the Capitol building and halls on Jan. 6 as Congress gathered to certify now-President Joe Biden's victory in the Nov. 3 presidential election.

Five people died during the riot, including a U.S. Capitol Police officer.

One week later, the Democrat-led House impeached Trump in a mostly party-line vote (232-197) on one article of incitement of insurrection in the wake of the mob breaching the Capitol.

A four-day trial — at which Swalwell served among nine impeachment prosecutors — followed in front of the Senate after Trump left office. On Feb. 13, the Senate acquitted Trump with 57 guilty votes and 43 not-guilty votes (with a two-thirds majority required for conviction). Seven Republicans joined the Democratic caucus in voting for conviction.

Swalwell's lawsuit appears to be the second filed by a House Democrat against the former president for actions leading up to and through the Jan. 6, following the civil complaint lodged on Feb. 16 by Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), according to the AP.

The 65-page complaint, filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia last Friday on behalf of Swalwell, lays out allegations against Trump and his three associates mainly by using their own words,

including screenshots of dozens of social media posts.

"As a direct and foreseeable consequence of the Defendants' false and incendiary allegations of fraud and theft, and in direct response to the Defendants' express calls for violence at the rally, a violent mob attacked the U.S. Capitol," Swalwell's attorneys wrote in the lawsuit.

"The harm suffered by the Plaintiff (Swalwell) was reasonably foreseeable given the Defendants' statements on January 6, considering the magnitude of the wrong they had said for weeks was happening and their knowledge of past violent reactions in response to the same message," the lawsuit later stated.

Swalwell's complaint alleges nine specific violations against all four defendants: conspiracy to violate civil rights (interference with official duties), neglecting to prevent interference with civil rights, incitement to riot, disorderly conduct, bias-related violations (inciting assault, inciting to riot, disorderly conduct and terrorism), intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent infliction of emotional distress, aiding and abetting common-law assault, and negligence.

The lawsuit demands a jury trial in federal court.

Swalwell, a Dublin native and former city councilman and county prosecutor, seeks unspecified money damages and punitive damages, a finding that the defendants committed all of the law violations, and

award of attorney fees and related costs. He also asks for a court order requiring any of the defendants to notify Swalwell in writing at least seven days in advance before they hold any rally or public event in Washington, D.C., "on a day when significant election or election certification activity is taking place."

A hearing schedule is not yet known.

The insurrection charge marked the second time President Trump was impeached by the House and then acquitted by the Senate, following the Trump-Ukraine scandal in January 2020. In both cases, Swalwell voted in favor of impeachment.

Suing the former president adds to Swalwell's national profile, which was initially buoyed by his frequent appearances on television news networks and active social media presence.

The Tri-Valley congressman's name recognition grew after a short-lived run at the Democratic presidential nomination early in 2019 and again after he released a book last April detailing his perspective on the first Trump impeachment case.

Swalwell then found himself in international headlines last December when an Axios expose story chronicled the actions of Chinese national Fang Fang, who was accused of being a covert spy targeting young American politicians between 2011 and 2015, including Swalwell. Axios reported there had been no evidence of illegal campaign contributions or wrongdoing by Swalwell, but the revelations became a source of verbal ammunition for many of his critics. ■

Local businesses connect students to new learning opportunities

By JULIA BAUM

During the pandemic, employees from local companies are working with the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation to enhance learning for secondary students through virtual presentations and offer valuable career advice.

Better known as "Business-School Liaisons," the pilot program's results are "a true win-win for everyone," said program coordinator Tasha Buser in a statement.

"Our business partners love how

easily staff can meet students during the workday," Buser said. "Our students and teachers love how easy it is to connect with the outside world. In other words, virtual connectivity is making real world connections so much easier."

Recently, engineers from Omron Robotics engaged with middle and high school robotics clubs and engineering students, and demonstrated different types of models the company produces.

The engineers explained how the robots are used and the design process, and discussed different

career paths into the field. The company also developed a mentorship for the Foothill Robotics Club, providing design direction and feedback while the students develop their robots.

"While distance learning has provided challenges to many, it does open more opportunities for business volunteers to virtually enter the classroom and connect with students," PPIE Executive Director Steve McCoy-Thompson said.

A Salesforce product marketing manager also recently presented a real-life marketing project to

Foothill DECA students. Over the course of several sessions, Mia Rodriguez worked with the class to develop a marketing plan meant to solve a problem for a local coffee shop, and gave feedback after reviewing their presentations.

Roche Molecular is also preparing two upcoming career fair days customized for students in advanced biology and anatomy classes at both Foothill and Amador Valley high schools.

The biotech company will present on topics including genetics, genetic mutations, SARS-CoV-2

diagnostics, industry product development process, and more. STEM career mentorship panels will also be offered to students enrolled in advanced courses.

PPIE is also hosting its fourth annual Speed Interview program next week, from March 17-19.

The Business-School Liaisons Program is supported through multiple donations, including from Roche Molecular, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Oracle, the Safeway Foundation, and "a very generous anonymous donor," according to PPIE. ■

Del Valle named Model Continuation High School

A Livermore continuation high school is one of four in the Bay Area and 27 statewide to receive Model Continuation High School recognition for 2021, California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond announced last week.

Del Valle Continuation High School in Livermore was among the four Bay Area schools to receive the honor. Delta Continuation High School in Richmond, Olympic Continuation High

School in Concord and San Andreas High School in Larkspur were the other three recognized in the region.

There are more than 400 continuation high schools serving about 50,000 students ages 16-18 statewide. The California Department of Education describes continuation education as a high school diploma program designed to meet the needs of students who "are not exempt from compulsory school attendance, and are

deemed at risk of not completing their education."

Students who attend continuation high schools must spend at least 15 hours per week at school and also receive guidance and career counseling, with some programs offering independent study, job placement services and concurrent enrollment in community college.

"Student attendance and engagement in distance learning during the school closures has been

difficult — especially for students who struggled with attendance issues before the pandemic," Thurmond said March 4. "These model schools have been able to keep at-risk students on track using social and emotional learning, mentorship programs, restorative justice practices, and other innovative methods."

Thurmond, who previously served on the Richmond City Council, West Contra Costa Unified school board and in the

State Assembly, highlighted Delta Continuation High School for its programs, including a crisis intervention consultant and school psychologist.

According to the state Department of Education, the schools are selected for recognition based on data and assessments including a peer review panel and on-site visit, although this year's visits were done virtually due to the pandemic. ■

—Bay City News Service

Pleasanton PD promotes next captain

Schlehuber has been with department since 2003

The Pleasanton Police Department found their next captain from within, promoting Kurt Schlehuber to the role earlier this month.

Capt. Schlehuber, who will oversee investigations and support services, has worked for the department since joining as a police officer in 2003, including the past five-plus years as a lieutenant.

“I am confident that with your leadership, we will continue down the path that we’ve been on for previous years and also take us to new heights. I’m looking forward to what that future will hold,” Police

Chief David Swing said to Schlehuber during the promotion ceremony, held privately with COVID-19 precautions in place.

Schlehuber then received the ceremonial pin, and a congratulatory hug, from his father Dave Kenner.

First joining the department 17 years ago, Schlehuber initially served as a patrol officer, bicycle officer, field training officer, SWAT operator and child abuse detective. While climbing the ranks, he also worked as a watch commander, field training manager and PPD Technology Committee member.

He was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant in December 2015.

Schlehuber earned a master’s degree in public administration from Cal State East Bay and a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Cal State Sacramento. He also attended the FBI National Academy.

As captain of investigations and support services, Schlehuber leads more than 40 first responders and professional staff members within PPD. He succeeds Craig Eicher, who retired toward the end of January. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



New Capt. Kurt Schlehuber (left) takes the oath of office delivered by Police Chief David Swing during a promotion ceremony at the Pleasanton Police Department.

Lavonna Martin named Woman of the Year

Glazer grants award for official’s homeless services advocacy

By JULIA BAUM

Tri-Valley State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) has proclaimed Lavonna Martin, director of Contra Costa County’s Health, Housing and Homeless Services Division, as the 2021 Senate District 7 Woman of the Year.

Martin is responsible for providing services to unhoused individuals which, in a statement, Glazer called “a rising crisis during

the pandemic.” She also manages a homeless service delivery system that includes street outreach, respite and emergency shelters, as well as independent living programs for transition-age youth, and connecting community members with permanent supportive housing.

“Lavonna’s selfless leadership and passionate advocacy for those in need have been a lifeline to so many people who have suffered on the

streets, especially during the pandemic,” Glazer said last week. “She is worthy of this award in every respect.”

Dedicated to working with the homeless since starting her career years ago at the Homeless Prenatal Program in San Francisco, Martin has worked for Contra Costa Health Services for the past 21 years. Beginning as deputy director of homeless services, Martin

eventually became chief and then director of the Health, Housing and Homeless Services Division when it was formed in 2016.

During the pandemic, Martin and her team have secured more than 600 hotel rooms for unhoused residents at most risk of contracting COVID-19, with nearly 1702 families and individuals served to date. More than half (54%) have successfully transitioned to other

housing or substance abuse treatment programs.

Martin also has overseen the mobilization of hand-washing stations and porta-potties for those living outside in the cities of Walnut Creek, Concord, Richmond, Antioch, and more. She and her Division CORE Team has also provided unhoused residents with food, hand sanitizer, face masks and solar battery chargers. ■

RED TIER

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week, as well as to our secondary school teams who are working to be ready for our middle and high school students,” PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said in a statement Tuesday evening.

“I am grateful for each of you, as we all have important roles to play in the days and weeks ahead. Let’s continue to collaborate and do what we need to do to keep our community safe — and our schools open,” he added. “I am incredibly proud of us. Specifically, how we all have come together — to show up and to be there for our students in a time of great need. It’s the US

in PUSD that makes Pleasanton a place that inspires students to make a better world.”

Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss also warned that the risk of contracting the coronavirus still requires residents to take caution, especially with the majority of county residents not yet receiving a vaccine.

“Alameda County’s case rate is on the decline and vaccinations of vulnerable residents and our frontline workers are progressing but the COVID-19 pandemic is not over,” Moss said in a statement. “As more activities and businesses open indoors and more people from different households mix, the risk of becoming infected increases.”

Santa Cruz County Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel said that while the pandemic has not completely abated, the tier change and the county’s vaccination progress offer a clear path to recovery.

“This change is a sign of our community’s commitment to health and to each other,” Newel said. “The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter.”

Key restrictions lifted in Pleasanton and the rest of Alameda County due to the red tier status include:

- Restaurants can offer indoor dining at 25% maximum capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer.
- Retail stores expand to 50% maximum capacity and food courts permitted with indoor dining restrictions.

• Grocery stores can expand to full capacity while following retail industry guidance.

• Movie theaters can reopen at 25% maximum capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer.

• Museums, zoos and aquariums can reopen at 25% maximum capacity.

• Gyms, fitness centers and studios (including at hotels) can open indoors at 10% maximum capacity. Climbing walls are permitted.

Recent changes to the state’s guidance on crowds at large outdoor venues will allow the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and the Oakland Coliseum in Alameda County to reopen after April 1.

The state also planned to modify the thresholds for assignment to

each tier of the blueprint in the coming days, based on the number of vaccines administered in the state’s hardest-hit communities.

The threshold changes — which would include pushing the number of cases per day per 100,000 residents required for purple tier assignment from seven to 10 — could potentially keep the Bay Area’s red tier counties out of the purple tier for much longer.

As of Tuesday, only Contra Costa, Monterey and Sonoma counties remain under purple tier restrictions in the 11-county greater Bay Area. ■

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would be enforced by CalRecycle.

Current law requires an attendant to be present at California recycling stations but Hopkins said “in other parts of the country you have a vending machine, you go and you can deposit and then you get your money back.”

“Think about the Coinstar (machine), where you go and dump all of your change in and you get money back,” Hopkins said. “It’s kind of the self-vending idea and that’s really what this bill is contemplating.”

The bill has been minorly

amended, but Hopkins said it has “conditional support” from staff because “it’s not clear if it’s going to fully replace what’s in existence now — does that mean that recycling centers that are currently operating go away, such as we had a buy-back center here, to just this vending machine model?”

Without any clarity about other options for residents, Hopkins said staff is “waiting to see what will happen there in regards to that bill.”

“The funding for the California redemption value funds other programs as well, and it’s not contemplated in the bill of how those recycling programs would be impacted, that aren’t the buyback centers but

that benefit from that redemption value money,” Hopkins added.

Most of the other bills rejected by staff concerned housing development and planning and zoning, including Assembly Bill 115 and Senate Bills 6, 9 and 10. The issue of local control over density and housing carried over into the council’s next discussion right after voting on the legislative framework.

Continuing with a related item from their Feb. 16 meeting, the council unanimously adopted a resolution expressing the city’s position on housing and preserving local control, pushing back on state-level efforts to end single-family zoning across California.

Originally scheduled for discussion last month until time ran out, the resolution states the city “supports legislation that provides, promotes and protects affordability in the housing stock,” and is also “context-sensitive, that does not take a one-size-fits-all approach and allows the city to exercise its local control developing locally appropriate plans that meet state objectives.”

“The draconian usurping of local authority is becoming so intense, the agenda of eliminating single-family zoning across the state,” Vice Mayor Julie Testa said.

Testa added that Senate Bills 10 and 98 “are touted, they are celebrated as being bills that are

designed to end single-family zoning across the state, which is the essence of an assault on local control.”

“I think that we all recognize that there is an appropriate need and place for different types of housing throughout our community, but it should be each community that makes the decision of how that’s going to be done and where that housing goes, and how it fits together,” Testa said.

The council also authorized Brown to send a letter of response concerning Gov. Gavin Newsom’s budget measure to add a “Housing Accountability Unit” to the California Department of Housing and Community Development. ■

Livermore holds youth spelling bees remotely

Exciting competitions go down to the wire

“N-I-H-I-L-I-S-M” gave the win in one age group while a four-way tie for first place after extended rounds was the result in another during the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District’s virtual spelling bees last month.

The two LVJUSD competitions were held Feb. 17 for grades 4-6 and Feb. 24 for grades 7-8, under the guidance of “Spell Master” Philomena Rambo. Each elementary and middle school sent their top spellers to the district-wide contests, where the students competed in a live setting from home.

“I am so proud that our district was able to continue the tradition of hosting our annual spelling bees, despite the constraints of the pandemic. Our students’ and staff’s proficiency in the use of online webinar platforms resulted in two exciting and intense



The finalists in the 4-6 Grade (left) and 7-8 Grade (right) Spelling Bees.



LVJUSD

competitions,” Superintendent Kelly Bowers said in a statement.

“The virtual spelling bees were so much fun,” added Brett Christopher, Livermore High vice principal and emcee for both events. “We had a great collection of students who all did an amazing job. Every year I’m amazed by the words that these students are able to spell and this year definitely

did not disappoint. Congratulations to all of the students that participated in such exceptional competitions.”

Excitement was especially high in the 4-6 Grade Spelling Bee. After 12 rounds and nearly four hours of tough spelling, Rambo in consultation with the judges called time on the competition and awarded a four-way tie for

first place.

The “Final Four” co-champions were sixth-graders Lily Feng and Brayden Kreitzman from East Avenue Middle School, sixth-grader Anaya Menon from Mendenhall Middle School and fifth-grader Mahathi Kamalanathan from Altamont Creek Elementary School.

The 7-8 Grade Spelling Bee victory went to Mendenhall Middle

School seventh-grader Isaac Yee, who was crowned champion after seven rounds when he correctly spelled the word “nihilism.”

Rounding out the other top finishers in the older division were eighth-graders Sameer Dhanvantari from Joe Michell TK-8 School and Amelia Paradise from Junction Avenue Middle School. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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Following the presentations and after hearing from more than 50 speakers during public comment, the board decided to follow county staff’s recommendation to deny the three community group appeals and they voted to deny all of the components of the appeal from Intersect Power.

Supervisor David Haubert, who represents District 1 which includes the area of the project site, said that this was a “tough decision” for him in balancing open space, the environment and the need for clean energy.

“As mayor (of Dublin), I voted many times to preserve thousands of acres of open space,” said Haubert, facing one of his first major local decisions since joining the board in January. “I have voted and held developers accountable to mitigate the impacts of wildlife. There’s no denying what this project will do from an environmental perspective. I would also like to echo, however, the amazing public comments very well articulated by members of the public on both sides, by applicants and appellants on both sides.”

The board imposed some conditions of approval of their own, including a condition to work with the county agricultural commissioner to modify language in the project’s agriculture management plan as well as implementing an easement of land for a public hiking trail, among others.

The decision on the evening of March 4 was met with enthusiasm from developer Intersect Power, while appellant Save North Livermore Valley vowed to challenge the approval in court.

“We are incredibly grateful for the many years of collaboration with county planning staff, East Bay

Community Energy, local environmental and agricultural experts and the active members of the community that has allowed for the development of a solar and energy storage project that truly goes above and beyond,” said Marisa Mitchell, head of environmental and permitting with Intersect Power, in an email to the Weekly.

“The Aramis Renewable Energy Project will benefit East Bay citizens through employment, environmental justice, recreation, education, habitat, pollution reduction, regenerative agriculture, and by enhancing local electrical reliability. Its approval demonstrates Alameda County’s commitment to addressing the climate crisis by acting locally.”

Chris O’Brien of Save North Livermore Valley said that the group was “very disappointed in the outcome” of the hearing.

He said the group plans to continue the fight against the project by moving forward with a lawsuit on the grounds that the board’s decision violates the county’s own zoning code and General Plan as well as state law as it relates to Measure D, which was passed by voters in 2000 and aims to preserve agricultural land and open space in eastern Alameda County.

For his part, Haubert argued Measure D as it is written is problematic.

“It’s prohibitive, it’s caused consternation, it’s not clear on this issue,” Haubert said of the legislation. “We have some that say this project complies, some that say it doesn’t. I have to say that I rely and appreciate and trust our staff to do the very best that they can do, the very best that can be done.”

“And so, when they say that this project is eligible for making overriding considerations and when they say that this project meets the legality of

Measure D — and reliant upon my colleagues here, again — it’s clear support for this project and I respect each and every one of you and am willing to support as well,” he added.

County staff recommended denying the three resident group appeals in their report because “the project has been under review for more than two years and given the goals of the project, the EIR has appropriately determined that — except for the scenic resources — the project can mitigate any impact to less than significant level.”

Staff also contended the use of the land for a solar energy farm can be permitted with a conditional use permit, and overall, the appellants “did not provide any additional information or persuasive arguments in their appeal letters that would lead to reconsideration of the staff conclusions.”

In regard to Intersect Power’s appeal, staff recommended that all of the zoning board conditions be maintained; however, they agreed to sustain one aspect of the developer’s appeal that argued plantings along the western boundary of the site wouldn’t be necessary as it is not visible from any public roads.

In their recommendation, they included the condition for Intersect Power to work with the O’Brien family, who own the residential property along the western border, to determine the best screening measures.

Many opponents of the project maintained that they are not against solar energy, but they have serious concerns about this project mostly related to perceived environmental impacts at the chosen site — located partly at 1815 Manning Road and 4400 N. Livermore Ave., both south of Manning Road and west of North Livermore Avenue, and partly on two other parcels without street addresses

north of Manning Road at its intersection with North Livermore Avenue.

The three local resident groups that filed appeals against the project expressed concern about the solar energy plant potentially causing harm to wildlife in the area.

As an additional step to protect biodiversity at the site, Intersect Power announced a new habitat conservation plan days before the hearing that would include pursuing voluntary incidental take permit coverage from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife as well as establishing a conservation easement in an offsite location to make up for possible short-term loss of marginal habitat during construction.

The size of the project was also an issue raised by residents who question the need for utility-scale solar in the proposed area. Currently, there is no policy in place that specifically addresses projects of this nature and some opponents believe one should have been implemented before officials moved forward with Aramis.

“I’m a supporter of solar power but I urge you today to not approve this project,” Livermore resident Priya Basu told the supervisors. “I can’t add or take away from any of the legal or scientific arguments that have been made but instead I urge you to look at this project from the perspective of 50 years from now — from an environmental and a cultural perspective.”

“The area that we are talking about industrializing is a majestic, open space range of lands that are functioning ecosystems and they are a dwindling natural resource in the Bay Area. With this solar project, we are justifying the 19th century’s practice of colonialism to steal from the land its viability under the well-intentioned but misused 20th century

doctrine of anything that saves the planet must be good,” Basu added, continuing:

“I think we’re smarter than this. Let’s take this back to the drawing board and develop and apply a 21st century fair-minded, holistic solution that takes into account that this open space is already part of the solution to climate change and preserving the environment.”

Despite the issues raised by opponents, the project has amassed a large backing of supporters as well, including Livermore residents and environmental organizations.

“I moved to Livermore in 1987, raised two kids here and will be here for the rest of my life,” David Nelson said. “I love this valley and I’m also a resident of the North Livermore area. I am in support of the Aramis project.”

“It seems to me they have shown that they would work with the community. I specifically like the language of local hire and the use of apprentices from a certified apprenticeship program. It’s time to stop saying ‘not in my backyard,’ this is in my backyard and I support this project,” he added.

Following the board’s approval, the Sierra Club issued a statement celebrating the decision.

“We applaud Alameda County for its unanimous approval of Aramis,” Sierra Club senior campaign representative Luis Amezcua said in the statement. “As one of the largest solar projects in Northern California, Aramis is well-sited and will be critical to aiding the local economy and achieving California’s clean air and energy goals. We look forward to continuing our work with Alameda County and other stakeholders in building local clean energy that is consistent with our support for Measure D and will create good, union jobs.” ■

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Back on campus

Pleasanton public schools reopen for in-person learning under hybrid system

By JULIA BAUM

Parents and students were lined up before the gates opened Alisal Elementary School last week, eager to return to in-person learning since the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Pleasanton Unified School District to close almost exactly one year ago.

Even before families arrived, PUSD Trustee Steve Maher told the Weekly, “the excitement in the air, you could feel it.”

Going back to school can trigger anxiety for some children but Maher — who welcomed back students in pre-kindergarten through second grade to Alisal on the morning of March 4, along with other district cabinet members and staff — said this time “I didn’t see any students crying; I didn’t see any hesitation.”

“When the students started showing up, their eyes were just wide and they were so eager to get out of the car,” Maher said. “I

couldn’t see their faces, their smiles, because they had masks on, but I knew they were excited because they got right out of the car.”

Select stable cohorts of students have been on site for certain programs since summer, but last week marked the beginning of a return to normalcy for many Pleasanton families that reported struggling with the virtual curriculum since March 2020.

Enacting the phased reopening plan unanimously approved last month by the Board of Trustees, pre-K through second grade came back on March 4 and students in grades 3 to 5 followed on Monday. Middle and high schools were on track to reopen yesterday after the state moved Alameda County into the less-restrictive red tier.

The atmosphere at Alisal on March 4 could easily be compared to the first day of school — which was officially back in August



PUSD staff and cabinet members were on hand to welcome back students to Alisal Elementary School on the morning of March 4. Several days before grades 3 to 5; secondary students were due back to their schools yesterday.

— with parents reporting that their students were specially prepared for the big day.

“I cried walking him across the street; it felt really good,” Jen Kratochvil said when arriving at Alisal with her son Knox that morning. “I’m so happy I feel so relieved for him. He was so excited too, he got up really early today and picked out his outfit on Monday. I’m really happy for him; he’s been waiting for this.”

Jasmine Alvarez’s kindergartner, Joshua, was also “so excited” about coming back to school, she said.

“He laid out his clothes last night and he’s ready to go back to school. He even said, ‘I’m ready to go back to school,’” Alvarez said.

Families still have the option to remain in remote learning under PUSD’s hybrid system, but parent Fionnuala Killian told the Weekly that her family feels “like we’ve made the right choice” when dropping off her first-grader Max on March 4.

“It’s great that everyone has options to stay at home as well and make their own decisions, but for us it worked. With our schedule, we’re feeling good about it,” Killian said.

With PUSD sites reopening again, Maher added, “maybe a little bit of normalcy is coming back.”

Things won’t be exactly the same as before for some time, however. Due to physical distancing requirements, students in hybrid learning are in much smaller classes when on site, attending either in the morning or afternoon and then completing their other assignments at home.

In an interview on Monday, PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said, “Generally, across the schools it’s about 55% that have returned, but some are much higher.”

More notably, about 75% of students are back at Valley View Elementary for in-person learning. Haglund attributed the school’s higher percentage of hybrid learners to its dual immersion language program, which he said “really is an immersive program — the teachers speak primarily Spanish to the students while they’re there.”

In most of the classrooms that Maher visited over the past week, he said there were about a dozen students at any given time.

Even with fewer students onsite, “I was out in classrooms today and seeing the level of complexities the teachers are having to manage in classrooms — students in front of them and at home — it is a complex thing they’re being asked to

do,” Haglund said.

“One teacher described it as keeping the plates up on the sticks like at the circus. We’ve got great teachers and they’re figuring it out,” the superintendent added.

State law requires public school districts to still offer remote learning for families during the pandemic, but Helen Harvey said while dropping off her daughter at Alisal last week that she was “feeling great” about students going back to school.

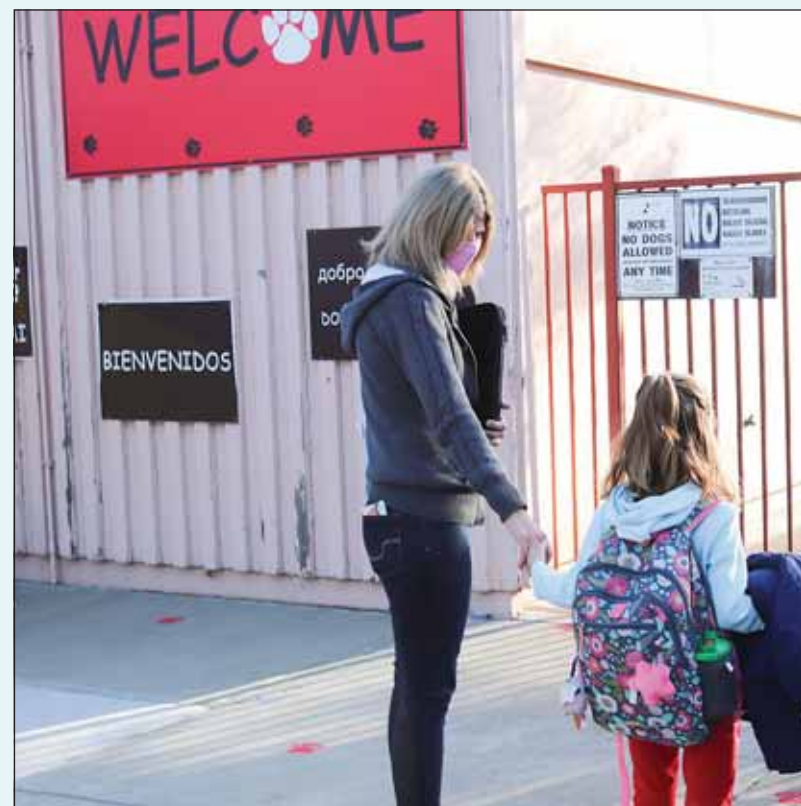
“This will be great for them,” Harvey said. “We’re feeling safe and everyone will be in masks, so that’s great. I think the district has done a great job to keep us informed and prepared.”

Key changes at sites to ensure



RYAN J. DEGAN

Kindergartner Joshua Villaverde, Jasmine Alvarez and Johany Villaverde walk to school for the first time in a year.



Helen Harvey drops off daughter Anabel, a second-grader who was greeted by secret



RYAN J. DEGAN

March 4. Pre-K to second grade returned

spent by the end of May.

Much of the money already received has been used to hire additional support staff for reopening, officials said, and the district is also waiting on an anticipated \$4.43 million grant for supporting in-person instruction from the state. Another possible \$9.35 million from a statewide “Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant” program is still pending.

The majority of teachers at the elementary level have resumed teaching in person, though Haglund said a total of three primary teachers were granted leave, and another group has received special accommodations.

“At Vintage Hills they had some students that wanted to be remote, so they were able to put the remote students with a teacher who is requesting accommodations,” Haglund said. “They’re still working on some of the secondary ones.”

Secondary students were set to start coming back to campus yesterday (after the Weekly’s press deadline) after the state advanced Alameda County into the red tier of the COVID-19 case monitoring system. Today (staff development day) and Monday (negotiated holiday) are off-days for all students, under the instructional calendar approved before the school year.

The reopening of middle and high schools already has staff and parents planning for possible in-person graduation ceremonies this year, which Haglund expects will be informed by state guidelines on public gatherings.

“We’re kind of on hold until we get that information from the state,” Haglund said. “I think students and parents would love to be back on their campuses, and we’d like to see that too, the question is what does that look like.”



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Maestra Lourdes Luy leads a lesson for her kindergarten dual immersion students, some of whom were in the classroom at Valley View Elementary School while others were participating from home as seen on the screen.

staff and student safety include industrial-sized containers of hand sanitizer in all classrooms and common areas, keeping students at least six feet apart, wearing face coverings, and upgraded air ventilation systems as needed.

Amid the significant changes, though, Maher said “the kids seem to be fine. When I went to visit class, they were working on fractions.”

With state funding taking a hit during the pandemic, PUSD has received nearly \$7.4 million of learning loss mitigation funds since March 2020 — \$6.3 million of which has been expended, according to district documents. The total includes \$4.2 million from the federal CARES Act, which must be

Whenever the county reaches the orange tier, Haglund said student athletics will reopen more and spectators may possibly be allowed to attend competitions again, which are currently restricted to competitors and essential staff.

Though “not a normal setting” at the moment, parent Margo Shimy said her sons are now at least able to see their peers in person at Walnut Grove Elementary.

“Obviously, we’re in the middle of a pandemic so there is that anxiousness, those nerves, but Walnut Grove has done a great job prepping the school,” Shimy said. “They’ve done an amazing job getting everybody ready. You feel confident from just seeing how they’ve been prepping and what everything looks like.”

With one son in fifth grade and the other in kindergarten, Shimy said their experiences returning were notably different. Her younger son, Liam, “was so excited” to finally see his kindergarten teacher in person for the first time, and also solidified some friendships made virtually earlier this year.

“Even from a distance they’re making connections, in person. They are still there at a distance and in a mask, but you still get that connection,” Shimy added.

The day of reopening, Shimy said, “We walked to school, he barely said goodbye to me. He just walked right in, he felt right at home walking right onto campus. When I picked him up that day, he was so excited telling me all about his day.”

There were back-to-school jitters for her older son, Lucas, but it was unrelated to the usual worries such as making friends.

“He was more nervous about not doing things wrong because now there’s the different rules,” Shimy said. “He asked me, ‘Am I going to get in trouble if I get in the wrong line?’ And I tell him, ‘Oh, no, no, no, everybody’s learning at the same time.’”

When Lucas came home later that day, Shimy said he declared “it was the best day.”

“That community feeling feels really good to go back to,” Shimy added. “It felt good to see the people again for me; I love it.” ■

Editor’s note: Weekly reporter Ryan J. Degán contributed to this story.



RYAN J. DEGAN

Secretary and school registrar Amy Wood.



RYAN J. DEGAN

Erin Salcido teaches her first-grade class at Alisal while still providing programming for students who are continuing to learn remotely.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Ex-PPD chief Spiller hired as top cop in San Rafael

Former Pleasanton police chief David Spiller is set to take the reins next week as the new permanent chief of the San Rafael Police Department.

Spiller, whose departure from the Pleasanton Police Department in November 2019 was described at the time as a retirement, has been working for the past 7-1/2 months as the interim police chief in Menlo Park.

"I am excited to be a part of this amazing San Rafael city organization," Spiller said in a statement released by the city of San Rafael. "I genuinely look forward to lending my experience to San Rafael and working with a team of committed public service professionals. San Rafael is a wonderful, supportive community and I am eager to be a



David Spiller

part of this very special place."

Spiller did not respond to a request for comment from the Weekly this week. His first day on the job in San Rafael is scheduled for next Tuesday (March 16).

Lauding the former Pleasanton chief for an "impressive background as a law enforcement professional," San Rafael city officials said Spiller rose to the top in a nationwide hiring process conducted by search firm Bob Murray & Associates. His starting salary will be \$193,824 per year.

Spiller spent more than 17 years in managerial roles with Pleasanton PD, including eight-plus years as police chief beginning in 2011. A career police professional who has held every sworn rank position, Spiller worked for the San Diego and Mountain View police departments before coming to Pleasanton as a police lieutenant in 2002.

An attempt at retirement wouldn't last long for Spiller. After stepping down as Pleasanton police chief on Nov. 14, 2019, he spent time working with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Office of Internal Affairs as a member of the organization's Deadly Force Review Board

before agreeing to become interim chief of the Menlo Park Police Department effective July 31 after an abrupt opening arose there.

When his San Rafael hiring was announced last month, Spiller received high praise from his predecessor there, retired chief Diana Bishop: "He is thoughtful, professional and a progressive thinker. The San Rafael community will be fortunate to have Chief Spiller leading its police department. The department is in great hands."

San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz added, "Chief Spiller has that rare combination of being a great communicator and also a great listener. From the women and men of the police department, to our very engaged community, Chief Spiller is going to build trust and keep San Rafael moving forward."

Spiller's successor as Menlo Park police chief was selected earlier this month: David Norris, a longtime police official in San Mateo.

In other news

- The owner of a Concord-based landscaping company was charged this week with two felonies in connection with the death of an employee at a worksite in San Ramon

nearly three years ago, prosecutors said last week

The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office and state investigators allege Segundo Collazos, owner of Amazon's Landscaping Company, was negligent under the California Labor Code as an employer ahead of the death of Manuel Peralta on the job.

Peralta, 68, of Antioch died while operating a rented tree stump grinder in San Ramon on April 9, 2018.

According to prosecutors, Collazos' license with the Contractors State License Board was suspended at the time of the incident. Peralta's death initiated an investigation by the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) Bureau of Investigations.

The first felony charge alleges that Collazos allowed Peralta to use a stump grinder in a manner contrary to the manufacturer's recommendations and work within the danger zone of the cutting wheel, which resulted in the worker's death.

Prosecutors allege in the second count that Collazos failed to properly train Peralta on the proper and safe use of the stump grinder, which also contributed to his death.

It was not immediately clear whether Collazos, 66, has entered a plea to the charges or whether he's represented by an attorney yet.

"When a Cal/OSHA investigation reveals evidence a worker's serious injury or death involves criminal misconduct, our Bureau of Investigations Unit refers those cases to the local District Attorney's Office for prosecution," Cal/OSHA chief Doug Parker said in a statement. "We thank the Contra Costa County District Attorney for their work on this case. Employers must be made aware that disregarding the requirement to train and supervise workers using dangerous equipment can lead to tragedy and possible jail time."

The DA's Office also took the opportunity to remind homeowners to double check that a prospective contractor is currently licensed and insured before hiring them for residential construction work.

Homeowners can check the validity of a license number on the Contractors' State Licensing Board website at www2.cslb.ca.gov or call 800-321-CSLB (2752), prosecutors said. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Attilio (Art) Crosetti

April 21, 1936 – February 7, 2021

Attilio "Art" Crosetti passed away on February 7, 2021 at St. Mary's hospital in San Francisco. He was 84.

Born April 21, 1936 in San Francisco, Art graduated from Bellarmine Prep in 1953 and from The University of Santa Clara in 1957.

As a senior he captained the Santa Clara boxing team. He moved his family to Pleasanton in 1971 where he and his wife Sandra raised their five children. He was an active member of St. Augustine's parish for 40 years, volunteering to head its St. Vincent De Paul and Legion of Mary chapters, coaching CYO basketball and conducting prison ministry.

He owned several businesses and properties before retiring to Marysville in 2011. He is survived by his sisters Leora Crosetti (90) and Joyce Crosetti (88), and his children Paul Crosetti (58) and daughter-in-law Maria Crosetti (56), Claire Crosetti (57), Teresa Atzmon (55), Lisa Yee (50), John Crosetti (42) and daughter-in-law Futura Crosetti (31). He is also survived by his grand children Danny Crosetti (31), Lucia Crosetti (26), Gabriel Crosetti (23), Emily Robles (21), Angela Crosetti (20), Zach Atzmon (11), and Alec Crosetti (3).

A funeral mass was held in his honor at St. Augustine's in Pleasanton on February 22, 2021.



PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 6

Fire

■ 12:54 a.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

Theft

■ 7:43 a.m. on the 4700 block of Mason Street

■ 5:41 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Domestic battery

■ 10:09 a.m. on Bernal Avenue

■ 8:02 p.m. on Pleasanton Avenue

Burglary

■ 10:36 a.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Drug violation

■ 9:39 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

March 5

Theft

■ 12:08 a.m., 6700 block Santa Rita Road; auto theft

■ 1:22 a.m., 3900 block of Pimlico Drive; theft from auto

■ 2:38 p.m. on the 3500 block of Stanley Boulevard

■ 3:17 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

Domestic battery

■ 6:48 p.m. on Corte Rivera

March 4

Theft

■ 7:39 a.m., 3900 block of Empire Court; theft from auto

■ 5:25 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

Drug violation

■ 11:15 a.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and Lansdown Court

■ 3:35 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 8:47 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Warrant arrest

■ 4:51 p.m. at Owens and Johnson drives

Fraud

■ 5:48 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

March 3

Burglary

■ 8:20 a.m. on the 4600 block of Chabot Drive

Vandalism

■ 11:02 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Assault/battery

■ 12:09 p.m. on the 3500 block of Nevada Street

Warrant arrest

■ 4:06 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 11:49 p.m. on the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue

Theft

■ 6:57 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

■ 7:03 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

Domestic battery

■ 10:26 p.m. on Adobe Drive

March 2

Theft from auto

■ 1:19 p.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

Warrant arrest

■ 2:50 p.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

■ 6:20 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Drug violation

■ 10:01 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

March 1

Drug violation

■ 12:11 a.m. at Denker Drive and Beech Court

■ 2:33 a.m. on the 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road

■ 3:51 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 5:35 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

DUI

■ 12:22 a.m. at Virgil Circle and Arthur Drive

Theft

■ 7:35 a.m., 6300 block of Singletree Way; theft from auto

■ 9:46 a.m., 7700 block of Fair Oaks Drive; auto theft

■ 12:33 p.m., 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive; theft from auto

■ 4:03 p.m., 4700 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting

■ 6:32 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Arson

■ 9:59 a.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

Assault/battery

■ 9:55 p.m. on the 500 block of Main Street

Feb. 28

DUI

■ 1:14 a.m. at Hopyard and Golden roads

Warrant arrest

■ 1:25 p.m. at Stoneridge and Rheem drives

■ 9:00 p.m. on the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

Theft from auto

■ 4:55 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 7:14 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Assault/battery

■ 10:46 p.m. on the 3900 block of Mt. McKinley Court

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Tell us how you really feel. No, seriously

We've hit that common lull in the aftermath of a hectic local election season.

No, not coverage-wise — if anything, Tri-Valley news remains busier than ever these days.

We mean with Letters to the Editor.

After months of receiving letter after letter after letter on various local election topics (Karla Brown v. Jerry Pentin in Pleasanton, incumbents or challengers for school boards, deciding among all of those new names for city council seats), the reader submissions only trickle in sporadically now.

We hope to see that change, and soon.

Letters to the Editor have such value for a local news organization like ours.

They are a great way to further constructive conversation about a range of important subjects that impact our residents' lives. And there are so many prevalent issues for people to

broach right now: the pandemic, reopenings, education, social justice, water quality, development projects — to name just a few. State and national news are certainly fair game as well, but we will prioritize those focused on localized topics.

But letters can also serve as an avenue to just share a positive anecdote or put something on the community's radar.

We want to hear from you. We need our readers to stay active and engaged, civilly.

Provided you follow our rules, of course.

Foremost, an author must live, work or have deep personal ties in our coverage area (Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol, San Ramon, Danville or Alamo), and they must publish their full name. And we will verify.

We do have a venue for anonymous commentary — our popular Town Square forum on PleasantonWeekly.com, where identification is encouraged but not required — but we reserve

our Opinion page in print for on-the-record perspectives.

Letters must also be 250 words or less. We generally hold firmly to that maximum; it is equitable to readers and respectful of our space constraints.

The most effective letters often analyze specific topics while penned with precision. The 250 words should be more than enough, and shorter submissions can be very impactful as well — as you can see this week.

We do, in limited and specific circumstances, accept or solicit Guest Opinion pieces of up to 550 words, but bear in mind, we're looking for that author to represent a clear authority in a field or a unique perspective on a topic or a truly standout writing style — and probably ideally, all three characteristics.

In most cases, we'll defer a reader to our letter guidelines.

We do reserve the right to

edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. And submitting a Letter to the Editor or Guest Opinion constitutes a granting of permission to the Pleasanton Weekly, DanvilleSanRamon.com and Embarcadero Media to also publish it online, including in our online archives and as a post on Town Square.

Letters are generally published based on order of receipt, space, and variety of subject and author, among other factors. The letter must be received by 5 p.m. Mondays to be considered for that week's print edition.

Embracing the risk of "be careful what you wish for," we call on our Tri-Valley readers to submit those letters. Advancing productive, civil discourse demands it. Email editor Jeremy Walsh at jwalsh@pleasantonweekly.com. ■

LETTERS

Oppose Newsom recall

Dear Editor,

I write in firm opposition to the recall of Gov. Newsom and not because I'm a Democrat but because it's a bad idea.

I was deeply disappointed in the governor for his poorly thought out public dinner at the ultra-exclusive French Laundry while he was advising the rest of us to stay home. It was a stupid move I'm pretty sure he now regrets.

He's made other policy decisions people can reasonably disagree with. But here's the thing ... in the entire history of the United States exactly two Governors have been recalled (1921 in North Dakota and 2003 in California).

We have a method for removing elected officials from office ... it's called an election. And absent demonstrable criminal behavior while in office (clearly not in evidence here), this is the only legitimate path we should use to remove any

governor from office.

Recall is a far-too-blunt instrument to address displeasure with the performance of our duly elected officials. And if naked hypocrisy is to be taken into account, the 6,006,429 Californians who voted for the most recall-worthy president in U.S. history last November shouldn't even get a vote on this one.

—Jay P. Maille

Thank you, Weekly

Thanks so much for the terrific layout for the article about Livermore-Amador Symphony's "Peter and the Wolf" video! We are so excited to see such wonderful publicity for this project that has taken much time by many people this winter. We really appreciate your tremendous coverage. Thanks for your great support.

—Carol Boster,
Livermore-Amador Symphony,
board member

Public Notices

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No: RG21087811 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Rudra Yadav filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: RUDRA YADAV to RUDRA CHATTUR YADAV. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the

hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: March 26, 2021, 11:00 a.m., Dept.: 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2021. Judge Tara M. Desautels, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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Actor from Pleasanton stars in spooky TV classic

Parker Queenan enjoys returning to relax with family, old friends

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

"Are You Afraid of the Dark?" Nickelodeon kicked off its new season last month, and the first episode begins with Connor, played by Parker Queenan, looking terrified as he steals into the local magic shop.

Queenan, 19, hails from Pleasanton, where he fell in love with movies and filmmaking at an early age.

"I started acting when I was a kid," Queenan said in a phone interview from his home in Los Angeles. "I went to this community theater summer camp."

He continued attending acting camps, eventually meeting the person who became his manager, he recalled. He began to audition long distance but eventually realized that if he wanted to pursue acting, he should move down south.

His folks, Angi and Kevin Queenan, were not the stereotypical stage parents, Parker noted — they left it up to him but were encouraging when he wanted to give it a go.

"My aunt lived in St. Louis and she was like, 'Let's do it,' and moved to Los Angeles with me," Queenan said.

He was 14 at the time and remembered it being a lot of fun for him, and for his aunt, too.

"It was a really different lifestyle for her and for me," he said. "We started off saying we'd give it one year."

Then he realized he needed to stay longer.

"For a couple of years, I hadn't seen the fruits of it, but I was making progress and my family in Pleasanton was very supportive and said I should continue," he said.

Now Queenan has had roles in "Punky Brewster," "Party of Five" and "Andi Mack," and he is one of the central characters in the second season of "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" which is based on the 1990s TV cult classic of the same name.

The series is about a group of kids, led by Connor, who dub themselves the Midnight Society and meet to share horror stories. Then the real world begins to resemble one of their tales.

"One of the reasons this episode was so great is partly due to the chemistry of the cast ... Each character presents a distinct personality trait," read one online review.

Queenan spent a few weeks in Pleasanton at Christmastime after intense, 14-hour days of shooting in Vancouver.

"It was nice to come back and sleep for a couple of days," Queenan said with a laugh.

He also enjoyed seeing his brothers — Taylor, who lives in San Ramon, and Chandler, who goes to college in Boulder, Colo. — as well as friends.

"My oldest friends I've had since I was 11 years old, maybe even since I was 4 or 5," Queenan said. "No matter how much success I get, I'm not really treated any differently."

Queenan said filming continues despite the pandemic.

"In the film industry, they pivot really, really well," he said. "No matter how much you put them through, they end up on their feet — like a cat."

Shooting in Vancouver was better for the

budget and also safer, he said, although filming also continues in Hollywood.

"We get tested every day, wear masks and shields, and quarantine wherever we're shooting," Queenan said. "It's very, very safe."

"It's giving jobs to many, many people, not just the people in front of the camera," he added. "Especially in a place like Los Angeles, where the touchstone is movies and cinema, it allows the economy to move a lot smoother."

Queenan said he enjoys his time on the sets and finds that his upbringing in Pleasanton, attending Vintage Hills Elementary and

Pleasanton Middle schools, were valuable even as he did independent study once he moved to L.A.

"Lots of people didn't have the social skills I got from those public school years," he said. "That's helped me in my career. A lot of young people learn to be professional and diplomatic but maybe don't know how to relate to their peers."

Relating to his young costars is important, he noted, as he might meet them shortly before filming begins.

"Then, over the next three months, we

begin to get close. But in the beginning, there's a certain unknown," he explained.

Queenan is taking college courses and doing independent film studies with an eye toward a future career in writing and directing in addition to acting. But he continues to return to Pleasanton to kick back and relax with family and old friends.

"It's like a perfect getaway," he said. "I love L.A. and the traveling, but it's good to have roots back home where on weekends I can go back for a few days and get to say hi to everybody and see those old cornerstone places." ■



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Actor Parker Queenan, 19, moved from Pleasanton to Los Angeles at the age of 14 to pursue a career in films.



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The kids in "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" call themselves the Midnight Society as they share horror stories, leading to bizarre consequences.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

In "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" Parker Queenan plays Connor, the leader of a group of kids who get together to share horror stories — then the real world becomes as spooky as one of their tales.

Museum on Main finalizes speaker series

Famous people in history will be presented online for 2021

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum on Main has announced its 2021 season for the Ed Kinney Speaker Series, which presents “An Afternoon or Evening with...” a famous person from history each month, and was postponed from last year. It will be held virtually, picking up in March with Lady Bird Johnson where it left off in 2020.

The schedule remains the same with two exceptions: Gene Roddenberry will appear April 14; and Marie Curie will be July 21.

“Erma Bombeck, who was originally scheduled for July of 2020, was a fan favorite, so people may be surprised to see she is no longer on the schedule,” museum education director Sarah Schaefer said. “Her performance requires in-person audience interaction, so we have re-booked her for our 2022 season and replaced her with famed scientist Marie Curie on the 100th anniversary of her visit to the United States.”

The performances will be held Wednesday afternoons and evenings in order to keep the same dates as last year’s events, which were scheduled on Tuesdays. Those who purchased tickets to the 2020 series are asked to email Sarah Schaefer at education@museumonmain.org or call the museum at 462-2766 to ensure they are signed up for the new season.

Others, from near and far, who want to participate in the virtual series can visit the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Susan Marie Frontczak will portray Marie Curie on July 21.

museum’s website to purchase tickets. Cost per screen is \$10 for members, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$20 for general admission. Access to the virtual shows will be provided to ticket holders through email one day prior to the performance date.

The Ed Kinney Speaker Series hosts actors who give Chautauqua-style performances, in which the audience can interact with the historical character in a live question and answer

session after the presentation.

“We had a wonderful experience with live Q&A during our virtual Ghost Walks so we are very optimistic about having it in the virtual speaker series,” Schaefer said. “We will also be using a new web-based webinar platform, Big Marker, that is even easier to use than Zoom. Not only will patrons not have to download any special app, the program also allows for more meaningful and engaging Q&A sessions.”

The museum will hold a series of test runs for those who want to become familiar with the platform before attending the shows. The first test run is at 11 a.m. next Saturday (March 20).

The speaker series is also sponsored by Pleasanton and the Civic Arts Commission Grant Program, which helps keep ticket costs low. For more information, visit www.museumonmain.org or call the Museum on Main at 462-2766.

Ed Kinney Speaker Series

The 2021 “An Afternoon or Evening with...” performances will take place at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:

- March 24: Lady Bird Johnson. Claudia Alta Taylor “Lady Bird” Johnson, wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson, served as First Lady of the United States from 1963 to 1969,

portrayed by actress Gay Storm.

- April 14: Gene Roddenberry, an American television screenwriter and producer, who most notably created the “Star Trek” television series, portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Doug Mishler.

- May 26: Che Guevara, who is seen by many as a savior and to others as a violent revolutionary and murderer, the Communist leader will be portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Joey Madia.

- June 9: Thomas Edison, one of America’s greatest inventors, who brought us the light bulb, phonograph and motion pictures, depicted by actor Peter Small.

- July 21: Marie Curie, one of the world’s most renowned scientists, best known for pioneering the field of radioactivity, portrayed by Susan Marie Frontczak.

- Aug. 18: Jacques Cousteau, a French naval officer, ocean explorer and co-inventor of the Aqua-Lung, portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Doug Mishler.

- Sept. 15: William Shakespeare, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world’s greatest dramatist, brought to life by actor J.T. Turner.

- Oct. 13: Audie Murphy, America’s most decorated World War II combat soldier and Hollywood star, portrayed by actor Duffy Hudson. ■

Starting Sunday: ‘Vineyard Vibes and More’

Local entertainers appearing virtually in free concert series

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center is offering a new series of free, virtual entertainment featuring local musicians and comedians with “Vineyard Vibes and More,” starting Sunday.

The series, which begins just two days after the one-year anniversary of the closing of the Bankhead Theater due to the pandemic,



Faith Alpher

builds on the concerts offered September to November.

“Vibes” opens this Sunday (March 14) with the soulful music of Sunny and the Black Pack, followed March 21 by a screening of comedian and radio personality Faith Alpher’s one-woman hit show, “Black Girl, Funny World.”

Three shows recorded live at Retzlaff Vineyards will begin March 28 with the folk and Americana sounds of singer-songwriter Michael McNevin, continuing April 11 with the psychedelic 1960s rock sound of local favorite

LunaFish, and ending April 18 with an evening of laughs with comedians Regina Stoops and Stacey Gustafson.

The artists are donating their time and talents, and all “Vineyard Vibes and More” events are free to the public, although advance registration is required for online access. A donation will be possible when placing a ticket order, and a virtual “tip jar” for performers will be available onscreen during the events and immediately afterward.

Performances begin at 6 p.m. Sundays with

access continuing for 24 hours after the start time. The community effort is also supported by Retzlaff Vineyards, which makes its outdoor stage available for socially distant performances; and recording and editing is donated by the full-service video production agency, Advance Creative Group. The performances also are made possible, in part, by the Bankhead Theater’s 2020-21 season sponsor UNCLE Credit Union.

Tickets are available at www.LivermoreArts.org. ■

AAUW offering scholarships for college women

Local branch supports equality through education, advocacy

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of the American Association of University Women is offering its annual scholarships to women who will be juniors or seniors in college during the upcoming academic year and were raised in the Tri-Valley or now live in Pleasanton, Livermore or Dublin.

Applications are due by May 1; visit www.aauw-lpd.org for more information and a form.

Last year, the three women who earned the scholarships received \$2,000 apiece. They made the following comments:

“(I am) honored and excited to receive your scholarship. Thank you for being a part of my journey.”

“This money will help me focus on the road ahead without worrying about bills and books.”

“It means so much to me knowing that people believe in me.”

The local AAUW branch has been supporting its mission of “advancing gender equality for girls and women through research, education, and advocacy” for 68 years.

Last year it hosted “Three Talks for High School Girls,” given by young professional women who shared their backgrounds from what courses they took in high school and college to how they were succeeding in their chosen professions; 180 participants registered from the five area high schools to watch the programs on Zoom.

The branch also offers a weeklong STEM summer camp at Stanford University for girls entering the eighth grade, designed to develop their interest in science, technology, engineering and math, although the program has not taken place during the pandemic. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Writers club to present California Poet Laureate

Topic is: ‘Does Poetry Matter in the Modern World?’

California Poet Laureate Dana Gioia will present “Does Poetry Matter in the Modern World?” at the Tri-Valley Writers Zoom meeting at 2 p.m. next Saturday (March 20).



Dana Gioia

Gioia will talk about his journey to becoming a writer and discuss his new book, “Studying with Miss Bishop: Memoirs from a Young Writer’s Life.”

The session is free and open to all who reserve a place by next Thursday (March 18); email president@trivalleywriters.org.

In 1991 Gioia authored the provocative essay “Can Poetry Matter?” Published in the Atlantic Monthly, his article received more public response than any other piece in the magazine’s history. During his tenure as Poet Laureate of California, Gioia’s

unprecedented tour of all 58 California counties became the subject of a BBC radio documentary.

Gioia is the author of five collections of verse, has written four opera libretti and edited 20 literary anthologies. He served

as chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts in 2003 and 2009 and received the Presidential Citizens Medal in 2008.

Born in Los Angeles to working-class parents of Italian and Mexican heritage, Gioia was the first person in his family to attend college, and he earned degrees from Stanford and Harvard.

For more information about the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch, visit www.trivalleywriters.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Theatre

LAS POSITAS THEATER ARTS This spring join the Las Positas College Theater Arts Department for a series of live and pre-recorded events meant to inspire and bring theater into your home. March 30 - April 10 fans can download multiple events as part of On Demand Theater events. All productions were filmed using green screen technology at Las Positas College's Mertes Center for the Arts as a part of the Spring 2021 Season of Plays. Visit <https://www.showtix4u.com/events/LPCTheaterArts>.

MASTER CLASS IN ACTING & PLAYWRITING For all aspiring high school actors and playwrights, join a free online creative workshop led by professional artists in conjunction with The Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., March 27. Apply now as space is limited. Visit www.eugeneoneill.org.

Concerts

CELTIC ROCK DRIVE-IN CONCERT Rock out to the Celtic Rock tunes of Cali Celtic and Tempest from the comfort and safety of your car. 6 p.m., March 13, \$40 per car. Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center, 4980 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Visit dublin.ca.gov.

VINEYARD VIBES AND MORE Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will offer a new series of free, virtual entertainment with "Vineyard Vibes and More" starting on March 14, featuring the talents of local musicians and comedians. Opening the series will be the unique and soulful music of Sunny and The Black Pack. More information and tickets are available at LivermoreArts.org.

Opera

LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA TRIPLE TREAT 2021 Livermore Valley Opera is offering a series of free online concerts on LVOpera Channel on YouTube. "Triple Treat 2021" features professional opera singers performing in three concerts. The first is "Arias from Tosco Plus", 6 p.m., March 13. Visit livermorevalleyopera.com.

Dance

RHYTHM OF THE DANCE Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center presents Rhythm of the Dance, a performance recorded in front of a live audience that features award-winning dancers, excellent musicians and foot-tapping passion. This event can be streamed online until March 21. Visit livermorearts.org.

Talks & Lectures

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: MYSTERIOUS SEAS Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and Quest Science Center presents Mysterious Seas. Get a glimpse into the ocean's greatest depths and the fascinating creatures that live there with two leading marine biologists. Through stories and conversations they shine a light on this dark, cold and mysterious world. March 31, tickets are \$20. Visit livermorearts.org.

AN AFTERNOON WITH LADY BIRD JOHNSON Pleasanton's Museum on Main Ed Kinney speaker series presents An Afternoon or Evening with Lady Bird Johnson. Wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson, she served as First Lady from 1963 to 1969 and was both an American socialite and a shrewd investor. 2:00

p.m. & 7:00 p.m., March 24. Visit museumonmain.org.

MOVING FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING WEBINAR Clinical psychologist Dr. Debra Kaysen will present a webinar for accessible and scalable strategies for improving mental health, including strategies for addressing Covid-19 related mental health concerns. She will discuss specific strategies to help mitigate stress and to help build resilience. 6:15-7:30 p.m., March 30. RSVP at alanhufoundation.org/events.

Film

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: FEATS OF FILMMAKING Meet two filmmakers renowned for capturing extreme feats of adventure in some of the world's most remote and inhospitable environments. Presented by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, the filmmakers take on the seemingly impossible, including chasing tornadoes, hanging from massive natural arches and swimming with alligators. 6:30 p.m., March 17. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE UPSTANDERS FREE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING A documentary about resilience and the power of connection to end bullying, sponsored by Axis Community Health. The film highlights new laws and programs already reducing bullying in schools. 4-5:30 p.m., March 17. Contact axishealth.org.

Food & Drink

GRAB-N-STAY FAIR FOOD FEAST The Grab-n-Stay Fair Food Feast includes classics like corn dogs, churros, funnel cakes and other items. Stay and eat or pre-order for curbside pickup. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., March 11-14 and 18-21. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

ST. PATTY 'O TABLE TAKEOVER Shops and restaurants will be open to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a new, fun Covid compliant format. It's all about the green, wear it, sip it and enjoy traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage at some locations or go for your non-Irish favorites with a green twist. Sponsored by Livermore Downtown Inc., March 17, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Visit eventbrite.com and search the event to register.

Family

NILES CANYON RAILWAY Back for 2021 and offering a new set of special limited capacity rides, discover Niles Canyon in all of its spring splendor behind steam or diesel power. 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., March 13-14. Visit ncry.org.

PPIE VIRTUAL RUN FOR EDUCATION The Pleasanton Partnership in Education Foundation (PPIE) Virtual Run for Education is April 11-18. Run, walk, bike and more with friends, family, school and the entire community. \$20 w/shirt or \$15 w/out until early registration of March

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

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15. Teachers 50% off. Register at ppierun.com.

SHAMROCK 5K FUN RUN & WALK Join the city of Dublin for the 22nd annual Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk - Virtual edition. This fun and safe community event encourages physical activity while celebrating everything Irish. March 13-20. For more information call 556-4500 or visit dublin.ca.gov.

Seniors

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR FOR SENIORS The Dublin Senior Center misses you. Join senior staff and friends on zoom. 10-11 a.m., Wed., March 17. Email seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov for the Zoom link and password.

THE PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY GROUP (PTUG) PTUG is for all computer enthusiasts and includes discussions, lectures, demonstrations and a questions/answer period. PTUG meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. The next meeting is March 25. Email pleaseniorgmail.com.

VIRTUAL POETRY WORKSHOP This intergenerational program is offered in partnership with Pens and Paint Foundation and the Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center. Pens and Paint will lead two free Virtual Poetry Workshops using the Zoom platform. To register visit pleasantonfun.org using the course code 23393 or call 931-5340. March 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS Legal assistance for seniors remains open for free remote legal services. The Health Insurance Counseling (HICAP) and Advocacy Program also continues to provide free remote Medicare counseling. To schedule a phone counseling appointment with HICAP, call 510-839-0393.

RIDES FOR PLEASANTON SENIORS Pleasanton Rides (formally Pleasanton Paratransit Services) is transporting to medical and grocery appointments (M/W/F). For more information visit blacktietrans.com/pleasanton-rides or call 398-1045.

Bingo

DRIVE-IN BINGO Play Drive-In Bingo from the comfort of a car, truck or SUV in the Pleasanton OTB Parking

Lot. Get the live game call over your FM radio and watch the ball camera live on Zoom with a smartphone or tablet. It's like a drive-in movie with big cash prizes. 12-1 p.m., March 13. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Writers

HIGH SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST Tri-Valley Writers presents "My Story, My Vision," the tenth annual writing contest for local area students. The contest is open to students grades 9-12 in the Tri-Valley. Cash awards for first, second and third place winners. Submissions accepted until April 4. Visit trivalleywriters.org.

A CALIFORNIA POET LAUREATE ASKS IF POETRY MATTERS California Poet Laureate Dana Gioia will present "Does Poetry Matter in the Modern World?" at the next Tri-Valley Writers Zoom meeting. He will discuss his journey to becoming a writer and his new book. The session is free and open to all who reserve a place by Thursday, March 18. To reserve, email president@trivalleywriters.org.

Gardening

GARDENING Q&A The Livermore Public Library presents Gardening Q&A on zoom with Mark Brunell, professor of biological sciences at the University of the Pacific. Get answers to questions about seed growing, tomatoes and other summer vegetable crops, soil preparation and more. 10:30 a.m., March 20. Visit us02web.zoom.us/j/89814506212.

SUSTAINABILITY LIVE: ADVICE TO GROW BY Join this online free live broadcast every month as special guests share the latest tips and provide inspiration and education in times of uncertainty. From drought-tolerant planting to fruit trees, from pest control to patio pots, they can help with all of it. Visit eventbrite.com and search the event to register.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for 7p.m., March 16. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Employment

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Workday, Inc., Pleasanton, CA. Lead a team of dynamic SW dev. to build & maintain a platform that supports workday's main customer interface using the Agile Scrum methodology. To apply, please mail resume to ATTN: Jessica Thurston, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Please refer to Job #20637.645.

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Roche Molecular Systems, Inc., Pleasanton, CA. Req: PhD in Molecular Bio, Chem, Biochem or a rlted fld + 1 yr of exp. Apply: <http://applyroche.com/202102-103977> Job ID: 202102-103977).

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 30 to Dec. 11 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

Pleasanton

588 East Angela Street A. Faber to V. & T. Fiske for \$1,480,000
1957 Armondo Court May Family Trust to Vishal Living Trust for \$3,250,000
5734 Athenour Court Harechmak Family Trust to J. Kyong for \$1,350,000
5764 Belleza Drive J. & D. Holder to T. Hui for \$900,000
5331 Black Avenue #1 J. Bortsvadze to S. & K. Chatterjee for \$810,000
4071 Blacow Street M. Patel to P. & N. Chunduri for \$1,277,000
5364 Brookside Court Destein Living Trust to S. & K. Bojja for \$910,000
6545 Calle De La Mancha Anderson Trust to J. & R. Bansal for \$1,515,000
2157 Canosa Court Rinkle 2012 Trust to Hindson Family Trust for \$6,100,000
7745 Capewood Place C. & B. Clark to K. & M. Hurley for \$1,118,000
3614 Chillingham Court R. Conlon to R. & A. Rajurwar for \$1,400,000
2719 Corte Vera Cruz Li-Han Trust to L. & K. Muniasamy for \$1,505,000
1054 Gray Fox Circle Coe Family Trust to J. & M. Laha for \$1,825,000
920 Gray Fox Circle M. & M. Korenberg to L. & M. Abraham for \$1,926,000
7276 Huntswood Court Baro Living Trust to R. & V. Sharma for \$2,340,000
4189 Lucca Court X. Wang to S. Soedjadi for \$708,000
6730 Menlo Court D. & B. Bayani to P. & V. Sardeshmukh for \$1,212,000
8110 Mountain View Drive #C F. Afkar to H. & S. Sriramaneni for \$575,000
340 Mullin Court S. & J. Ford to N. & A. Faruqui for \$2,180,000
3300 Newport Street Miller Living Trust to C. & L. Henckels for \$1,500,000
194 Peters Avenue #C Sternquist Trust to M. & J. White for \$550,000
727 Peters Avenue Hp Community Trust to M. & D. Paulk for \$1,488,000
2661 Rasmussen Court R. Khattar to B. & T. Sharma for \$1,710,000
809 Sylvaner Drive K. & J. Gondkoff to X. Song for \$1,680,000
1913 Via Di Salerno N. & N. Kaufman to Z. & Y. Wang for \$2,550,000
2731 Wheatman Court Jaju Living Trust to X. & M. Wang for \$1,285,000
4547 3rd Street Abrott Living Trust to Fitz Family Trust for \$1,205,000
3595 Ballantyne Drive A. & J. Kim to R. & L. Venkata for \$1,225,000
5650 Belleza Drive Farlin Trust to P. Ginne for \$935,000
7560 Canyon Meadow Circle #D Buchanan Family Trust to J. & C. Alvino for \$490,000
3239 Chardonnay Place A. & D. Moll to A. & J. Ou for \$1,780,000
4193 Churchill Drive R. & M. Hazan to P. & B. Gannavarapu for \$1,318,000
5275 Crestline Way M. Kent to R. Deol for \$1,080,000
2289 Delucchi Drive G. Wortham to Z. & P. Xu for \$1,100,000
624 Division Street S. & G. Desin to Ho Living Trust for \$1,770,000
844 Division Street J. & J. Kennedy to B. & C. Hindson for \$2,275,000
2263 Doccia Court K. & E. Miyamoto to T. & P. Motewar for \$2,300,000
7230 Foothill Road K. & K. Zierau to Y. & H. Luan for \$2,450,000
2009 Foxswallow Road Delong Trust to M. & K. Moon for \$1,490,000
1457 Freeman Lane A. Mehta to P. & R. Akepati for \$1,300,000
5071 Hummingbird Road Thompson Living Trust to C. & X. Zhang for \$1,165,000
4204 Mairmont Drive Williams Family Trust to

R. & S. Byregowda for \$1,170,000
386 Mavis Drive Straface Trust to Y. & J. Park for \$1,160,000
553 Neal Street Ho Living Trust to S. & G. Desin for \$1,300,000
7535 Olive Drive C. & D. Jardin to M. & S. Bali for \$1,200,000
4837 Pipit Court Robinson Trust to J. & Z. Xu for \$1,440,000
1525 Poppybank Court S. Carter to Blue Bay Ventures LLC for \$775,000
659 Rowell Lane Martin Family Trust to A. & T. Briner for \$1,850,000
3358 Santa Rita Road X. & N. Kisner to S. & D. Banerjee for \$570,000
2365 Silver Oaks Lane Hcr Trust to Blau Trust for \$2,650,000
2311 Silver Oaks Lane Lane Family Trust to P. & R. Khattar for \$2,740,000
505 Tannet Court Pattanayak Family Trust to L. & B. Deivasigamani for \$1,306,000
2493 Via Espada S. Mall to A. & F. Khan for \$1,330,000
4156 Vineyard Avenue Lui Dai Family Property LLC to Dai Liu Family Trust for \$1,060,000

Livermore

2345 4th Street K. Eckardt to Solomon Trust for \$930,000
1701 Altamar Way J. & D. Brinkman to J. & C. Soviero for \$970,000
524 Andrea Circle Gray Family Trust to J. & T. Chau for \$1,015,000
2142 Autinori Court P. & C. Carison to K. Chang for \$1,375,000
1780 Blackwood Common Cadwell Family Trust to D. & Z. Gong for \$855,000
1445 Chateau Common White Living Trust to Libkind Family Trust for \$710,000
861 Cherokee Drive J. & R. Andrus to C. & J. Hernandez for \$725,000
883 Cindy Lane A. Simmons to S. & S. Thilamplam for \$1,001,500
1122 Dublin Avenue J. & K. Black to P. & S. Lee for \$955,000
1468 Fox Creek Court L. & A. Becker to S. & H. Aravindakshan for \$1,050,000
2399 Harewood Drive H. Polcar to L. & J. Mcpherson for \$1,245,000
987 Hazel Street Hart Spouses Trust to E. Lillie for \$855,000
1459 Heather Lane A. & M. Snow to K. Jacobson for \$750,000
71 Heligan Lane #3 J. & V. Licican to A. Fawad for \$625,000
1236 Hibiscus Way N. Bandelow to S. & V. Aski for \$753,000
751 Holmes Street D. Virgin to V. & P. Cabrera for \$775,000
764 Jensen Street M. & T. Oto to M. & J. Torrado for \$815,000
1186 Larkspur Drive J. Nemecek to B. & T. Jaswal for \$635,000
436 Leona Drive E. Frandsen to N. & S. Ubhi for \$880,000
1655 Lodestone Road R. Plate to Leela Family Trust for \$1,380,000
881 Los Alamos Avenue S. Rowe to B. & A. Lattin for \$975,000
10 Meritage Common #104 Barrett Trust to C. & N. Armanios for \$690,000
2464 Merritt Place Buntjer Family Trust to Brown Trust for \$1,475,000
5556 Mines Road Brilliant General Maint Inc to Timothy Trust for \$1,425,000
1817 Monterey Drive P. & P. Aggarwal to V. Moestopo for \$541,000
1087 Murrieta Boulevard #240 R. Saint to M. Mcalister-Sanchez for \$365,000
1009 Murrieta Boulevard #7 K. Bumanlag to Y. Sultan for \$380,000
768 Newbury Street Mansoor Living Trust to C. & M. Monico for \$1,275,000
465 Nightingale Street A. Costa to I. & A. Liu for \$805,000

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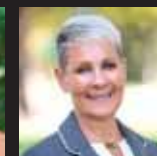
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7261 HUNTSWOOD CT PLEASANTON

5 Bedrooms, Office + Bonus Room
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5,600+/- Sq. Ft.

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PLEASANTON | SOLD

1428 White Stable Drive

5 BD | 4.5 BA | 4,157 SqFt | 10,022 SqFt Lot

The Sellers were this home's original owners and had this to say: "Thank you so much Kris for having helped us go through this one of a kind process. While, very stressful and emotional on our side...we are now ready to move forward and explore new horizons. We do value - and are grateful for - the professionalism that you have demonstrated all along this short but intense journey. We will certainly refer your expertise to our neighbors and acquaintances."

- Michael and Fabienne



Listed at \$2,100,000 **SOLD \$2,300,000**

WALNUT GROVE on the WATERFRONT | PENDING

17396 Grand Island Road

3 BD | 2 BA | 1,728 Sq Ft | 11,039 Sq Ft Lot with 50 feet of Waterfront Property

Paradise Found just outside the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento areas. As you work from home, take a break and fish right off of one of your private docks, where salmon, sturgeon, striped and bass are plentiful. Spectacular sunset views, boating, fishing and peaceful living are all part of the normal as you settle into this serene location. This custom home is raised and overlooks the Sacramento River with 50 feet of private waterfront property, complete with owned-solar, shared well and septic.



The buyers and sellers are thrilled to bring the accepted offer together!

Presented at \$1,140,000

PLEASANTON | SOLD

4735 McHenry Gate

The "Gates" Neighborhood

4 BD | 3.5 BA | 2,487 Sq Ft | 7,766 Sq Ft lot

Beautifully remodeled and expanded in the heart of Pleasanton. The kitchen has been beautifully updated and opens to an added family room. The open floor plan provides a spacious feeling and perfect gathering place for family and friends. An office, a bedroom and family room on the main level are additional features of the home. Close to Pleasanton's own Sports Park.

Presented at \$1,510,000 **SOLD FOR \$1,750,000**



LIVERMORE | JUST LISTED

1190 Hibiscus Way

2 BD | 2 BA | 1,280 Sq Ft | 6,407 Sq Ft lot

A one story charmer located in the "Springtown" neighborhood. The seller has lovingly updated their home, offering dual pane windows, Bamboo flooring, recessed lighting, updated master bath with a step in shower, updated hall bath and a spacious and open floor plan. The rear yard welcomes you with a covered patio overlooking the private grass area. Close to schools, parks and ease of commute. This could be the home you have been waiting for.



Presented at \$745,000

LIVERMORE | JUST LISTED

743 Mojave Avenue

"Sunset West" Neighborhood

3 BD | 2 BA | 1,404 Sq Ft | 6,000 Sq Ft Lot

Remodeled kitchen, and updated throughout, including a spacious dining area, the living room opens to the family room. Offering dual pane windows, recessed lighting, crown molding, and new engineered wood floors. The Master bath has been updated, welcoming you with a Barn-style entry door and a step-in shower with special features. An additional sunroom is just off the living room for office space, a home gym or kids playroom. Enjoy the privacy of the backyard, and so much more.



Presented at \$880,000



"Kris brings a perfect mix of old school service and professionalism, with cutting edge technology, to bring all of the pieces together for a home-run! We would not hesitate to refer friends and family. We can't thank her enough for finding us our FOREVER home"

- The Mountain Family, Sellers and Buyers

"Kris was exceptional throughout the process of selling and buying our home.. She went above and beyond!"

- Kevin and Charlen, Buyers

"Kris Moxley is an amazing real estate agent... She is very knowledgeable on the laws and gives expert advice as to how to receive top dollar for your home. Kris is a class act and we recommend her to anyone looking to buy or sell a home."

- Matt and Lisa, Sellers

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