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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

A new start with Funk

After more than two years overshadowed by one big leadership question mark, a new day finally arrived this month for the Dublin Unified School District: Long-time San Jose education administrator Chris Funk took the helm as superintendent.



Chris Funk

of the best practices may have kind of gone to the wayside, and I don't think it will take a whole lot of effort to actually get them back to where they need to be," he said.

He also cites strong experience with bond project management in San Jose.

He is the fourth man to occupy DUSD's head chair, but its first permanent officeholder, since ex-superintendent Leslie Boozer and the Board of Trustees abruptly agreed to part ways mid-contract in March 2019. Funk follows Matt Campbell (three-week "acting"), Dave Marken (year-plus "interim" with an acrimonious exit) and Daniel Moirao (one-year "interim").

And he's well aware of that incongruity.

"That's what I look forward to is bringing stability, bringing partnership and co-creating with our unions on what our district looks like in the future and how we get there together," Funk told me during a fast-paced but in-depth phone interview Monday about the key issues facing Dublin Unified at the dawn of his tenure.

Funk comes to the Tri-Valley for the first time professionally after a long career in his native San Jose, including the past nine years as superintendent of the East Side Union High School District. The 55-year-old will continue to live in San Jose with his wife, Leslie; they have two adult sons.

He had actually announced his departure from ESUHSD (destination unknown) one summer ago. Funk acknowledged anxiety within that district around budget recovery, but he told me, "I actually left in good terms, in good standing ... I chose to leave because I thought the timing was right."

The opportunity to return to a K-12 system was among what drew Funk to apply in Dublin, as were its strong student success record, dedicated staff and "a very involved community."

There was no elephant in the room with this new superintendent; he knows one of his main tasks is addressing the employment turnover that has plagued Dublin Unified in recent years.

"I think that what's lacking because there's been a high turnover from top to bottom — not only in teaching positions but particularly in leadership positions — that some

That background will be a necessity in Dublin Unified, whose facilities program was thrown into disarray last year, spurring ongoing debates about financial prioritization in light of questions about bond funds and project costs.

"I'm looking forward to our Facilities Master Plan and the audit that will be completed in September, not because I want to look at laying blame. I just want us to do an autopsy and figure out where we can improve so that we solve problems moving forward," Funk said.

"I am committed to making sure that we finish the completion of Emerald High School," he added. "And I think once we get Emerald High School under our belt, then the anxiety, the fear, the anger will dissipate and people will see how transparent we are moving forward."

With instability in the district, in more ways than one, as a dominant cloud overhead, Funk starts in Dublin with an initial three-year term that pays \$344,500 in the first year. "I'm also planning on this being my last professional gig or at least superintendency, and so I've got another seven to eight years to work," he told me.

Only time and record will tell whether Funk's tenure will represent the solidifying force DUSD stakeholders so desperately desire, but his mindset sounds right at the outset.

"I see that our staff are our No. 1 assets, and you need to take care of your assets, you need to nourish them, you need to protect them, you need to reward them. Our No. 1 clients are our students and their families, and we have to be receptive to them, their needs," Funk said. "I make decisions with what I believe is truly an equity lens."

"I do believe in the whole child. I want the child to be safe at all times, I want us to nourish their mental health, I want to nourish their social and emotional learning, I want them to be able to focus in the pathways that they love and I want them to be ready with a plan when they leave Dublin to either take on college or to take on their career or whatever pathway they choose to go." ■



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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON

What in the world really fascinates you?



Pamela Schultz Lawyer

In a really sad way, I'm fascinated by the near extinction of the vaquita, a very small kind of porpoise that lives only in Mexico's Sea of Cortez. There are only about 15 of them left. They get caught up in the nets of fishermen who are illegally trying to catch a type of very exotic fish that sell for over a thousand dollars apiece on the black market. I can't stop thinking about it.



Pearl Kariakin

Administrative assistant

I'm fascinated by technology and how fast it changes and improves our lives, but at the same time, is also so destructive in so many ways. A perfect example is social media. It's great to be so connected with others, but at the same, it results in people wasting an extraordinary amount of time.



Erik Kowalewski Lawyer

Micronations, for sure. They are real physical territories, usually very small — like a rock somewhere off of the coast of a country. They are independent little nations that lack legal recognition by world governments. But the people who control them issue their own coins, flags, postage stamps and other state-related items and take these responsibilities very seriously. Fascinating stuff.



Shalae Mitchell

Sales associate

Definitely food and wine because they bring people together in such a positive way. And especially with regard to the wine, I am fascinated by its history and origins. Every wine has its own distinct, individual story.



Karin Ward

Marketing

Well, as a mom I am fascinated by all of the ages and stages of child development. My son is 18 now, and I have been so fascinated for so many years, watching him develop into the very fine young man he has become.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Swalwell staffers

Several staffing changes are in process this month for U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell's office.

First, Swalwell announced the hiring of Yarden Wolf, former vice president of the New York office of political consulting firm Berger Hirschberg Strategies, as his new chief of staff after his prior chief of staff, Michael Reed, left for a job as senior adviser to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-S.F.).

Swalwell also promoted his district director Mallory De Lauro to become his new district chief of staff. A member of the congressman's staff since 2015, De Lauro previously worked there as a constituent services representative and manager.

Additionally, Swalwell is working to hire a new communications director with Natalie Edelstein's departure June 30 to become deputy communications director for U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.). His office hopes to have a new hire on board by the end of July.

A musical cabaret

Las Positas College theater arts students are returning to the stage in front of a live audience next week for a series of shows in an aptly titled musical cabaret.

"The First Time in Forever" will feature the eponymous song from the animated movie "Frozen," as well as songs from popular musicals such as "Waitress," "Little Shop of Horrors" and "Mean Girls." It is the first production with live audiences for the Livermore community college since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.

The show will be performed first at the outdoor amphitheater at Las Positas, and then be made available for on-demand viewing the following week.

Live performances will be July 22-25 at 8 p.m. each night, with tickets costing \$15 to \$20. The online recording will be available for viewing from July 26-31. For tickets, visit showtix4u.com/event-details/54742.

Nonprofit of the Year

State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) recently selected La Clínica de La Raza as the Nonprofit of the Year for his 7th Senatorial District.

La Clínica has been vital to Contra Costa County's vaccination efforts, collaborating with county health officials to make COVID-19 testing and vaccinations easier for communities of color and other underserved segments of the community, according to Glazer's office. The nonprofit's six locations in 7th District are in Oakley, Pittsburg and Concord. ■

Search for missing runner on Ridge grips Pleasanton, Bay Area

After days of extensive effort, police had 'no significant clues' in man's disappearance as of noon Wednesday

By JULIA BAUM

As a fourth day of searching for a man missing in the Pleasanton hills since Saturday drew to a close, law enforcement officials announced their decision on Tuesday afternoon to scale back the effort.

The search for Philip Kreycik, 37, of Berkeley has gripped the Tri-Valley and brought out hundreds of locals, eager to offer their time and tackle 9,090 acres of tough terrain and hazards like poison oak and rattlesnakes in Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park to find the

avid runner.

Coordinators said so many residents showed up to help look for Kreycik on Tuesday morning that some were turned away due to reaching "saturation for volunteers."

Despite expanding the search area 100 meters outside of his intended route and their "exhaustive search efforts," officials from



Philip Kreycik

the Pleasanton Police Department said in a statement that "no significant clues were collected" as of late Tuesday afternoon. Blood was found on a rock earlier during the day but testing confirmed it was animal blood.

"This was not an easy decision to make, and our focus is to continue supporting the Kreycik family," Lt. Erik Silacci said. "We thank all of the search and rescue crews as well as the hundreds of volunteers who rallied together and remain committed to locating Philip."

Kreycik was last seen at the Moller Ranch staging area at around 10:45 a.m. Saturday. His wife reported him missing when he didn't return from an hour-long run that afternoon on the Pleasanton Ridge. Kreycik's cellphone was later found inside his vehicle parked at Moller Ranch.

Ground searches occurred during the day on Sunday and Monday. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office on Monday night conducted

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COURTESY OF CITY OF LIVERMORE

Rendering shows design concept for new Chick-fil-A restaurant coming to Livermore. After endorsing the project last September, the City Council advanced final approval of the parcel map on Monday evening.

New Chick-fil-A restaurant moves forward in Livermore

After criticism, councilmembers Carling and Kiick address company's 'harm' to LGBTQ community

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore City Council gave Chick-fil-A its final approval Monday to develop a new location on a recently annexed acre-and-a-half parcel on North Livermore Avenue near Interstate 580.

The project was initially approved by the City Council in September but a finalized parcel map required council's consideration. The topic was included in the consent calendar, a portion of the agenda where a number of items considered routine in nature are typically voted on in bulk.

However, council members Brittni Kiick and Bob Carling each addressed the item, acknowledging the turbulent relationship between the Georgia-based fast

food restaurant and the LGBTQ community.

Chick-fil-A has faced criticism for years over company executives and its foundation donating to charities that oppose LGBTQ rights. The company has said it redirected its charity focus in 2019 to education, homelessness and hunger.

After making a motion to approve the consent calendar, Kiick said, "I just want to recognize that there has been some community feedback about item 4.6 and today we're being asked to approve items that are administrative in nature, not legislative." Kiick was referring to comments she received directly from community members prior to the meeting.

She continued, "It's my job

to approve a final parcel map, not make any judgments about whether businesses are good or bad and I recognize there's been some harm done to the LGBTQ community by Chick-fil-A. But again, that is not my role here to state what kind of places I believe people should shop at. That's their choice."

Kiick also reminded the community that they have "every right to vote with their dollars and get their fried chicken elsewhere."

Carling offered support for Kiick's perspective before sharing sentiments of his own.

"I recognize this is an administrative vote and I will vote in favor of the resolution presented

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Tri-Valley urges 15% water use reduction

Agencies ask customers to voluntarily cut back amid drought conditions

By JULIA BAUM

Tri-Valley residents are being asked to "do a little more" by voluntarily cutting back their water use by 15% from their levels last year amid drought conditions this summer.

There are "multiple sources of water supply storage" including local groundwater supplies allowing Tri-Valley communities to "withstand the occasional dry winter," but Zone 7 Water Agency General Manager Valerie Pryor said that "after two especially dry years in a row, we cannot rely on storage alone."

Cal Water, Dublin San Ramon Services District, Zone 7, and the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore are among the local municipalities asking customers to reduce their water usage after Gov. Gavin Newsom included Alameda County in his emergency drought declaration last month.

Six weeks ago, Californians were asked to cut back their water use by 10% from their levels in 2020. Newsom issued another executive order earlier this week for all California residents to further reduce their water use by 15% from their 2020 levels.

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Livermore high schools to offer three new ‘equity-focused’ courses

Electives for grades 10-12 receive unanimous approval from Board of Education

By CIERRA BAILEY

High school students attending Livermore public schools will have three new equity-focused elective options this fall following the Board of Education’s unanimous approval of the courses last month.

The newly developed courses — “American Identities through Ethnic Literature,” “Ethnic Studies: America’s Social Change” and “Social Justice in Literature” — will be available as electives for grades 10-12, which means they are optional for students to take.

“The expansion of course offerings is a continuous process for our district as we are always looking for ways to broaden the educational experiences for our students,” said Melissa Theide, assistant superintendent of educational services for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

“We are excited to offer these elective courses, in particular, so that our students have opportunities to expand their understanding of history and literature from varied and diverse points of view,” she added.

The classes will be offered beginning this fall at Livermore and

Granada high schools as well as Del Valle Continuation High School and Vineyard Alternative School.

“Given our increasingly diverse constituency, our board and district’s commitment to addressing issues of equity, and in response to direct appeals from young alumni and students of color to diversify our elective course offerings, these courses have been developed,” district staff wrote in an agenda report for the school board’s June 15 meeting where the vote was taken.

The report continued, “These upper grade elective courses are designed to increase exposure to multicultural works and writings by authors from various ethnic backgrounds, including those of historically marginalized cultures and to examine and explore cultural and social change and movements, as well as issues relative to cultural and ethnic identity, equity and bias.”

“There’s a lot more things that are in the headlines, there are things that are concerning our students and so the students — working with their teachers — come up with proposed coursework that would enrich their educational experience and so, we listen to them,” Board

President Craig Bueno told the Weekly, adding that he thinks it’s “a good idea” to incorporate new curriculum that broadens students’ views.

Students and parents banded together in support of the new curriculum.

Diversify Granada, a student-led organization that advocates for increased diversity in literature taught at Granada High School, used social media to encourage their peers to attend the meeting and to write letters to the board expressing support for the classes. The group said they received more than 100 responses from students and parents and they read some of them out loud during the meeting.

“In preparation of the LVJUSD board meeting, Diversify Granada created an online form where current and former students could give their feedback regarding the courses,” group member Taylor Melton said. “We felt as their student representatives, this would be the most efficient way to convey our peers’ thoughts to the board in hopes of a positive outcome. With our wishes coming to fruition, we were so pleased to see that the board

unanimously voted in favor of the courses.”

Sian Salazar, Miraya Choudhury, Meena Mynampati and Melton founded Diversify Granada last summer amid social justice uprisings after the murder of George Floyd. The group held a virtual conference in February featuring a panel of children’s book authors of color to promote diversity in education, particularly literature.

All four founders graduated from Granada this year, so they will not be able to take any of the new equity-focused courses. But they said they are happy that younger students will get to benefit from them.

According to the course overview, “American Identities through Ethnic Literature” will “explore the connections between ethnic identity, literature and culture in the United States. Rather than focus on one tradition, we will read works by writers from various ethnic backgrounds including African American, Asian American, Latinx and other American immigrants.”

Mynampati said she thinks this type of literature is, “valuable for everyone to read because you’re putting yourself in the shoes of

other people and that’s the basis of empathy.”

“Ethnic Studies: America’s Social Change” is described as “a one trimester elective course in Social Science that will examine the origins, nature, challenges and achievements of civil rights and social movements in America after 1945.”

The “Social Justice in Literature” course “offers students an opportunity to carefully read and critically analyze a variety of non-fiction and fiction texts that focus on historical and current topics of social issues by authors of historically marginalized cultures.”

The objective of the course is for students to “emerge with a greater understanding of how various aspects of the human condition — class, race, gender identity and sexual orientation — do not exist separately from each other but instead are woven together in a complex framework.”

In its agenda report, district staff said instructional materials for the three courses will be purchased from the district-established instructional materials budget using Local Control Funding Formula and Lottery funds. ■

County doing work on unincorporated Livermore roads

Chip seal paving set for July 26 to Aug. 6

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore residents and commuters can expect road closures, detours and other driving impacts at a number of unincorporated roadways beginning later this month due to the Alameda County Public Works Agency’s chip seal program.

County officials said in a statement that the road maintenance will occur from July 26 to Aug. 6 between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

During those two weeks, people driving through unincorporated areas of town will experience delays up to 30 minutes, loose rock on the roadways, flaggers, reduced speeds and single-lane traffic through work zones.

Officials advise drivers to plan extra travel time, to slow down and to adhere to traffic control signage. While the schedule may change due to weather, equipment breakdowns

and other unforeseen circumstances, the planned program schedule is as follows:

Week One:

July 26: Wente Street at Concannon Boulevard - through Marina Avenue
July 26: Marina Avenue at Wente Street - through Arroyo Road
July 27: Arroyo Road at Mile Marker 3.93 - end at county right-of-way at park entrance
July 28: Patterson Pass Road at Mile

Marker 6.9 - end at San Joaquin County line

July 29: Street sweeping at Wente Street / Marina Avenue / Arroyo Road

July 30: Street sweeping at Patterson Pass Road

Week Two:

Aug. 2: Patterson Pass Road at Mile Marker 4.9 - end at Mile Marker 6.9
Aug. 3: Patterson Pass Road at Mile Marker 3.2 - end at Mile Marker 4.9

Aug. 4: Patterson Pass Road at corner of South Flynn Road - end at Mile Marker 3.2

Aug. 5: Patterson Pass Road at Mile Marker 0.2 - end at corner of South Flynn Road

Aug. 6: Street Sweeping at Patterson Pass Road.

For more information, visit public works website at acpwa.org, call 925-803-7007 or email info@acpwa.org. ■

Preparing student veterans for academic journey

Operation Gateway coming up at LPC

By JULIA BAUM

Military service members and veterans currently enrolled or thinking about attending classes at Las Positas College can learn about available resources at a two-day virtual seminar happening later this month.

Offered annually through the Veterans First Program at LPC, Operation Gateway is open to student service members, veterans and their families. Now in its 13th year, Operation Gateway specially helps the military-affiliated community with transitioning into college life, career planning and applying for financial aid, among other things.

LPC graduate Timothy Leach is a veteran of both the armed forces and Operation Gateway, the latter of which he said was particularly useful

for developing a support network of former service members. Leach is now employed at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

“Transitioning out of the military and into a civilian lifestyle is an emotional roller coaster ride and a difficult adjustment,” Leach said. “Being introduced to other veterans going through the same struggle helped me and other student veterans develop ways to adjust to civilian life and become a successful student.”

Leach added, “It also was beneficial for myself and other student veterans to know that they still matter and that they have not been forgotten by the country they love and have proudly served.”

The two-day program offers workshops and seminars for attendees at

no cost, and aims to give former service members the tools they need to transition successfully from military to college.

“Our mission has always been to support and reduce barriers as veterans make their transition from military to college and civilian life,” Veterans First supervisor Todd Steffan said in a statement. “Since day one, our focus has been to listen to our student veterans’ voices, hear their challenges and try to address these challenges so they are able to be successful in college and after college.”

Steffan added, “Our priority has been and always will be to provide the best service we can and to put the students we serve — especially our student veterans — first.”

Operation Gateway has helped

students like former Marine Kristi De Lashmutt and Army veteran Anthony Santos.

“The program is a great guide to ensure that veterans are aware of valuable college and veteran resources,” De Lashmutt said. “Returning to school as an adult and a veteran can seem overwhelming at first, but Operation Gateway ensures that student veterans leave the program confident and excited about going to college.”

Santos called the event “an incredible way for me to connect with school resources, community support, and other student veterans,” and “a great way to start my transition into civilian life.”

Students who attend the event for their first time and complete all of the workshops will receive a book

stipend through the LPC bookstores. Veterans attending Operation Gateway can also receive one-on-one help with applying for financial aid and counseling on how to maximize their VA education benefits.

Veterans First will also debut “Mission Ready: Veterans Learning Community,” a new group that places military-affiliated students in cohort groups for attending classes, socializing and studying together. The learning community is expected to roll out and have students join starting in the fall.

Operation Gateway will take place on July 29-30 and is intended for student veterans, active duty, guard/reservist or a family member of a veteran. To RSVP for Operation Gateway XIII, visit laspositascollege.edu. ■

'Inside Dublin' to start in fall

By ANNA HSU

Applications for the city's 2021 leadership academy "Inside Dublin" are now open with the program starting Oct. 2.

Formerly known as "Dublin 101," the leadership academy has operated for the past 15 years, providing residents with a more in-depth understanding of the city's departments and affairs. Previous attendees of the program have taken their involvement with the community a step further in becoming city commissioners and councilmembers.

This year, Inside Dublin, led by assistant city manager Colleen Tribby, includes presentations on education, infrastructure, public safety, local government and community development.

With a goal of encouraging citizens and participants to become involved in the community, the program offers attendees the opportunity to learn more about the

city's present and future issues.

The city has partnered with many local agencies, including Dublin San Ramon Services District, Dublin Unified School District, Office of Emergency Services, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Alameda County Fire Department, in order to bring the program to life.

The leadership academy is limited to accepting the first 25 qualified applicants. Qualified applicants are those who are 18 years and older, and live and work in Dublin.

The program is free for all participants and is funded through the annual City Council-approved budget.

Lasting seven weeks long, the program starts on Oct. 2, with classes from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in various locations, every Thursday of each following week.

Applications are found at www.dublin.ca.gov/insidedublin and close at 5 p.m. on Sept. 1. ■

WATER

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In the order, Newsom said, "There is now a need to augment ongoing water conservation and drought resilience investments with additional action to extend available supplies, protect water reserves in case drought conditions extend to a third year and maintain critical flows for fish and wildlife."

DSRSD General Manager Dan McIntyre said "a little change can make a big difference" when it comes to addressing drought conditions, and residents can do quite a bit on their part by only running dishwashers and washing machines with full loads and

immediately repairing water leaks. Toilets especially can be a source of "sneaky leaks," while toilet flappers only have a useful life of one to two years.

"Because outdoor irrigation is 60-70% of an average homeowner's water use, the easiest way to reduce overall water use is to irrigate when the outdoor temperature is cooler (9 p.m. to 7 a.m.) and to reduce the length of time and frequency of your irrigation," McIntyre said.

Tri-Valley water agencies will continue providing water use updates as drought conditions evolve. For more information on water conservation, visit the state's www.SaveOurWater.com or each Tri-Valley water agency's website. ■

CHICK-FIL-A

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to us, but back in September of 2020 when we had a Chick-fil-A representative come before us, that person claimed that there was no discrimination whatsoever within Chick-fil-A and I reminded him that I didn't believe that for a second," Carling said.

"He also suggested that most of the blame went to the media for misrepresenting Chick-fil-A's position with regard to equity and inclusion and again, I find that, at best, a weak argument," Carling added.

After mentioning his recent work with Vice Mayor Trish Munro on the city's Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee, Carling added, "I don't see that Chick-fil-A's past practices and statements reflect the values that we hold in Livermore." He concluded his comments by saying that he would not be patronizing

the new Chick-fil-A as a customer upon the project's completion.

The approved resolution gives the city the right to absorb the remaining 21.5 acres of the current areas as two parcels of open space. The 4,821-square-foot restaurant, its parking lot and dedicated landscaping will be rezoned commercial from its current designation as open space. The city will hold off on taking possession of the open space until the Zone 7 water agency can accept responsibility for the 21.5 acres.

Chick-fil-A will be responsible for frontage improvements along North Livermore Avenue, nearby stream bank stabilization, construction of a small portion of the Arroyo Las Positas trail along the south side of the project, and northbound left turn lane improvements at the intersection of North Livermore and Arroyo Plaza. They will also contribute \$225,000 to future trail construction in the area. ■

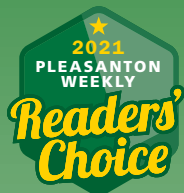


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Zone 7 wins financial award

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award honors fiscal excellence

By JULIA BAUM

Zone 7 Water Agency was recently presented with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its two-year budget that began one year ago.

"I am proud of our finance team. They've earned this award by working hard every day to keep Zone 7 financially accountable to its customers in the Livermore-Amador Valley," General Manager Valerie Pryor said in a statement.

For the past 37 years, the award has been issued to motivate and assist state and local governments with budget document preparation "of the very highest quality" that reflect both GFOA best practices and guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting on budgeting, and recognize government entities that succeed in reaching that goal.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is regarded by many as "the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and reflects Zone 7's commitment to public transparency and accountability," officials said.

Selected members of the GFOA professional staff and outside reviewers who are experienced in public sector budgeting receive and evaluate documents that are submitted to the Budget Awards Program. In order to win the award, Zone 7 had to submit documents

fulfilling both the award program and 14 nationally recognized criteria, and also excelled "as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication tool."

Applicants are asked to describe their organization's strategic goals and strategies, short-term organization factors, financial priorities and issues, budget overview and process, capital expenditures, debt, revenues, performance measures, and both consolidated and fund financial schedules.

Specifically, the GFOA outlines "achieving a structurally balanced budget," along with "working capital targets for enterprise funds" and "fund balance guidelines for the general fund" among best practices for the Budget Awards Program.

The organization's standards for developing a balanced and satisfactory budget include adopting "rigorous policies, for all operating funds, aimed at achieving and maintaining a structurally balanced budget," while agencies should also "establish a formal policy on the level of unrestricted fund balance that should be maintained in the general fund for (generally accepted accounting principles) budgetary purposes."

Additionally, the GFOA looks for local governments that "adopt a target amount of working capital to maintain in each of their enterprise funds," and recommends they "use working capital as the measure of available margin or buffer in enterprise funds." ■

TAKE US ALONG



Trip to SoCal: Chris Kearney catches up on the latest Pleasanton news while on the road visiting family in Diamond Bar.

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Historic steam locomotive finds new home

Former Southern Pacific equipment 'are natural additions' to Niles Station

By JULIA BAUM

A historic 150-ton steam locomotive and several artifacts that failed to find a permanent spot in Silicon Valley now have a new home at Niles Canyon Railway, the Pacific Locomotive Association (PLA) announced last week, also marking the organization's 60th anniversary.

The nearly century-old former Southern Pacific Railroad steam locomotive No. 2479 — along with a 122-year old roundhouse, turntable and water tower — is relocating from San Jose to Niles Station, where it will run through Niles Canyon.

In a statement on July 6, PLA President Henry Baum (no relation

to the writer of this story) said, "Both the roundhouse and locomotive are natural additions to our historic railroad collection."

Locomotive No. 2479 was built in 1923, and had an "active career pulling commuter trains between San Jose and San Francisco for the Southern Pacific Railroad" until being retired from service in 1956, according to officials. The rail vehicle was donated to Santa Clara County two years later and has undergone more than 5,000 volunteer hours of restoration work per year since 1989, with approximately 80% of the effort to date completed.

The roundhouse was constructed

in San Jose at the turn of the century (1899) and used for housing and maintaining steam locomotives. A large water tower and 80-foot turntable used to rotate locomotives is also included with the roundhouse.

Together, all three structures served as maintenance facilities for Southern Pacific trains and locomotives until the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, when the roundhouse was declared structurally unsound. In 1994, Southern Pacific donated the roundhouse for a proposed museum

San Jose-based California Trolley and Railroad Corp. (CTRC), which has maintained the locomotive and structures for several decades, said

"moving these important historical artifacts to the Niles Canyon Railway enables our organizations to better preserve the rail history of the Bay Area and to honor the thousands of hours donated by our volunteers."

"This partnership is an ideal opportunity to preserve these irreplaceable resources for future generations," CTRC president Ken Middlebrook said.

According to Baum, PLA's master plan "has always included a roundhouse facility in Niles."

"Both the roundhouse and locomotive are natural additions to our historic railroad collection," Baum said. "We will immediately begin

to develop our Niles site focused around these incredible assets."

A topological survey of the Niles site will be conducted before starting design work, and the PLA will "aggressively search for the necessary grants and corporate sponsorships necessary to get this development project completed," Baum added.

The monumental task of dismantling, moving and reassembling the giant locomotive will be managed by Steam Services of America, with moving costs funded by Santa Clara County over a three-year period. Once received, all of the historical assets will be transferred to the PLA. The transfer also includes a 65-ton diesel locomotive acquired from Kaiser Permanente Cement, and necessary tools and equipment to restore and maintain Locomotive No. 2479. ■

RUNNER

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an aerial search for Kreycik stretching from Interstate 580 down to Highway 84 using aircraft with night vision capabilities, but turned up no signs.

A total of 20 search and rescue teams on foot and e-bikes have also scoured a 50-square-mile area "in an organized and systematic approach," for signs of the father of two, along with using dogs, drones,

fixed-wing aircraft and thermal technology.

"It is believed that Kreycik is either incapacitated or not in the general area," officials said, and the case remains a missing person investigation. He had not been located as of press time Wednesday.

Foothill High School served as a staging area over the past few days for PPD and other agencies supporting the coordinated search and rescue effort, including the East Bay Regional Park District Police,

California Highway Patrol, and Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and its community emergency response team. Local businesses such as Gene's Fine Foods, Porky's Pizza Palace and Pizza Bello have also donated food and water for search teams.

On social media, neighbors have been analyzing park and trail maps for where to expand or deepen their search efforts, and even looking to Kreycik's running habits for clues. Some people also knocked on the

doors of nearby homes, making sure Kreycik didn't go seeking help after possibly experiencing dehydration or heat exhaustion.

One user on a Facebook page created by volunteers reviewed some of Kreycik's past runs recorded on a geo tracking app and said, "One thing strikes me is that he's a super fast downhill runner," and suggested paying "more attention to steep downhills and possible skid marks along his route."

Kreycik is described as a white

male, with a thin build, brown hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing shorts, a watch, socks and grey Saucony sneakers. He is an experienced long-distance runner with no known health conditions.

The East Bay Regional Park District system, including the Pleasanton Ridge, remained open for visitors.

Anybody with information about Kreycik's location is asked to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Dublin: DA charges driver in crash that killed pedestrian last month

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed a misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter charge on Monday against the driver accused of fatally striking a pedestrian on Dublin Boulevard last month.

Authorities allege Dublin resident Rafael Olano turned directly into the path of Amaduddin Said Rasuli, who had the right of way while crossing the Hansen Drive intersection, hitting and likely running over the walker on the morning of June 7. Rasuli, 66, of Dublin died at the scene.

Dublin police completed their investigation last week and forwarded the case to the DA's Office with a recommendation for a misdemeanor count against Olano. Prosecutors filed the criminal complaint in Alameda County Superior Court on Monday afternoon, according to court records.

Olano, 66, is scheduled to be arraigned on Aug. 3 at 9 a.m. He remains out of custody on the misdemeanor charge. It was not

immediately clear whether he was represented by an attorney yet.

The nearly month-long investigation concluded Rasuli was within the crosswalk and had the pedestrian walk signal illuminated when he tried to go across Dublin Boulevard at the Hansen Drive intersection just after 9 a.m. June 7, Dublin Police Services Officer Jeffrey Hellman wrote in a probable cause declaration.

Near the same time, Olano was driving his red Ford F-150 truck southbound on Hansen Drive approaching a green light, Hellman wrote. The signalized intersection requires vehicles turning left from Hansen Drive onto Dublin Boulevard to yield to pedestrians in the eastern crosswalk.

"Olano began to make an unprotected left turn and failed to see the victim walking northbound in the crosswalk. The victim was in the crosswalk for about 8 to 9 seconds," Hellman wrote. "Olano collided with the victim in the crosswalk before noticing him. The truck likely rolled over the victim before coming to a stop."

Dublin police officers and Alameda County Fire Department personnel attempted life-saving measures, but paramedics pronounced Rasuli dead at the scene, according to police.

Olano stayed at the scene and cooperated with the investigation, police said. Neither drugs nor alcohol were deemed to be factors in the collision.

Ultimately, police concluded Olano violated two sections of the California Vehicle Code, for failing to yield and failing to exercise due care for a pedestrian within a crosswalk, leading to the recommendation for a misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter charge, according to Hellman.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- Emergency rescue personnel on Monday recovered the body of a man who died after struggling and becoming submerged underwater while swimming in Lake Del Valle in Livermore one day earlier.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau on Tuesday identified the drowned man as Joseph Prince Freeman, 40, of Pleasant Hill. Police said the victim also had residential ties to Vallejo.

"Our thoughts are with the family. This is obviously a tragic situation," Capt. Alan Love, of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Police Department, told the Weekly.

The situation unfolded around 5 p.m. Sunday when a 911 call came in reporting a swimmer in distress in the area of Heron Bay in Lake Del Valle, a reservoir open for recreational boating and swimming whose regional park is overseen by EBRPD.

Love said it appeared Freeman was free swimming off a rental boat when he started to struggle,

became submerged and could not be located.

Multiple agencies assisted EBRPD police and rangers, including an Alameda County Sheriff's Office dive team, as crews searched for the lost swimmer into Sunday night until it became unsafe to keep looking in the darkness, Love said. The rescuers picked up their search at first light on Monday morning.

Freeman's body was located and removed from the water just before noon Monday, according to Love. Sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly said the body was found using sonar and underwater robot technology in an area that is approximately 150 feet deep.

Investigators are awaiting autopsy results from the coroner to confirm the cause of death, according to Love. Freeman's death represents the first reported in Lake Del Valle in 2021.

"Obviously this is a tragic incident," Love said, adding a reminder that EBRPD officials "encourage everyone in the lake to wear personal floatation devices, regardless of their swimming capabilities." More water safety tips can be found on the EBRPD website at www.ebparks.org.

Other agencies to assist in the search included the Livermore-Pleasanton and Alameda County fire departments, according to the captain.

—Jeremy Walsh

- A Livermore man died roughly one week after being struck by a vehicle in a hit-and-run collision while walking along Peralta Boulevard, Fremont police said Monday.

Allen Kwok Keung Sham, 69,

No Cop Log

There is no Police Report in this Weekly edition as the Pleasanton Police Department had not updated its online police blotter for this week as of Tuesday afternoon.

died on July 7 from injuries suffered in the collision, which occurred between 10:15 p.m. and 10:25 p.m. on June 30, according to investigators with the Fremont Police Department.

The preliminary investigation into the collision found that Sham was walking west along Peralta Boulevard when a vehicle struck him from behind.

The vehicle stopped momentarily and then turned onto Dusterberry Way, according to investigators. The suspect driver did not attempt to check on Sham or determine if he had been injured.

The suspect vehicle remains at large, according to investigators, and is described as a dark-colored sedan with potential moderate damage to its front bumper, front hood or windshield.

Sham represents the sixth fatal traffic collision in Fremont this year.

People with information about the vehicle or driver who struck Sham are advised to contact Officer Vince Montojo with the Fremont Police Traffic Investigations Unit at 510-790-6800 or at vmontojo@fremont.gov.

Anonymous tips can be submitted by texting "TIP FREMONT" to 888-777 or at <https://local.nixle.com/tip/alert/6216337>. ■

—Bay City News Service

Joseph Howard Gordon

January 10, 1958 – July 4, 2021

On the 4th of July the world lost a great man. Joe Gordon of Pleasanton, Ca. passed away unexpectedly from health complications at 63 years young. He leaves behind his two children Dan Gordon and Sarah Ewing (Jay), their mother Judy Gordon, his grandson Daniel Gordon, sisters Julie Sheikh (Junaid) and Judy Franceschi (Vince), brother Jim Gordon (Maura), his loving mother Jayne Gordon, and a whole community of friends that were as close as family.



Joe grew up in Fremont, Ca. He attended Holy Spirit Catholic School, Washington High School, and San Jose State University, where he formed many lifelong friendships and gathered great stories of which he would later go on to entertain us all with the tales of. Joe spent most of his working career as a realtor serving Fremont and the Tri-Valley for over 35 years. Along with real estate he worked at the Alameda County Supervisors Office serving his community. In his free time he loved a good golf game and going to the horse races at the fair. The family knows he would have been honored that his friends had a race dedicated to him last weekend.

Joe was the man you could count on and was always there to help out his friends and family. His daughter lovingly called him The Mayor because he was well known everywhere he went. Joe had an amazing quality of making everyone feel special and was always there to listen. We will never forget his silly sayings, incredible ability to remember birthdays, the nicknames he gave everyone and his kind heart.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date to be announced.

PAID OBITUARY

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 streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

City Council

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Consider adoption of Action Plan to comply with SB 1383 to reduce organic materials diverted to landfills
- Consider timing for phasing out of temporary pop-ups, and provide policy direction on long-term Parklet Program
- Consider a resolution designating Renewable 100 as the default electricity product for Pleasanton's residential, commercial and industrial accounts

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Opinion

GUEST OPINION

BY ANDREW BLIDY AND KARLA BROWN

City emerging as key international biotech hub

The worldwide pandemic, COVID-19 plus variants, have added a new appreciation and admiration for the nearly 60 biotech companies that call Pleasanton their home.

Cumulatively, these firms employ over 5,000 people and offer high-paying jobs to our residents that desire to live and work in Pleasanton. Here is a partial list of biotech firms located in Pleasanton: Roche, 10x Genomics, Bio-Rad, Abbott, Veeva, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Allergan and many more.

First-term Mayor Karla Brown along with the Pleasanton City Council recognized the tremendous financial benefits that come from our quiet



yet lucrative biotech hub. For these reasons, expanding Pleasanton's life sciences industry is one of the mayor's and council's two-year work plan priorities, approved in May.

To better educate residents, and city leaders, Mayor Brown and city staff approached several people to request their participation in a professional panel discussion on this topic. The discussion took place on June 17 with Pleasanton's Economic Vitality Committee (EVC).

The panel members presented their vast knowledge and experience in clinical research science, biotech incubation and commercial real estate needs. This panel's information provided an opportunity for the EVC to advance discussions on future expansion of the biotech life sciences industry locally, plus explore steps to work toward the City Council's goal.

Clinical immunologist/molecular biologist Andy Blidy was a key speaker regarding technical opportunities available to the city, during this presentation. Brandon Cardwell, executive director for I-Gate Innovation Hub/Daybreak Labs, offered his expertise in creating the integral ecosystem necessary and current initiatives to grow life sciences companies. Commercial real estate/R&D sales and leasing adviser Brian Wilson added to the discussion by sharing current commercial real estate activity and how Pleasanton's environment fosters, or in some cases, inhibits the ability to attract and retain life sciences companies.

The outcome from the EVC meeting was an active discussion around the following topics:

- Brand Pleasanton as biotech hub.

- Support biotech companies and their employees within Pleasanton.

- Investigate a bio-incubator in Tri-Valley, to facilitate and assist the creation, growth and success of the next generation of biotech, pharma, life science and medical device companies.

- Enhance education on the topic and educate students about careers in the biotech industry. As an example, restart molecular biology courses or Jim Allison's Nobel laureate movie "Breakthrough" in Pleasanton Unified School District's high schools and Las Positas College.

To continue the expansion of our current biotech hub, Pleasanton could foster a creative exchange and active collaboration with industry leaders. The region should provide access to experts for mentoring, and training, plus interactions with prospective investors. The region should consider running seminars and workshops to expand knowledge and

ensure the acquisition of new skills with community involvement.

The pandemic exposed a lot of good ideas about how people can work together in their organizations and their community. We have seen the benefits to our own health through scientific breakthroughs by local biotech firms such as Roche's 16 diagnostics solutions to help minimize the impact of COVID-19.

Our Pleasanton-based biotech hub is working on ways to cure life-threatening diseases and use early diagnostic tools to save others. Through these companies, we will improve and extend human lives. What could be more important than that? ■

Editor's note: Jointly authoring this Guest Opinion were Andrew Blidy, clinical immunologist/molecular biologist and former employee of two local biotech firms, and Karla Brown, current mayor of Pleasanton after serving eight years on the City Council.

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LETTERS

Zachary's Pizza: Why there?

Dear Editor,

I find it disgusting that Pleasanton is allowing a new pizza restaurant directly across the street from probably the oldest and most iconic pizza business in town, Gay Nineties! Can't the city be more fair in issuing permits for this by considering the effects that will have to the existing business.

Bad form there!

—Jay Clifton

Caregiving in Tri-Valley

Dear Robert Taylor, executive director of Senior Support,

I want to share with you my experience with the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. I have had such bad luck with caregivers in the past that I have had to manage without one for a long time.

But one day after I had been grocery shopping at Raley's, I had looked across the street and noticed, the "Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley." As I stared at it, I wondered if they would have people they could recommend for caregiving. I stopped in and was referred to your caregiver registry administrator, Lori O'Sullivan. She not only had one person that she could recommend, she gave me a list of six caregivers to choose from.

I looked down the list and chose the first person I contacted from that list. That caregiver was with us for four years before

retiring just last month.

Lori O'Sullivan meets and fills a need for all of the seniors in the Tri-Valley. What a relief it is to know that someone cares, and also actually does something positive about it by providing an important service to our community of seniors. She is invaluable to the seniors in the Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley area.

—Virginia Madden

Feinstein supports Jim Crow?

Dear Editor,

I would hate to think our California senator is a white supremacist in favor of voter suppression, but Dianne Feinstein's recent statement to Forbes makes me wonder. "If democracy were in jeopardy, I would want to protect it. But I don't see it being in jeopardy right now."

Voting rights aren't in jeopardy for millionaires in San Francisco. The same is not true for the working class and people of color in other states where Republicans are restricting access to the polls. These new Jim Crow laws are spreading everywhere from Georgia to Florida.

Either Sen. Feinstein is too senile to see that and should resign, or she is a white supremacist and should resign. The only other path that won't leave a stain on her legacy is for her to call for an end the filibuster and the passage of the "For the People Act."

—Alan Marling

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Preserving a piece of Pleasanton's heritage

Century House renovations spark discussion about balancing history with neighborhood needs

The 150-year-old Century House on Santa Rita Road was recently added to the city of Pleasanton's two-year work plan, which calls for completing a master plan to repair and renovate the city-owned house. Officials said their goal is to bring the Century House up to code so classes and events can be held on-site.

MIKE SEDLAK

By JULIA BAUM

The hazy future of a historic house in Pleasanton is now a bit clearer, with neighbors and city officials committing recently to preserving both a part of their community's heritage and increasingly limited green space.

Hidden behind towering trees at the end of a long dirt path flanked by rose bushes, the Century House on Santa Rita Road has been around

longer than its name suggests. At 150 years old, the house has had many lives: originally built as a weekend duck hunting lodge by George Atkinson in the 1870s, the Spring Valley Water Co. held ownership at one point and several families called the place home as well.

Time had taken its toll on the Century House when the city of

Pleasanton assumed ownership and renovated the building in the 1970s. Over the years, people were married, held birthday parties and attended classes on site.

When the Century House was first remodeled, it wasn't because any particular historic event took place there. Instead, the old wooden farmhouse exemplified the typical home from a time before the city

was even founded.

Nearly 50 years later, the city is once again looking to preserve and make use of the former residence, which served as a venue for public classes and events until it was deemed unsafe in 2012. In an interview, Mayor Karla Brown told the Weekly that the reasons for giving the Century House a new facelift are largely the same ones as before.

"It's a pretty special place," Brown said. "It's so easy to miss it, and the trees are so mature."

"Right now, most events are held at the Senior Center or downtown buildings, and this side of Pleasanton could use some community centers out here," Brown said. "If we're going to restore it, then let's use it."

The Century House is near and dear to the heart of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Joanie Fields as well, who called it "one of the only structures in our community that has such a long history."

"Since I grew up here and have known some of the people that have lived in this house, it is very special to me," Fields said.

The parks commission has spent over a year and a half studying the possible usage of the house, according to Fields, and "with some small changes in the floor plan we will be able to have larger classes for all age groups," in addition to birthday parties, weddings and business meetings.

"This is something that is sorely needed ... This will make it more usable for our community," Fields said.

While the Century House has "a lovely history to it," Brown said it also has problems like interior wood rot and compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, which are expected to present renovation challenges and



MIKE SEDLAK

Originally a weekend duck hunting lodge, the Century House was also home for several families over the years including Parks and Rec Commissioner Joanie Fields, who grew up there and called it "very special."



The renowned rose bushes that line the pathway to Santa Rita Road will be kept intact when the city repairs and renovates the Century House.

“be expensive to do it right.”

“ADA compliance requires access to the upstairs, and that’s an elevator — and that’s a challenge,” Brown said. “Right now there’s a men’s and women’s bathroom, neither are big enough for a wheelchair. We asked to make one bigger, but (staff is) assuming they probably need two more bathrooms just for a group of 100 people.”

Another option being tossed around is a building separate structure with a kitchen and outside bathroom.

“Old beautiful houses aren’t government buildings, but they have to be if they’re owned by the city. You have to be ADA compliant,” Brown said. “It’s difficult to make it compliant with all the government regulations, and that will be a big challenge.”

The lengthy lifetime of the Century House means it needs “a complete upgrade of all electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling, a new foundation plus ADA compliance issues,” according to Fields.

The first renovation of the Century House decades earlier was “done on a shoestring”, and former Pleasanton mayors John McWilliams and Ken Mercer contributed to the effort, she said.

“Mr. McWilliams replaced all of the spindles, making them to match the original ones on the staircase. Ken Mercer helped lay the bricks in the patio and also helped paint the house,” Fields said, adding “these two people are just examples of what was happening during this period when we all worked together.”

Since then, however, “the codes have all changed,” Fields said. “I call it a nip and tuck. When a building has sat empty for eight years, many issues appear that might not have been so evident at the time.”

The matter of paying for everything is also weighing on the city and its budget. Depending on the



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Archive photo shows the Century House in a state of disrepair when first renovated back in the 1970s. Former mayors Ken Mercer and John McWilliams were among those involved in the community-driven effort to repair the former hunting lodge at the time.

type and amount of work required, city staff estimated at a June 21 public workshop for the Century House Master Plan that renovations and repairs could cost anywhere from \$500,000 to \$3.5 million.

“It’s all financially dependent on capital improvement budgets and this is an expensive one,” Brown said. “The city should put money aside because all old homes need maintenance. Ownership of an old home is expensive but that’s a part of our city, and the old homes in Pleasanton are what makes us unique.”

Regular maintenance shouldn’t be as much of an issue because it “would be like any other city-owned properties,” according to Fields.

“All buildings are allocated major and minor repairs as needed, such as interior/exterior painting, new carpeting,” Fields said. “Our city staff has done an outstanding job keeping all of our buildings in working condition throughout the years.”

When it comes to having enough money upfront to get the renovations done, Brown said, “We’re not confident because we’ve had a couple down years, especially with COVID and funds we’ve given to our small businesses to keep them afloat, getting the Century House renovated will be a challenge.”

One hurdle the city appears to have cleared recently, though, is making peace with surrounding neighbors who were upset by a proposal to pave over approximately 25% of the adjacent Bicentennial Park to add more parking spaces. The parking area for Century House currently has less than a dozen parking spaces but could potentially fit a total of about 20, according to city staff.

“We have quite a few apartments in that area ... which makes an area like Bicentennial Park more valuable,” Brown said. Now the city’s ultimate goal is to add more parking while preserving “the whole sense, the look, the historic layout of the front yard with the roses.”

At first glance Bicentennial Park

appears to be an unassuming strip of land bare of any play equipment, but neighbor Jean Hazell, who lives about a block away, said it’s an essential facility for her family and neighbors. Walking less than a mile to Ken Mercer Sports Park might not seem like a big deal, but she said “it’s not okay if you’ve got mobility issues or really little kids.”

“The green space was part of what made the parcel special and we hoped to make it common ground,” Hazell said.

Hazell and her neighbors successfully circulated a petition recently, which was signed by more than 900 residents demanding the city find parking alternatives for Century House besides taking away their green space.

At the city workshop, officials indicated interest in exploring the option of opening the gate between the park and Century House during larger events, which would allow some limited access along Tanager Drive for cars.

Ultimately, the council directed



MUSEUM ON MAIN

The Century House hasn’t changed much since it was built in the 1870s, but city leaders are planning a major overhaul of the historic home to eventually allow on-site classes and events such as weddings.

staff to abandon additional parking options at Bicentennial Park and instead add a drop-off area on Santa Rita, as well as explore adding more parking spaces along the outer perimeter of the existing driveway, which would leave the front lawn and rose bushes intact.

The owner of the Tri-Valley Medical Center building at the corner of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue was also receptive to a shared-use parking arrangement on their property. Hazell called it “a great offsite option to complete what they’re doing onsite” that’s also conveniently located near the crosswalk.

“This process has yielded an outcome where we can both honor the history and restore a special place that a lot in the community hold dear, and also honor the commitment that was made a long time ago to the green space of this park,” Hazell said, also adding “a lot of neighbors were heartened and reassured that the process worked when city officials listened.”

Even before the draft master plan

is expected to be completed this fall, Hazell said the process has already “knit the neighborhood together.” Now more neighbors now recognize each other while out for a stroll in the treasured bit of local green space where it all started.

“I came away from the process feeling really glad about it,” Hazell said.

The Century House is not only a portal to the past but also a place where residents have imagined their future, whether attending a wedding or art class on site. Brown said “the romantic side of me” would “like to see it used for weddings, birthdays and life events, as well as classes that the neighborhood could use,” while Hazell envisions chamber music concerts.

With its out-of-the-way location and ability to hide in plain sight, the Century House has been overlooked at times, but Brown said the building is a reminder for locals that “not everything that’s old and valuable in Pleasanton is on Main Street.” ■



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leading up to the Century House on Santa Rita and upgrades the 2.7-acre property.



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Neighbors are often seen walking their dogs or playing in Bicentennial Park, adjacent to the Century House. City leaders recently agreed to not pave over any green space in the park for additional parking at the house property.

Connected Horse enriches lives of dementia patients

Experience helps patients — and care partners — to live in the moment

STORY BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI | PHOTOS BY ELAINE CHAN

When diagnosed with dementia, people ask, “Now what?” said Paula Hertel, co-founder of Connected Horse, who has worked for the last 25 years to improve senior care systems.

They might decide to go down a path of despair or they might decide to take action, she explained, and this is where Connected Horse comes in. The program brings people newly diagnosed with dementia together in nature with horses, along with their care partners, benefiting all of them.

“The horses want to be in relationship with us; they are not concerned with diagnoses, titles or roles,” Hertel said.

Hertel and Nancy Schier Anzelmo, a dementia care specialist, began the equine program as a research project with Stanford University and UC Davis in 2015.

“Nancy and I have known each other for 22 years,” Hertel said. “As we got more seasoned in our careers, we wanted to find more creative ways to engage with people who are aging.”

Every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops dementia,

and they wanted a new approach that did not entail pharmaceuticals. The two women are also “horse people” and well knew that horses can mirror people’s emotions.

“The emotional memory is the last thing to leave them,” Hertel said. “If we can spark a sensory or emotional memory, they remember the emotion and sensory connection to the event.”

The two-hour weekly workshops have six to 10 people and typically last three to four weeks. First they meet in a group with the facilitator and talk about living in the moment. Then they take a sensory walk to observe their rural surroundings.

The participant and care partner start slowly with the horses, interacting with them over the fence. The facilitator and a trainer always remain nearby for safety.

“This is oftentimes such a new experience for both the person with the diagnosis and the caregiver,” Hertel explained. “It’s a level playing field — the difference goes away because the horse doesn’t identify you in any way.”

“The trust and acceptance is amazing,” she added. “There is this sense of relief when you feel like



Two participants are ready to lead the horse Solara with a young volunteer at Five Star Equestrian in the Connected Horse program.

you are understood and you feel like what you are going through is normal.”

“It re-engages them with themselves, with each other and puts them next to this amazing animal that has so much to offer,” UC Davis veterinarian Claudia Sonder, a board member, said in a video on the website.

She also noted that the program gets people out of their homes and into a rural environment.

“There’s this massive horse that is a beautiful animal that is gentle and kind,” Hertel said. “It’s a really intimate experience that is beautiful.”

Horses, who are prey animals in their natural environment, are wired to be super sensitive to their environment, she explained, noting that horses have long interacted with humans, in wars, plowing fields, for transportation. This is a new way of engagement, and it gives horses purpose when they can no longer participate in shows or dressage.

Hertel and Anzelmo also felt it was important to develop a program that kept the newly diagnosed person and the care partner together.

“From the beginning to the end, there was significant reduction in anxiety and improved sleep,” Hertel said.

Feedback has been especially good from the care partners.

“I realized that I was so angry, angry at the disease, at my husband, at everything. I remember looking into that horse’s eyes and I just let go of all that anger,” said a care partner named Carolyn. “Even two years later, it’s gone, I just feel gratitude for the time I had with my husband.”

“We want people who have a diagnosis of dementia to be activated to fight and to keep living,” Anzelmo said. “If this program can help them stay activated then we are providing an incredible gift.”

Connected Horse is running programs in the Tri-Valley in August, on

Johnston Road at Five Star Equestrian Center and Three Horse Farm. To learn more, sign up for a workshop, or make a donation, visit www.connectedhorse.org, call Judy at 708-0067, or email info@connectedhorse.org. There is no fee but donations are gratefully accepted.

“An important part of the mission is to have as many people have access to this program as possible,” Hertel said. “We work with foundations and hold fundraisers with people that really understand the importance of the human/animal bond.”

A dementia diagnosis is not the end of a person’s life, she emphasized.

“We wanted to activate people to say this is part of who you are — and it’s part of your journey as a family — but don’t give up.” ■



Left, A participant in Connected Horse grooms Moon. Center, Part of the Connected Horse program is enjoying a sensory walk in a rural setting. Right, Valerie, one of the facilitators at Connected Horse with D, who is a dressage horse as well as a therapeutic horse at Three Horse Farm.



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Christine Watters artwork, "Teatime 2019."

Museum to showcase four fiber artists

Local artists to talk about their process, give demonstrations

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Four Pleasanton Art League fiber artists will be showcased from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday on the front lawn of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. The artists will talk about their creative process, and in some cases demonstrate their artistic techniques.

The event is being held in conjunction with the current exhibit, "Stitching California: Textile Artists Interpret the Golden State," which brings together 43 textile artists from Northern California and Nevada for a multifaceted portrait of California — its beauty, its glory, its flaws and its challenges through studio art quilts.

"While our four local fiber artists are not studio art quilters, I am excited that this event will showcase the diversity of fiber arts, while also highlighting local artists and the Pleasanton Art League," education director Sarah Schaefer said.

Participating artists are Jan Loomis, Nova Starling, Ruzanna Kirakosyan and Christine Watters.

"Even with only four artists showcased, there will be examples of a wide range of fiber arts including silk painting, felting, fiber books, ribbon work, crochet baskets and printing," Schaefer added.

While the showcase of local fiber artists is happening outside, the museum also will be hosting studio quilt artist Adriane Dedic. Her work is featured in "Stitching California" and she will be available throughout the showcase to discuss the quilts on display and the many techniques used.

Dedic appears as part of the Museum's "Meet the Artists" program, which occurs every Saturday through Aug. 18.

Learn more about these and other programs at www.museumonmain.org or by calling 462-2766. ■

Speaker series presenting scientist Marie Curie

Nobel winner to share obstacles and breakthroughs in virtual performances

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Museum on Main welcomes scientist Marie Sklodowska Curie to its virtual stage at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. next Wednesday (July 21), as part of this year's virtual Ed Kinney Speaker Series.

One of the world's most renowned scientists, Curie is a two-time Nobel Prize winner who is best known for pioneering the study of radioactivity, but she also faced incredible obstacles just to enter the laboratory. Next week, she will recall her childhood in Poland, early experiments treating cancer with radium therapy, and groundbreaking research to isolate two new elements, sharing the struggles, failures and triumphs behind her scientific discoveries.

The presentation is written and portrayed by Susan Marie Frontczak as part of STEM on Stage's virtual tour of "Humanity Needs Dreamers: A Visit With Marie Curie," commemorating the 100th anniversary of her visit to the United States in 1921. STEM on Stage is a STEAM initiative to promote narrative science through theater, film and live events.

"The museum is honored to be the kickoff location for Marie Curie's virtual tour around the country through STEM on Stage's Humanity Needs Dreamers program," education director Sarah Schaefer said.

"Marie Curie was originally scheduled to come to California

on her speaking tour in 1921 but never made it out West. We are thrilled the Ed Kinney Speaker Series is helping her complete her original speaking tour 100 years later."

The speaker event will be held virtually on the webinar platform Big Marker. Purchase tickets at www.museumonmain.org or by calling the museum at 462-2766. Tickets are \$20 for general admission; \$15 for seniors/students; and \$10 for museum members. Links to the virtual performance will be emailed one day prior to the performance. ■



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Susan Marie Frontczak as Marie Curie.

An Open Letter of Appreciation!

As many of you know, Foothill Optometric Group partnered with Total Vision, LLC in October of last year.

Drs. Yang, Nguyen, and Luong along with the rest of the team will look forward to meeting your future eyecare needs. Because we have been practicing for almost 40 years in Pleasanton, it is time for us to enter retirement, and move into our new season as grandparents.

It is with such mixed emotions that we transition, but we wanted to express how very grateful we are to our patients, staff and treasured friends for this journey together. It has been our joy and honor to care for our patients and community for almost four decades, and you have profoundly impacted our lives in the best possible ways.

We have been privileged to share in your lives and health experiences, and so appreciate the support and kind words of so many over the years. Thank you for how you have enriched our lives, and we wish you great blessings moving into this almost post-pandemic season full of new adventures!

Dr. Edwin M. Liu and Dr. Amy Liu Longacre



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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Looking back at some of the great local athletes I've covered

List spans the Tri-Valley, including a track star and family friend gone too soon

The excitement of doing a story on former Foothill High athlete Val Arioto going to the Olympics on Team USA in softball brought back a flood of memories of so many great athletes I was blessed to cover during their high school days.

In some ways, many of them became an extended family as I felt a tremendous sense of pride

watching them climb through the collegiate ranks, and in some cases to professional sports.

I started throwing some names down on paper and before too long I had one heck of a list. I thought to start with six athletes and then from time to time, I will drop in some more. It's a great way to honor and remember the past, as

well look at the present!

Remember, these are athletes I covered regularly and spoke frequently with as well. I didn't cover all the sports, so there are going to be some incredible athletes that get left off.

In no order and of course excluding Arioto, who last week in Team USA's first prep game in Japan hit a solo home run to give the USA a 1-0 win, here are the first six.

Kyle Wright (Monte Vista football): Wright was the Gatorade National Player of the Year in his senior season before he went to the University of Miami.

What people forget was Wright was a sensational baseball player as well, earning All-East Bay honors as a sophomore on the MV varsity. He was also a talented basketball player but chose to focus on football his final two years.

Brandon Crawford (Foothill baseball/football): Crawford's baseball excellence is well documented with his play and World Series titles with the San Francisco Giants. He still playing at such a high level he was in the All-Star game this week.

Old timers will remember this too: that Crawford was an exceptional football player, starting as a safety, and then when the Falcons were lacking a quarterback in his senior season, he swapped sides of the ball and became one of the best QBs in the area. I am still convinced he could have been a D-I football player — he was that good.

Kim Patrick (Foothill soccer/softball): Patrick was best known for her soccer, earning a scholarship to North Carolina, where in her freshman year the Tar Heels took the 1999 NCAA National Championship, winning the College Cup. The final four were in San Jose that year with Patrick leading the College Cup with four goals and was an All-Tournament selection. She transferred after her sophomore year to the University of Tennessee where she made a mark in the Vols' record books.

Keeping with the unknown aspect of her high school years, she was an amazing softball player.



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Miller family photo shows late Amador alum Danny Gabor at the top of the podium in 1987 after winning the state track title in the 800 meters.

Hitting left-handed and using her elite speed, she mastered the art of the slap hit, racking up an average of over .600 for a season.

Mia Fisher (Amador Valley basketball): So amazing was Fisher during her time with the Dons leading them to two state final games and often seeing the Amador gym packed when the Amador girls took the court.

A magician with the ball, she made everyone around her better, which is what she did at the next level at UC Santa Barbara. She made the All-Big West team all four years and led the Gauchos to four NCAA appearances.

David Klech (California track and field): Another EBAL athlete that was honored as the Gatorade National Track and Field Athlete, Klech won the CIF Title in the 300 hurdles in 2006.

He was also an incredible long and high jumper, eventually moving on to both the heptathlon and decathlon. He started at UCLA before transferring to Oregon. He is currently the head coach at UC Santa Cruz.

Danny Gabor (Amador Valley track and field): Danny was a family friend, which made covering his run to a CIF State title in the 800 meters so much better. In 1987, Gabor won the state title with a last-to-first run, bringing the crowd at Hughes Stadium to their feet. Danny went on to run successfully at the University of Arkansas.

Then, on a day I will never forget, Danny's life was ended in July 1996 when he was a passenger on TWA Flight 800 that went down shortly after take-off off the coast of Long Island. My dad and I still have our personalized, autographed picture from Danny on the victory stand in 1987. It sits on the mantle of our fireplace and will always hold a special place. ■

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HAUBERT'S OFFICE

Haubert throws out first pitch

Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, whose district includes Dublin and Livermore, tossed the ceremonial first pitch during the Oakland Athletics home game July 2 against the Boston Red Sox. "This was an amazing experience, thank you Oakland A's and the Oakland Coliseum for having me. I will be waiting for my phone call asking to be a pitcher for next season," Haubert said, joking in part, in his district newsletter. Then again, maybe the hometown team could have used the lefty Haubert in the bullpen that night; the A's lost 3-2 in 10 innings.

Movies

CLASSIC CAR SHOW & MOVIE NIGHT Callippe Preserve presents Classic Car Show & Movie Night. 5 p.m., Classic Car Show, 8:30 p.m., Cannonball Run. Dinner, drinks and concessions available. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. July 17. Visit playcallippe.com. 8500 Clubhouse Drive, Pleasanton.

FAMILY FUN FILM SERIES An inexpensive way for the entire family to enjoy some beloved movies of the past decades. 7 p.m., July 21, The Goonies. All tickets \$5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 1st St.

SUMMER MOVIES SERIES AT EMERALD GLEN PARK Join the City of Dublin for the annual Picnic Flix summer movie series at Emerald Glen Park. Food vendors will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m., movies approximately 8:45pm. July 23, Secret Life of Pets 2. Visit dublin.ca.gov/1327/Picnic-Flix. 4201 Central Pkwy.

BANKHEAD PRESENTS GREAT ART ON THE SCREEN Frida-Viva La Vida is a cinematic documentary event film that highlights the two sides of Frida Kahlo's spirit: a revolutionary pioneering artist of contemporary feminism, and on the other, a human being tormented by agony and love. 3 p.m., July 25. Tickets \$15. Visit visitrivalley.com.

Family

HOT AUGUST NIGHT ON THE RAILS Ride through the canyon on a beautiful summer night. Approximately 1 hour and 20 minute diesel powered round trip departing from the Sunol Depot. The snack bar will be open for hot dogs, cookies, chips, soda and water. 7:30 p.m., Aug. 21. Tickets \$20-\$30. Visit ncry.org/ride/hot-august-night.

Theater

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE THEATRE ARTS Las Positas College Theatre Arts students will be performing "The First Time in Forever" at the outdoor Amphitheater. Songs from popular musicals such as Waitress, Little Shop of Horrors, Next To Normal, and more, will be performed. 8 p.m., July 22-25. Tickets \$15-\$20. Visit laspositascollege.edu/theater.

LIVERMORE SHAKESPEARE LIFE SPARC Read to Remember: A Staged Reading of a Holocaust Play with East Bay Holocaust Education Center, livestream and live Q&A. In partnership with East Bay Holocaust Education Center, Livermore Shakespeare Festival actors will bring life to a story about the Holocaust through a virtual live staged reading. 7-8:30 p.m., July 22. Visit livermoreshakes.org.

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Meet Penny

Hi there, I'm Penny and I'm a special girl. After a difficult time, my friends here at the East Bay SPCA have taught me how to run, jump and wag. A 10-year-old Chihuahua, now I'm looking for a relaxing place to live out my golden years. Strangers can be scary so I'd love a gentle, comfortable home to retire in and get some love. Yes, once I get to know you, I'm a real love bug. Learn more about how to adopt me at <https://eastbayspca.org>.

Concerts

PACIFIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Pacific Chamber Orchestra Presents Renewal! Beethoven Symphony No. 6 & "Pastoral", Symphony No. 5 at the Bankhead Theater. 3 p.m., July 18. Tickets \$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

OPERA IN THE VINEYARD Opera in the Vineyard returns to Retzlaff. Bring a picnic and purchase wines on site. Limited seating and reservations close July 20. Visit livermorevalleyopera.com.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT EMERALD PARK A free summer concert series at Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater at Dublin's Farmers' Market. 6 p.m., July 22, The Spazmatics. Visit dublin.ca.gov/1917/Summer-Concert-Series. 4201 Central Pkwy.

Comedy

COMEDY UNCORKED Comedy Uncorked features great stand-up comedy with top headliners at an outdoor venue at Retzlaff Vineyards winery, Livermore. 7:30 p.m., July 25. Tickets \$40. Visit comedyuncorked.com.

Festivals

MAKERS MARKET DOWNTOWN LIVERMORE Shop from local makers in downtown Livermore on South J Street. The street will be closed to the public. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., July 18. Visit visitrivalley.com.

TASTE OUR TERROIR Taste Our Terroir weekend, Livermore Valley's premier food and wine affair, returns for four delectable days as the historic region celebrates and educates wine lovers about its unique "taste of the land." Livermore Valley wineries will offer 11 events, including winemaker

dinners, an electric bike tour, a winemaker concert, the ever-popular blind tasting seminar and two virtual tasting events. July 22-25. Visit LVwine.org.

TRI-VALLEY INNOVATION FAIR The 4th Tri-Valley Innovation Fair, September 18 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, is looking for exhibitors and sponsors. The event is free and open to the general public, and promises to showcase the best and most recent innovations in the Tri-Valley and the greater Bay Area. For details visit <https://quest-science.org/innovation-fair> or email richard@uschmc.com.

Talks

SENIOR RESOURCE & BENEFITS SEMINAR FOR FORMER NUCLEAR WEAPONS WORKERS Former Lawrence Livermore, Lawrence Berkeley, and Sandia National Lab workers as well as former GE Vallecitos employees, are invited to a free Senior Resource and Benefits Seminar hosted by Nuclear Care Partners' local EEO/CPA Benefits Specialists. The event will have limited capacity, and former workers must call 344-6467 to RSVP. 1-2:30 p.m., July 17. Robert Livermore Community Center.

EXPLORING THE POND Join Ranger Darren to explore the pond. After a short introduction, take nets and go hunting for water bugs. Good for ages 5 and up. Pre-Registration is required by calling the Ranger Office 960-2400. 10 a.m., July 18. Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

OLIVE OIL TASTING & TOUR Visit the historic Olivina, originally established in 1881, where nearly 11,000 olive trees produce six different cultivars of flavor profiles. This event is free. 12-4:30 p.m., July 18. Visit TheOlivina.com.

MUSEUM ON MAIN SPEAKERS SERIES Museum on Main presents An Afternoon or Evening with Marie Curie. As one of the world's most renowned scientists, two-time Nobel Prize winner Marie Curie is best known for pioneering the field of radioactivity, but few understand the obstacles she faced just to enter the laboratory. Meet Curie as she recollects her quest to isolate two new elements and early experiments to treat cancer with radium therapy. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., July 21. Visit museumonmain.org.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION BY STANFORD HEALTHCARE-VALLEYCARE Join the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare for a virtual educational presentation with Valley Care President and CEO Rick Shumway for an overview on what is happening at the health system including new programs and services. 10 a.m., July 27. Visit business.pleasanton.org/events/calendar.

Fundraisers

SUNFLOWER SHOWCASE The Sunflower Showcase, a visual and performing arts fundraiser event at the Bankhead Theater, will provide vital funds to support the mission and vision of Sunflower Hill, a residential community for adults

with developmental disabilities. The event will be emceed by local comedian, Regina Stoops, and feature a performance by America's Got Talent Season 14 Winner, Kodi Lee. Tickets on sale now for the July 23 event. Visit sunflowerhill.org.

PLEASANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF OUTING The Pleasanton Chamber Golf Outing 2021 returns on the first Friday in October at Callippe Preserve Golf Course. This is the Chamber's one true fundraising event of the year. This event is a fun-filled afternoon of golf, great food and drink, prizes and networking. Visit pleasanton.org and click the link for golf outing or email susie@pleasanton.org. Oct. 1.

Museums & Exhibits

ART EXHIBIT AND OPENING RECEPTION AT BLACKHAWK GALLERY The Alamo Danville Artists' Society will host the opening of Blackhawk Gallery's new Exhibit 'Renaissance' which features thirty Blackhawk Gallery member artists. The exhibit will be on view Wednesday through Sunday until Oct. 10. The Exhibit is free and open to the public. Contact 648-8023. 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Cir.

Public Notices

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NEW LISTING

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4 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,050 SF

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4 BD | 2.5 BA | 1,900 SF

OFFERED AT \$1,199,000

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PENDING

3501 LITTLE VALLEY ROAD, SUNOL

3 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,020 SF

OFFERED AT \$2,195,000

STONERIDGE



JUST CLOSED

7498 HILLVIEW COURT, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 2.5 BA | 3,022 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,925,000

COUNTRY FAIR II



JUST CLOSED

6474 CALLE ESPERANZA, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 3 BA | 3,027 SF

SOLD FOR \$2,050,000

VINTAGE HILLS



JUST CLOSED

802 CRELLIN ROAD, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 3 BA | 1,942 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,675,000

STONERIDGE



JUST CLOSED

4825 DRYWOOD STREET, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 2 BA | 2,217 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,700,000

COUNTRY FAIR II



JUST CLOSED

6415 CALLE ESPERANZA, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 3 BA | 3,027 SF

SOLD FOR \$2,050,000

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**Via Di Salerno, Ruby Hill,
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and main level Primary retreat. Extensive
millwork. Stunning curb appeal. Sparkling
pool with views of golf course.
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708 Avio Court, Ruby Hill

JUST SOLD \$210k over list price
before market at \$2,810,000.
Stunning pavilion and turf yard.



2790 Longspur Way, Pleasanton

JUST SOLD for \$170k over list
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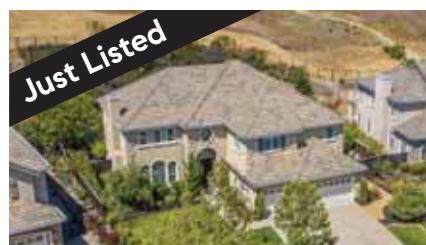
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1262 Greenbrook Drive, Danville
4BD, 2.5BA, 2,278sf on 0.7 Acre Lot
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11348 Bloomington Way, Dublin
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Cosmetic Fixer. 5 BD, 2.5 Bath,
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\$1,348,000, Call 925-400-7533
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3731 Whitworth Drive, Dublin
Desirable Dublin Ranch Townhome
3 BD, 3.5 Bath, 1,634sf
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1 Juniper Lane, San Ramon
4BD+, 2.5BA, 1,558sf,
Offered at \$1,199,900
Successfully Sold!
88 Showings in 12 days with 7 Offers



Sold

932 Winsford Court, San Ramon
5BD+, 5.5BA, 5,125sf & Views.
Successfully Sold!
42 Showings In 6 Days
12 Offers



Sold

1087 Hawkshead Circle, San Ramon
Just Sold! 67 Showings In 5 Days
13 Offers Received, Closed in 27 Days!
Highest Resale Price EVER
In San Ramon!
Sold For \$3,210,000



Sold

3209 Ashbourne Circle, San Ramon
Sold! 120 Showings In 4 Days
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780 Tranquility Circle #3 | Just Listed



Just Listed

780 Tranquility Circle #3, Livermore

3 BD | 2 BA | 1817 SF

List Price | \$679,598: Luxury Resort Style Living at Sage. Move in ready new construction condo with a large upgraded kitchen opens to an expansive living and dining area to a private balcony. Community boasts a pool, spa, and gym.



Now Pending

4204 Casterson Ct, Pleasanton

4 BD | 3.5 BA | 3528 SF

List Price | \$2,750,888 | Now Pending Over Asking In Just 4 Days



Now Pending

3169 Tonopah Ct, Pleasanton

3 BD | 1.5 BA | 1132 SF

Represented Seller | \$679,598



Sold & Closed

2468 Via De Los Milagros, Pleasanton

5 BD | 4 BA | 3787 SF

Represented Seller | \$2,500,000

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Sold & Closed

1266 Nice Ct, Livermore 4 BD | 3 BA | 2125 SF

Represented Seller | \$1,350,000 | 15% Over Ask



Sold & Closed

504 Zenith Ridge Dr, Danville 4 BD | 2 BA | 2856 SF

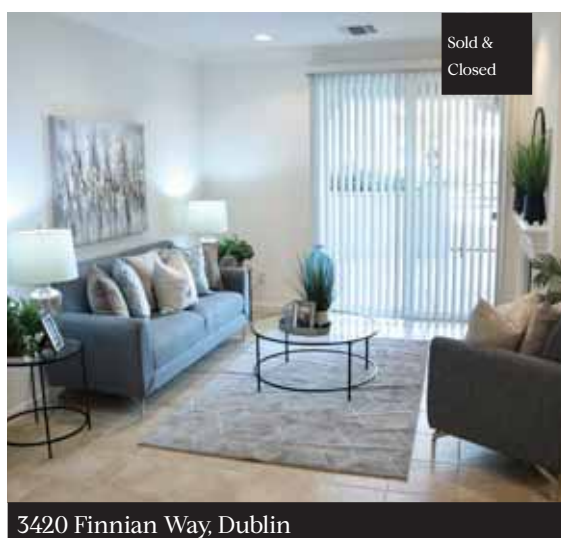
Represented Buyer | \$1,625,000 | 1.5% Over Ask



Sold & Closed

1627 Feldspar Ct, Livermore 5 BD | 3 BA | 2837 SF

Represented Buyer | \$1,825,000



Sold & Closed

3420 Finnian Way, Dublin

Represented Seller | \$750,000 | 10% Over Ask

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Both Mari and Peter were incredible partners in the selling of our property. We were initially hesitant to put the property on the market at the end of the year and during the still peaking pandemic. But we quickly realized that Mari and Peter were patient, consultative, and extremely well plugged into the East Bay. Their extended team of painters, stagers, and repair folks were top notch but well priced.

At the end of the day, we received over 20 offers within the first 7 days, sold for over 8% asking, and the entire process with smooth and easy thanks to Mari and team. Not only would not hesitate to work with them again but look forward to doing so if given the chance.

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1248 S TIVOLI, MOUNTAIN HOUSE



NEW LISTING

JUST LISTED | \$1,688,000

75 TOURMALINE AVENUE, LIVERMORE



HOME ON 5 ACRES

JUST LISTED | \$1,999,998

5210 DOOLAN ROAD, LIVERMORE



MULTIPLE OFFERS

PENDING | \$1,699,000

2743 SAN MINETE DRIVE, LIVERMORE



\$301K OVER ASKING

SOLD | \$2,400,000

2133 POMEZIA COURT, RUBY HILL



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1785 Harvest Road, Pleasanton
3bd/2ba | 1,520 sq.ft | 9,801 sq.ft lot
PRICE UPON REQUEST

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2726 Curlew Court, Pleasanton
4bd/3ba | 2,128 sq.ft | 9,958 sq.ft lot
PRICE UPON REQUEST

COMING SOON!



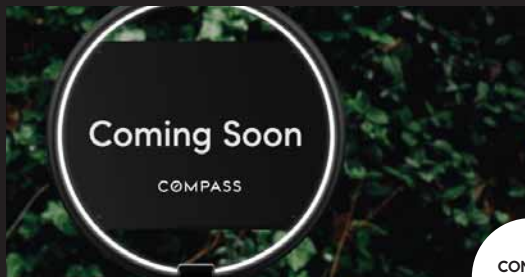
2213 Via Espada, Pleasanton
5bd/2.5ba | 2,378 sq.ft | 6,700 sq.ft lot
PRICE UPON REQUEST

COMING SOON!



1874 Railroad Ave #104, Livermore
2bd/2ba | 1,145 sq.ft
PRICE UPON REQUEST

COMING SOON!



3556 Madeira Way, Livermore
3bd/1.5ba | 1,120 sq.ft | 4,965 sq.ft lot
PRICE UPON REQUEST

COMING SOON!



1904 Toyon Court, Pleasanton
7bd/5.5ba | 5,166 sq.ft | 40,510 sq.ft lot
SOLD FOR \$3,320,000

SOLD FOR \$232K OVER ASKING



3127 Paseo Granada, Pleasanton
4bd/3ba | 3,386 sq.ft | 6,693 sq.ft lot
SOLD FOR \$2,200,000

SOLD FOR \$212K OVER ASKING



5658 Sunset Creek Court, Pleasanton
3bd/2.5ba | 3,495 sq.ft | 2.61 acre lot
SOLD FOR \$3,175,000

SOLD FOR \$685K OVER ASKING



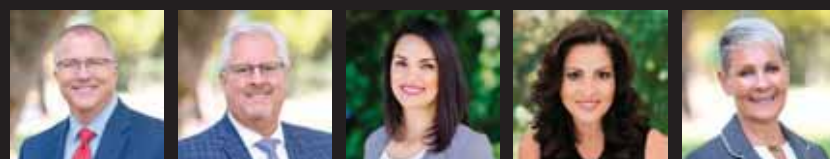
6439 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton
5bd/2.5ba | 2,469 sq.ft | 6,700 sq.ft lot
SOLD FOR \$1,981,000

SOLD FOR \$196K OVER ASKING



"When we were ready to sell our home, Tim arrived with a wealth of knowledge and a creative approach to our situation, along with the perfect family to buy our house. Tim listened, gave us great advice, and made the entire transaction easier than we thought it could be. He was actively involved every step of the way, incredibly responsive when we needed him, and brought a ton of resources to the table for us to address every one of our concerns. It's hard for us to imagine a better sale experience."

Dave Budnick, Pleasanton



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A message from my client:

Kris was an absolute pleasure to work with. We listed (and sold) our Livermore home with multiple offers within one weekend! Not only did she help us sell our home, we needed to find another home ASAP as I was 8 1/2 months pregnant with our son! Crazy to do this with a baby on the way, but we felt we were in the best hands to help us throughout the selling and buying process. Although my husband and I were nervous about finding something in this competitive market, Kris reassured us and never wavered in her confidence that we would find the perfect home for us in our timeframe. With Kris' guidance when it came to packaging our offers, our offer was accepted on just the second home we went for, which in retrospect was the home meant for us! And the timing couldn't have been better as our son had just been born! We are thrilled with Kris and delighted to be in our new home!!!

— Sheri and Hugh, Sellers/buyers

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4241 Bevilacqua Court | Available

4 BD, 3 BA | 2,253 SqFt.

Presented at: \$1,990,000

Representing the sellers for this amazing home offering panoramic views is exciting as we are able to show off all the wonderful contemporary features of the home.

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4673 Gatetree Circle | Pending

4 BD, 3BA | 2,141 SqFt.

Presented at: \$1,550,000

This seller chose me to represent them in their home sale, and it was exciting to receive 4 wonderful offers.

LIVERMORE



5476 Arrowhead Court | Sold

Representing the Buyers

4 BD, 2 BA | 1,761 SqFt.

Accepted at: \$1,169,000

When I'm able to find my client the perfect home, then I have done a great job. I'm beyond pleased for these buyers and their new home.

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4132 Cid Way | Sold

3 BD, 2 BA | 1,710 SqFt.

Presented at \$1,085,000 | Sold at: \$1,360,000

My heart is full as I represented this seller. A longtime resident of the family home, now ready to cash out and live nicely in retirement.

DUBLIN



11302 Rolling Hills Drive | Sold

4 BD, 3.5 BA | 2,511 SqFt.

Presented at \$1,500,000 | Sold for: \$1,550,000

My seller, as many today, desired to retire out of the area. I was pleased to assist in all the details to offer the chance to find the dream home.

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4550 Gatetree Circle | Sold

4 BD, 2 BA | 1,808 SqFt.

Presented at: \$1,515,000 | Sold for: \$1,815,000

There comes a time when a seller has upgraded a home so much you just take in all the amazing features and acknowledge their hard work. This is one of those homes. I thank the sellers for allowing me the pleasure to be their agent!



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— Steve, Pleasanton seller

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