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# VALLEY VIEWS



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

## Movie theaters: where wrinkles loom large

The movies are back. I mean movies on the big screen as certainly every producer imagines them in his or her head rather than on an iPad or even, God forbid, on a phone. The newest huge screens and premium sound systems are surely the best way to deliver today's gorgeous cinematography, which can be an experience in itself regardless of plot, characters or dialogue.

Last month, a friend of mine rented out a theater — one of many in a multicomplex — and invited 12 of us to see, “Queen Bees” starring Ellen Burstyn, Ann-Margret, Loretta Devine, Jane Curtin and James Caan. We divided the \$150 fee so for the reasonable price of \$12.50 we had a topnotch viewing experience, including friends in nearby seats so we could laugh, gasp and tear up together.

This movie is a story of aging, apparently inspired by the true story of producer Harrison Powell's grandmother who moved into a senior living complex and found later-life love. The title refers to a clique that would give any high school “mean girls” a run for their money; you can guess what the B stands for.

I found it invigorating to see actresses I had watched for decades advancing into their mature lives alongside me. But the wrinkles! For more than a year I'd been enjoying movies on small screens at home so to see those lovely faces magnified multiple times was a shock. Is there special movie makeup for wrinkled faces, designed to still show the wrinkles but not get stuck in the cracks?

I know the prevailing belief is that men age better than women, but let me just say, if you loved James Caan in his prime — fantasies about a tryst with Sonny Corleone, anyone? — then give this movie a skip. But the women were all in great shape, lively and intelligent if becoming a bit forgetful and coping with various health issues.

Speaking of fun things to view, the Olympics are here. I've watched a few events but I wish TV would take a world view of the events rather than focusing on the Americans. I mean I root for the Americans, but the other athletes aren't

just there for the Americans to beat.

A highlight last Saturday night was watching 18-year-old Tunisian Ahmed Hafnaoui when he pulled off a surprise upset in the 400-meter freestyle swimming event. He catapulted out of the pool in his joy at winning. I really could not be sorry that he was about a half-second ahead of American Kieran Smith, who took the bronze. Smith was quoted as saying he had not before heard of Hafnaoui, who barely qualified and was in the far lane, but said, “I'm very proud of him.” That made me very proud of Smith.

TCM is currently presenting historical films from past Olympics. “The Games of the Vth Olympiad, Stockholm, 1912,” a two-hour, 50-minute documentary produced in 2016, has beautifully restored footage showing every detail of the athletes, observers (including King Gustaf in the royal box) and the newly built Stockholm Olympic Stadium. The athletes run, dive, wrestle and otherwise compete to the sound of a snappy piano player.

“The White Stadium (1928)” was thought to be lost until 2011 and was then reconstructed by the International Olympic Committee using original title cards wherever possible. The images in St. Moritz are not just of the athletes but of well-dressed spectators arriving by train, scenes of villagers playing in the snow, and enough lovely winter images to adorn a lifetime of Christmas cards.

The Olympics documentaries include “Visions of Eight,” combining footage from eight noted directors documenting the Munich games in 1972, and other films made in 1965, 1973 and 1986.

“16 Days of Glory” captures highlights of the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles and runs almost five hours. It is thought-provoking to realize that these athletic youths now qualify to move into the senior residence with Ellen Burstyn and James Caan. ■

*Editor's note: Dolores Fox Ciardelli is Tri-Valley Life editor for the Pleasanton Weekly. Her column, “Valley Views,” appears on the second and fourth Fridays of each month — and sometimes on the fifth Friday.*

### About the Cover

Tenants Steven Caravas, Patrick Morin and Chris Updike pose in front of townhouse acquired by Tri-Valley REACH, a nonprofit that provides housing and independent living opportunities locally for adults with developmental disabilities. Photo courtesy of REACH. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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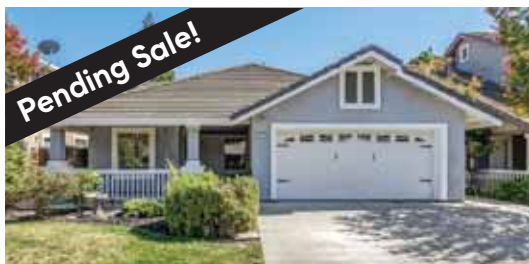
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# Streetwise

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## What do you most enjoy about traveling?



**Thomas Greiner**  
*Technology sales*

I like the unpredictability of new and unfamiliar locations and immersing myself in experiences where I can meet new people and try new foods and activities previously unknown to me.



**Jerry Greiner**  
*Technology sales*

I like going to a place where I've never been before because it is exciting and novel. I also love to travel because I know that I will not have to think about or deal with my "honey do list" at home.



**Margeaux O'Toole** *Fine artist*

I love to travel because it is one of the greatest sources of inspiration for new art projects; traveling provides unique opportunities to see and experience so many unfamiliar things and meet interesting people whose paths I would not otherwise cross. I try to make a plan to go somewhere every year that I've never been to before.



**Dianne Sanborn** *Marketing and sales*

It's all about the food. I love trying new dishes in exotic places. And then trying to re-create them once I get home. I'm usually not very successful at that because the food — and wine — "coma" I get after experimenting with new foods while traveling, tends to interfere with my ability to remember the precise ingredients of what I ate. But I will never stop trying.



**Lisa Weinberg** *Chemist*

I love meeting new people and trying to communicate and relate to them in whatever their native language is. It is usually not my own because I love to travel to foreign countries. I find that wherever I go, everyone seems to understand the meaning of a smile, and that people are willing to engage with me because of that.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Chabad camp closes

Chabad of the Tri-Valley canceled its summer day camp for the rest of the season last week after five youth attending the camp tested positive for COVID-19.

All in-person events at Chabad's Center of Jewish Life on Hopyard Road in Pleasanton were called off through the weekend while the building was cleaned and disinfected as an extra precaution, according to Rabbi Raleigh Resnick. He said no other positive tests had been confirmed to date, including none among counselors, junior counselors, coaches or camp volunteers at the day camp.

"Upon consultation, our camp directorship made the decision to close the camp for the remainder of the summer. This is obviously not something we wanted, but is the right decision under the circumstances," Rabbi Resnick said. The affected youth were said to be asymptomatic or experiencing only mild symptoms.

### Tracking progress

More than one-quarter of the infrastructure projects on which BART is working with Measure RR funding have now been completed, exceeding the agency's timeline projections from when the measure went before voters in 2016.

The agency is currently working on more than 120 infrastructure repair and improvement projects and has already invested roughly \$866 million from Measure RR, which authorized BART to issue bonds totaling \$3.5 billion to replace aging rail and track components, and modernize the transit system's stations.

As of March 2021, BART has utilized Measure RR funds to replace 34 miles of track rail, 27 miles of electrical cables and improved the safety of the platform edges at seven different stations.

—Bay City News Service

### Recall bid stalls

An effort to unseat three members of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District's Board of Education has failed after a parent group seeking to launch a recall election did not turn in a petition with an adequate number of signatures from voters before the deadline, the Weekly confirmed this month.

Recall proponents did not respond to requests for comment, but all three targeted board members confirmed that the recall effort did not proceed past the signature-gathering phase. The petition drive was first launched in January, after a group of parents wanted to oust SRVUSD board members Susanna Wong Ordway, Rachel Hurd and Ken Mintz for their decision-making during the pandemic. ■

## Livermore council accepts all recommendations from Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee

Key areas addressed include housing, police programs, creating opportunities

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore City Council agreed to move forward with a list of 10 recommendations presented by the city's Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee during its regular meeting Monday.

"We're not fixing systemic racism in this go, and we're not even going to fix Livermore," said Vice Mayor Trish Munro, who served as the subcommittee's co-chair.

"But all of these together provide a way of inclusive thinking for the city, which provides paths for building collaborations for others to continue doing this work. So, hopefully these will serve as a foundation on which to build for the future," she added.

The nearly year-long city initiative

was divided into two phases, with the second phase of meetings concluding on June 15.

Deputy city manager Christine Martin, who also served as the staff liaison to the subcommittee, delivered a presentation to the council with a brief overview of both phases and a summary of the recommendations, which she noted are all implementable given current staff resources and funding. Councilmember Gina Bonanno was absent from Monday's meeting.

The list of recommendations was put together by the citizen working group and refined by the subcommittee before going to the council.

The areas addressed in the list include, the Key to the City program,

collaborations with community partners, advisory body recruitment and volunteer opportunities, housing and police programs.

Martin mentioned that there was one recommendation that the subcommittee chose not to carry forward for the council's consideration, which was for the city to join the Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE). According to Martin, the item was not ranked as a top priority by the working group and she said "the subcommittee was concerned that this may be a check-the-box type of exercise that wouldn't have enough return on investment."

However, Martin said that city staff will continue to research and monitor GARE for tools and resources that

may benefit the city's efforts.

Following Martin's presentation, Councilmember Bob Carling, the other subcommittee co-chair, shared his perspective on the experience. "I want to say what a privilege it was to participate and all the folks that came week after week to our meetings, we had very, I thought, terrific participation from the community. Some people actually came to every meeting of every subgroup, so I think that was yeoman's effort in terms of participation," Carling said.

He added, "One of the things that came out of it — at least on the last meeting of June 15 — as I recall, was an overwhelming enthusiasm

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## City removes totem pole from park for maintenance evaluation

Analysis required due to pests, 'significant structural issues'

By CIERRA BAILEY

The city of Livermore shared a social media post last week informing the community that a maintenance evaluation required the removal of a well-known local art landmark.

The Centennial Park totem pole is currently missing from its usual post located at the corner of Fourth and Holmes streets, city officials said.

"The totem pole has been removed so that it may undergo a maintenance evaluation. We'll update the community upon completion of the evaluation," the city's July 22 post on Facebook reads.

City officials told the Weekly that its Public Works Maintenance Division is conducting the evaluation and fumigation is required because "there are pests present." Additionally, officials said there are other "significant structural issues" that are being assessed. They did not elaborate on the expected length of the totem pole's absence.

The piece of historic public art was carved by artist Adam "Fortunate Eagle" Nordwall in 1969 and was installed at Centennial Park in celebration of Livermore's 100th anniversary in 1974, according to the city's public art guide.

In December, the totem pole was brought up during a social media-fueled controversy over the city's Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee after an article



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The totem pole in Livermore's Centennial Park has been removed for a maintenance evaluation, according to city officials. They did not elaborate on the expected duration of the totem pole's absence.

circulated online by pro-police website Law Enforcement Today suggested that the city group was debating whether the Thin Blue Line flag — which is used to express support for law enforcement, but is considered by others as a symbol of intimidation — should be labeled as a symbol of hate.

At the time, one of the city's equity and inclusion subgroups that focused on community, culture and representations was considering conducting a community-wide assessment and action project, involving taking inventory of artwork, artifacts and other symbols

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## PUSD seals deal with classified union

CSEA members to earn 1.5% salary raise, one-time bonus

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District signed off on an agreement at a special Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday that gives classified employees a one-time cash infusion on top of salary and medical benefit contribution increases.

Assistant superintendent of human resources Julio Hernandez called the months leading up to the board's unanimous adoption of the contract with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) "a journey in negotiating."

"What is being presented today is a compensation piece so that we are able to start that process of processing all of the individual unit members' salary screens, which is going to be quite a task," Hernandez said.

District staff members represented by CSEA will receive an across-the-board 1.5% salary raise, based on a squared salary schedule that went into effect last year, as well as a 3.68% increase of district contribution toward medical benefits. Staff are owed retroactive payment as of July 1, 2020, by no later than Sept. 30.

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# Livermore: Lab workers strike amid contract negotiations

Trade union members oppose on-call requirements without bargaining

Trade workers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory began a three-day strike Tuesday after their workplace allegedly required on-call hours without negotiations.

The 235 workers, all union members of the Society of Professionals, Scientists and Engineers, will stand in front of the lab's gates from 4:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for three days this week in hopes that the lab will open up room for bargaining.

They make up a small percentage of the 6,000 workers at the lab, but union chief bargainer Steve Balke said they cover essential departments to make the lab run.

"We're all skilled trades. We're electricians, plumbers, carpenters, sheet metal workers, welders, boiler guys, handling heavy equipment, security alarms, fire alarms," Balke said. "We might be a small

group but we are an integral part of this lab. We want them to know that, because right now they don't treat us that way."

Balke said on-call hours at the laboratory were voluntary for years, until workers ran into restrictions and were less incentivized to sign up.

"Most of the guys that said, 'You know what, I'm tired of jumping through hoops to go see my dentist or to go pick up my kids from school,'" Balke said. "We didn't have enough people, they didn't have enough to cover the on-call, so they said they're making it mandatory, along with those same restrictions."

In response, the union filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board for bad faith negotiations. The board has since issued a complaint against the lab

for a violation of labor laws.

"(The board) saw enough merit in that to take and bring charges against them," Balke said. "We actually have a court date with (the lab) in October with the National Labor Relations Board about their bad faith bargaining charge."

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory says it has negotiated in good faith since September 2019 on the matter at hand, but negotiations have remained separated by "economic issues and management rights," acting lab spokesperson Breanna Bishop said. The laboratory does not expect the strike to have a great impact on site operations.

"We will continue to bargain in good faith with the union to reach an agreement," Bishop said. ■

—Olivia Wynkoop, BCN Foundation



LOCAL 11

Trade workers at Lawrence Livermore National Lab picket Tuesday outside the lab in Livermore on the first day of a three-day strike over working conditions.

# Tri-Valley youth hold forum on future of campus police officers

Effectiveness of SRO program called into question

BY LEILA TOUATI

Tri-Valley youth led a virtual community forum last week to discuss police presence on local school campuses and the future role of school resource officers (SROs).

The evening conversation on July 22 was organized by members of Genesis of the Tri-Valley, a community group focused on impacting structural racism through issue-based campaigns. They aim to end the school-to-prison pipeline, put a stop to youth incarceration completely and find alternate methods

for when a student is having a mental health crisis.

"I don't believe there has ever been an assessment or evaluation of the school resource officer program since it began back in 2002, so there aren't any specifics on Pleasanton's program," Oscar Lopez, interim director of the Education Advocacy Clinic, said during the forum. "The data from the Department of Justice I have reviewed has indicated that school resource officers actually do not make schools safer. There is no correlation at all between SRO

programs and safety."

One of the main concerns with the SRO program is the limited training that officers get, according to Lopez.

"The California state does provide for 40 hours of training for any school resource officers at K-12 schools, however there isn't really a significant mental health component to it," he said.

Amador Valley High School students Vaneesha Dave, Holly Fletcher and Nadia Rehman, Amador alumnus Grace Chen and Dublin High student Megha Suresh presented and

managed the forum.

Pleasanton Unified School District trustees Steve Maher and Kelly Mokashi, as well as Pleasanton City Councilmember Valerie Arkin, attended the online forum that lasted a little over an hour. There did not appear to be any Pleasanton Police Department representatives in attendance.

Jodie Geddes, the human services manager at Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth, spoke about how restorative justice can play a big role in helping students feel safe and trust the people around them in times of crisis.

"Aside from increased trust, I think a lot about the disruption of the school-to-prison pipeline, when we look at data around suspension and expulsion and we begin to look at what the core of the issue is or even when our young people might get arrested in a moment of crisis without calling the therapist. They often engage with so many people along their path before their needs are actually met," Geddes said.

Geddes called on her experience of creating proper wellness programs outside of Pleasanton to explain how using restorative justice can transform circumstances that students are in. She used the phrase "a culture of healing, not harming" to illustrate her point.

"Really creating a wellness system that is holistic, that focuses on wellness and safety, where young people, their parents, and their community members are also a part of the conversation so then we engage in a process that's not about 'doing to' but 'being with,'" Geddes said. "I've seen restorative justice being transformative in situations that were really escalating, and we were able to deal with this because we've already

created a culture of healing in the community."

After the speakers, all participants split up into breakout rooms to discuss their thoughts on the subject of the SRO program. In breakout room 12, Laurie Bennett, a frequent participant in public Genesis events, was among those to share her thoughts on the matter.

"It's not new that kids are having mental health issues, so it's surprising and sad that the school district hasn't been able to put more form around helping kids. With this last year, coming back is going to be very challenging and it would really be so great for Pleasanton to have a better way of being able to handle crisis," Bennett said.

Genesis youth hope for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between city officials, the school district and police on the SRO program as well as creating a dialogue about involuntary hold orders for students struggling with mental health and when police SROs should be involved.

Maher, Mokashi and Arkin interacted with Genesis youth on the subject of an MOU and future dialogues on the subject. They said they didn't want to make any definitive statements due to the Brown Act, but agreed that immediate changes must be implemented to the SRO program.

"It's certainly long overdue that we haven't discussed the SRO program and now we're trying to set things straight and have an MOU and qualify what we expect and what students and parents can expect, and we're moving forward. I'm looking forward to (the MOU) being completed by the end of September, I'm hoping," Maher said. ■

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# One millionth Alameda County resident receives COVID-19 vaccine

‘Remarkable milestone ... (but) more work to do to get to immunity’

One million Alameda County residents are fully vaccinated from COVID-19 or two-thirds of the county population, public health officials said last week.

Of the residents 12 years old and older, 70.7% were fully vaccinated and about 83% had at least one dose, as of last Friday.

“It’s been a long seven-month journey to get to this remarkable milestone in one of the largest and most diverse counties in the state,” said Colleen Chawla, director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.

But Chawla said, “We have more work to do to get to immunity from this devastating disease and we are moving deeper into our communities to engage our residents.”

Vaccination rates vary across communities in the county and public health officials are increasing their efforts to address the disparities.

The county has seen an increase in cases in communities where the rates of vaccination are the lowest, according to public health officials. Some of those communities are the ones hit hardest by the coronavirus.

Public health officials said a few

generally mild cases of the disease have been reported among vaccinated people recently while most recent cases are among unvaccinated people.

COVID-19 can still cause severe illness, hospitalization, and death for unvaccinated people, including young adults and youth.

The COVID-19 vaccine is the best protection against severe illness, public health officials said, and the “Direct Outreach to Our Residents” program is reaching out to people who have yet to get the vaccine.

“Our efforts continue and are

expanding with the Direct Outreach to Our Residents (DOOR) program providing relationship-centered conversations between residents,” said Dr. George Ayala, Alameda County’s Health Care Services Agency’s public health deputy director.

“The DOOR program is a collaboration across the Public Health Department and neighborhood-based community organizations,” he said.

Ayala said, “Most DOOR workers live in the priority census tracts with lower vaccination rates, and are uniquely positioned to lead hyper-local, door-to-door outreach

involving neighbor-to-neighbor conversations.

“Our goal is to ensure that unvaccinated residents living in communities that are hardest hit by the pandemic are equipped with information about vaccines, nearby vaccination opportunities, and on-the-spot assistance with registration,” he said.

People 12 and older can receive the Pfizer vaccine while the Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines are approved for people 18 and older. Doses are free and no one will ask for the immigration status or insurance information of a person seeking to get vaccinated.

Information about getting vaccinated in Alameda County can be found at [covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines](https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines). ■

—Keith Burbank, BCN

## Students reflect on Holocaust through writing, artwork

Winning pieces from contest on display at Pleasanton Library

By JULIA BAUM

Artwork and writing by Tri-Valley youth that illustrate the importance of remembering and learning about the Holocaust is now on display at the Pleasanton Library.

Available for viewing since Monday, each of the winning pieces from the East Bay Holocaust Education Center (EBHEC) 2021 High School

Art and Writing Contest prompts residents to consider, before giving an interpretive answer to the question, “Why is it important to remember the Holocaust?”

The contest took place earlier during spring and was open to middle and high school students around the Tri-Valley and surrounding areas. EBHEC also approached the city of

Pleasanton, which agreed to put the entries on display in the young adult section of the library, where they currently reside.

EBHEC founder Larry Lugin told the Weekly, “We had a good response and were able to reward \$3,500 of prize money to these winners,” including 15 students from Harvest Park Middle, and Dublin, Livermore,

California and Amador Valley high schools.

To spread word about the competition, Lugin said, “We reached out to all the public high schools in the East Bay, and also specifically to the world history teachers and art teachers.”

About half of the entrants submitted art pieces — some colorful, others more muted — while other

contestants chose to express themselves through written word.

“With the writing, they either did poems or prose, or a combination of poetry or prose, and they were quite strong,” Lugin said. “There were a few that were based on someone’s aunt and uncle, they’re Holocaust

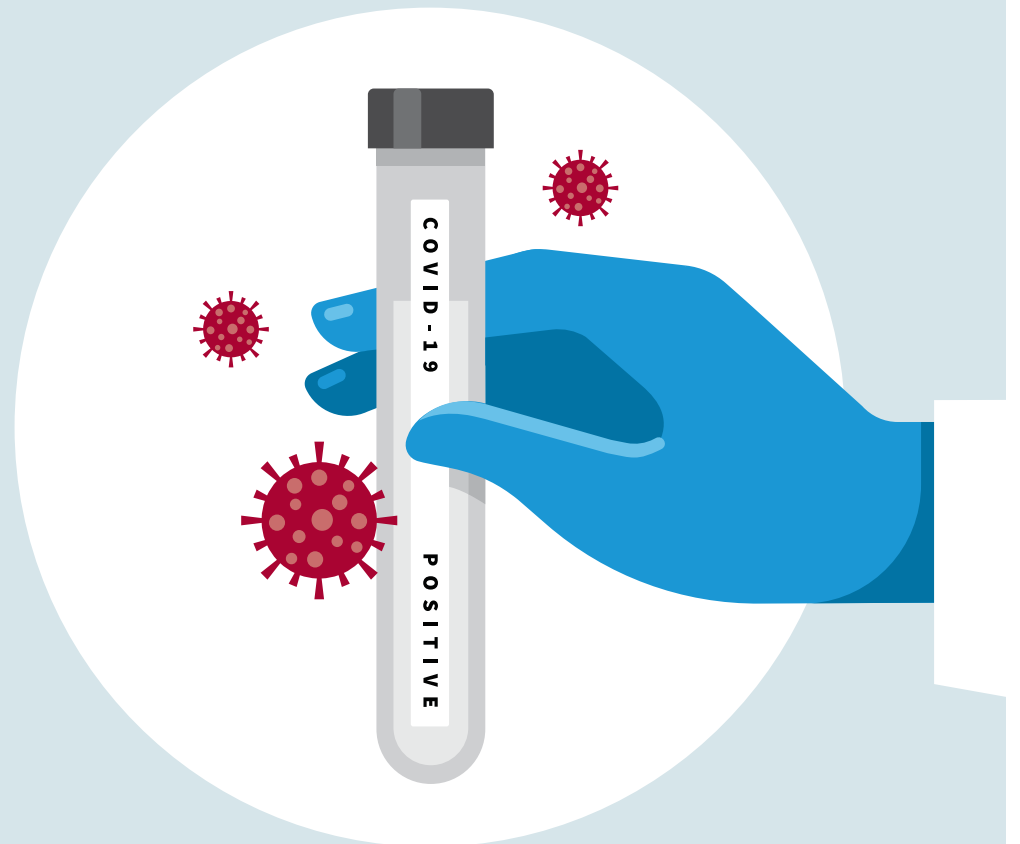
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## New initiative aims to increase visibility for Livermore artists, creatives

‘Livermore Valley Made’ program set to kick off with pop-up market Sept. 18

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore Downtown Inc. (LDI) is launching a new initiative geared toward artists, makers and creatives to promote and support up-and-coming small businesses.

“Livermore Valley Made” is the name of the free business assistance program that aims to provide increased visibility and access to cottage industry businesses in Livermore.

While initial plans for the program began pre-pandemic, LDI Executive Director Rachael Snedecor said that the pandemic and subsequent shelter-in-place orders afforded many people an opportunity to try new things, resulting in a surge of new entrepreneurial ventures.

“One of the things that COVID did is really increase the amount of cottage industry makers now, whether that be bakers, candy makers or artists,” Snedecor said. “They had time to pursue their talents and see what was bringing them joy through COVID and they turned that into an income stream.”

Although LDI is promoting the program, Snedecor said its development is a collaborative effort with local business owners and other community stakeholders, including the city of Livermore.

“The Livermore Valley Made

campaign arose from our 2020-2025 Economic Development Strategic Plan and our goals to both enhance Livermore’s unique sense of place and lower the barriers to entry for our artists, makers and entrepreneurs,” said Adam Van de Water, the city’s innovation and economic development director.

“Having a coordinated Livermore Valley Made campaign provides structure to an already healthy maker’s movement in Livermore, helping connect new entrants establishing and growing their brands with customers looking for unique offerings that support homegrown entrepreneurs,” he added.

The components of the program include a new website — set to launch by the end of the month — which will serve as an online directory where locals and visitors can find artists and makers in various categories selling locally made goods.

Another aspect of Livermore Valley Made is identifying ways to connect the makers with the brick-and-mortar businesses in town, according to Snedecor. For example, providing opportunities for the makers to get their products on shelves at some of the downtown shops or facilitating partnered events with one another.

The third piece of the program is hosting pop-up experiences and makers markets downtown for Livermore Valley Made participants to showcase and sell their work.

While Livermore has existing selling opportunities like the farmers’ markets, currently held twice a week, and the monthly Batch Makers Market, Snedecor said some makers are not looking for that level of exposure and may not produce enough product to consistently sustain a booth at a larger market.

She also said that with the influx of new makers, offering more opportunities for them to get their products seen and sold will ultimately benefit them. “It’s not about competition. It’s about success through collaboration,” Snedecor said.

The first Livermore Valley Made pop-up experience is set for Sept. 18, which will coincide with an official launch.

LDI is currently calling upon artists and makers to submit their businesses to be added to the new website. They are asking interested participants to send an email with a company name, contact name, email address, mailing address, website, Instagram, product type and a product photo to [Events@livermoredowntown.com](mailto:Events@livermoredowntown.com). ■

## Quest to host Tri-Valley Innovation Fair at Alameda County Fairgrounds

Annual event returning Sept. 18

By ANNA HSU

This year’s Tri-Valley Innovation Fair is set to be held by the Quest Science Center at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in September, the nonprofit recently announced.

The event encourages the community to explore science and technology through hands-on experiences and first-hand witnessing new innovations from the Tri-Valley.

“The Tri-Valley Innovation Fair 2021 will showcase the fun and interesting activities, interactive experiments, exciting demonstrations and so much more,” said Richard Peterson, event lead and president/CEO of the U.S. Cultural Heritage Marketing Council. “The importance of coming together for community enrichment programs such as the Innovation Fair is more critical than ever before.”

Local companies and innovations in the fields of life sciences, advanced manufacturing, cloud computing, agriculture technology, energy, transportation and more will be featured, and skills for many of these fields will be showcased.

In the past, the event was hosted in downtown Livermore at Bankhead Theater. This year, Quest

officials said they have taken into consideration the public health situation and have partnered with Alameda County Fairgrounds to provide an open and safer environment for the community to gather in.

“It’s important to Quest to be welcoming and accessible to people of all backgrounds with a central and familiar location that has ample flexible indoor and outdoor exhibit space for exhibitors and can also accommodate evolving public health guidelines this year,” Quest Science Center CEO Monya Lane said in a statement.

“Planning the event with the Alameda County Fairgrounds was the perfect solution and they’ve been a wonderful partner every step of the way,” she added.

With an expected 2,000 to 2,500 visitors from around the Tri-Valley and Bay Area, Quest and the fairgrounds are keeping a close eye on state and federal health regulations and safety guidelines and plan to adjust the event if necessary.

The Innovation Fair is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 with admission free to visitors but registration required. The event is open to all ages and

there will be food trucks available for food and beverages. Interested attendees can access the fairgrounds by Wheels bus system or car with parking at the site.

Attendees can look forward to meeting and talking with professional scientists, engineers, innovators, teachers, business leaders and exploring skills in different STEM fields to continue to develop their own career.

While there are already a number of local companies and laboratories participating in the event this year, Quest Science Center is inviting more sponsors or exhibitors to join them at the fair.

Companies, businesses, organizations, nonprofits and more can reserve a space at the fair by emailing [richard@uschmc.com](mailto:richard@uschmc.com) in which a registration form will be sent for completion. Applications are approved based on “unique connection to STEAM innovations.” Each booth has a registration fee of \$500 and may require more costs, such as for additional electrical power.

More information on being a sponsor or exhibitor for the 2021 Tri-Valley Innovation Fair can be found at [www.quest-science.org](http://www.quest-science.org). ■

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survivors.” Another poem called ‘For My Zayde’ — Yiddish for ‘grandfather’ — also has personal roots for the writer.

“I just found it very touching and moving, and ... I just found the artwork to be very moving,” Lagin added.

The entries were judged by local poet Deborah Grossman and Anne Giancola, visual arts manager for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, both who were “very

impressed by the quality of the work,” according to Lagin.

A virtual learning series being hosted in August by the Jewish Learning Institute called “Beyond Never Again” aims to examine the Holocaust “and try to understand how we could learn from it, and also look to the future and how to make life better for everyone,” Lagin said.

The series focuses on antisemitism, but Lagin said, “Our center basically looks at the Holocaust and tries to apply it to different events of genocide, trying to prevent genocide in general. We’re reaching out to



“Lost,” colored pencil drawing by Nicole Altan, Dublin High School.

people of all faiths.”

The winning entries from EBHEC’s 2021 High School Art and Writing

Contest can be viewed during normal hours in the young adults section at the Pleasanton Library, 400

Old Bernal Ave.

For more information about EBHEC, visit [www.ebhec.org](http://www.ebhec.org). ■

**EQUITY**

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to continue in some fashion for the people that participated.”

Both Carling and Munro thanked Martin, city staff, all of the participants and consulting firm Public Dialogue Consortium, which helped facilitate the working group meetings and projects.

They also thanked each other, with Munro extending her gratitude to Mayor Bob Woerner, who co-chaired phase one with her before appointing Carling to take his place upon his ascension to mayor.

“I will say, it’s true that sharing a name does not mean sharing a working style,” Munro said, adding that she is grateful to have worked on

the subcommittee with Carling and Woerner and learned from both of their different working styles.

A handful of participants in Livermore’s citizen equity and inclusion working group spoke during public comment on the item to share their experiences and thank the city for establishing the equity and inclusion program.

Toward the end of the discussion, Woerner congratulated everyone involved for doing a “superb” job. “I just want to say this was an incredible amount of work with a really good outcome,” he said. “At the beginning, there was a lot of emotion and concern and a lot going on in the country and I think we took a risk, as Vice Mayor Munro pointed out (in her earlier comments), and that it paid off.”

Martin said that city staff is working on creating a survey to send to all of the working group participants from both phases for individual feedback about their experiences. Woerner said that the city will also consider planning some form of event or ceremony or distributing certificates as a way to thank all of the participants.

The full list of subcommittee recommendations are as follows:

1. Key 2 City: Expand community awareness of the inner workings of local government and ways to provide stepping stones to leadership opportunities. Expand outreach and advertisement of participation and volunteer opportunities in furtherance of the above.

2. Youth Key 2 City: Create and

conduct a Key 2 City specifically for youth.

3. Collaborate with Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) to create/implement complementary programming for youth.

4. Collaborate with Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Las Positas Community College and other business organizations on youth training/career opportunities.

5. Recruitment for advisory bodies, employment and other volunteer opportunities: Expand outreach and advertising efforts to reach all segments of the community.

6. Collaborate with LVJUSD, LARP, Livermore Downtown Inc., Chamber of Commerce and other

community partners on a calendar of cultural events.

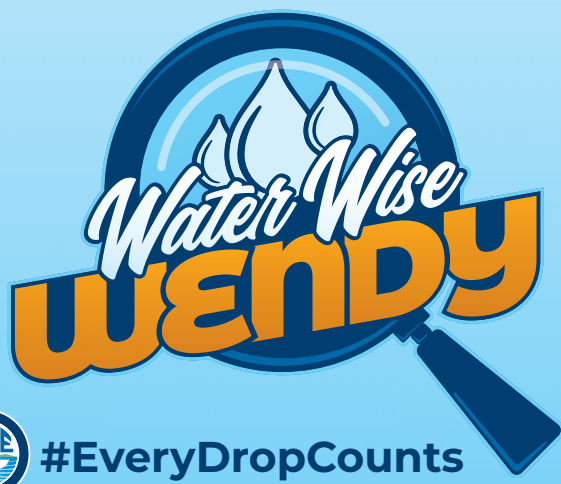
7. Housing: Expand outreach to communities most affected by housing issues. Share information on housing-related matters with the community.

8. Police Department Stop Data Project: Invite Subgroup B to hear updates and provide input on the stop data project at milestones.

9. Police Department Mental Health Clinician Ride-Along Pilot Program: Explore ways to deploy police department resources most efficiently and effectively in response to mental health related calls for service.

10. Chief’s Advisory Group: Increase police chief and police department awareness of community policing-related matters. ■

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# New CDC advice: Most vaccinated Californians should wear masks indoors

State employees, health care workers must show proof of vaccination

BY BARBARA FEDER OSTROV /  
CALMATTERS

Nearly all vaccinated Californians should return to wearing masks indoors under new federal guidelines issued Tuesday for areas where COVID-19 is surging.

The new guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention apply to regions with “high or substantial” transmission rates, which includes 45 of California’s 58 counties and about 96% of its nearly 40 million people.

The guidelines would cover all of California’s most populous counties. The counties, with lower COVID-19 rates, that are not included are: Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Glenn, Tehama, Lassen, Modoc, Sierra, Alpine, Mono, Inyo and Tulare. About 1.7 million people live in those counties.

The announcement reverses an earlier CDC recommendation, issued in mid-May, that it was safe for vaccinated people to remove their masks in most settings.



All unvaccinated people, including children not yet eligible for COVID-19 vaccines, should continue to wear masks in all public indoor places under state and federal recommendations.

The CDC also recommended on Tuesday that vaccinated people in all areas of the country wear masks indoors if they are immunocompromised or have a higher risk of severe disease if infected, or if they live with someone who is. It also issued guidelines that everyone who attends, works at or visits a K-12 school wear masks regardless of

vaccination status.

As in other states, California’s COVID-19 cases have spiked in recent weeks as the more infectious Delta variant has become dominant. Nearly 30% of eligible Californians remain unvaccinated along with children too young to be immunized.

Nationally, nearly two-thirds of U.S. counties are experiencing high or substantial transmission rates, according to CDC data.

State health officials on Tuesday reported more than 7,700 new COVID-19 cases and five new deaths, compared to about 700 new

cases on June 15, the state’s reopening day.

In response, California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday said health care workers and state employees must be vaccinated or undergo weekly testing and wear masks. The federal government was expected to follow suit on Thursday.

Los Angeles County and city officials also renewed indoor mask mandates in mid-July. Yolo and Ventura counties have followed suit.

On Wednesday, the state public health department updated its mask guidance to align with the new CDC recommendations, asking vaccinated Californians to mask up in indoor public spaces.

The new federal guidelines were prompted by evidence showing that the delta variant may be more likely than other variants to cause breakthrough cases in vaccinated people, and those people may still carry large quantities of the virus that can be passed to others, said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky. But she

also noted that such breakthrough cases remain rare.

In California, about 21,000 breakthrough cases have been identified among nearly 21 million fully vaccinated people — just 0.1%, according to state health data.

Some public health experts were relieved by the CDC’s reversal on Tuesday after criticizing its previous guidance, issued before the Delta variant became predominant, as misguided.

“The CDC’s decision in May to apply one size fits all mask guidance regardless of vaccines or prevalence was always a bad one for this exact reason: every community is different, and public health should be flexible enough to accommodate those distinctions,” University of Saskatchewan virologist Angela Rasmussen tweeted Tuesday. “By oversimplifying complex and uncertain situations ... we will not convince people to wear masks if they weren’t already or persuade skeptics to get vaccinated.” ■

## Advocacy group sues East Bay Parks over feral cat abatement policy

District rule allows feral or abandoned cats to be killed or relocated

A cat advocacy group filed a lawsuit last week against the East Bay Regional Park District for a controversial policy allowing feral and abandoned cats to be killed or relocated to help protect endangered animal species at the district’s

parks.

Alley Cat Allies, which advocates for the protection of cats and kittens, filed suit July 21 in Alameda County Superior Court, arguing that the district’s policy is inhumane and fails to comply with the

California Environmental Quality Act by changing the physical environment without a full review of the consequences.

Alley Cat Allies requested the court to vacate or suspend the policy, which East Bay Parks has

not enforced since December, and issue a temporary restraining order.

Becky Robinson, president and founder of Alley Cat Allies, argued that culling or relocating feral cats would only lead to new cats moving in and the population rebounding.

“Cats are part of the environment in East Bay and are critical to the complex web of life,” Robinson said in a statement. “Cats have been part of the natural environment in California for hundreds of years and cannot realistically be removed permanently from the environment.”

A park district spokesperson did not immediately return a request for comment last week. On June 16, district spokesman Dave Mason

said the agency “could have done better regarding the removal of abandoned and feral cats that were threatening endangered wildlife at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline last year.”

At that time, Mason also said district officials had been meeting regularly with local animal shelters since suspending the policy in December to safely rehome or relocate cats rather than killing them. According to Mason, 48 cats had been safely re-homed or relocated from park grounds as of June 16.

Park district staff members killed at least 13 cats last year at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline without seeking non-lethal alternatives, according to Alley Cat Allies. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation



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## TOTEM POLE

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throughout the city that represent and signify systemic racism as well as the symbols that signify equity and inclusion.

While the Thin Blue Line flag was at the center of the debate, concerns were raised by community members that public art displays — like the totem pole and the “Circle of Peace” sculpture depicting three children holding hands in a circle located in Hansen Park — were at risk of removal.

Then-Mayor John Marchand

clarified that the city had not made any decisions to remove any of the city’s artifacts.

“We are not considering removing the totem pole, we’re not removing the statue of the three children and the city has not decided to do anything at this point,” Marchand said during the Dec. 14 City Council meeting.

“This is merely an exercise to begin a community conversation. So, with that — just to put everyone’s minds at ease — we’re not taking out the totem pole, we’re not removing the circle of children,” he added. ■

# PG&E expands resources for customers affected by planned power outages

Just one PSPS so far in 2021, but utility prepping for more

PG&E is expanding its resources for customers at risk of being affected by planned power outages as California's wildfire season rages on.

Public Safety Power Shutoffs, or PSPS events, are part of PG&E's efforts to prevent wildfires that could happen if high winds cause damage to power lines. A combination of factors such as low humidity, high winds, dry material and nearby tall trees can cause PG&E to temporarily shut off power until the danger of a wildfire has passed.

PG&E has only reported one PSPS event in 2021 so far: a planned outage from Jan. 19 to 21 that impacted about 5,100 Central California residents after 83 mph wind gusts created an imminent threat of wildfire.

Nearly a third of PG&E's power lines are in areas now designated as high fire-threat districts by the California Public Utilities Commission, according to PG&E spokesperson

Tamar Sarkissian.

In response, Sarkissian said, PG&E has made several safety improvements to prevent or minimize PSPS events. As of April, PG&E has strengthened 180 miles of lines by installing stronger poles, covering power lines or moving them underground. The utility has also installed 925 sectionalizing devices, which can turn off power in just specific sections of the power grid, keeping the power on in areas that would have otherwise also been impacted by the outage.

"Due to these upgrades — the system hardening and the distribution microgrids — we do not expect a return to the large scale PSPS events of 2019," Sarkissian said.

In 2019, numerous power shutoffs occurred throughout wildfire season, leaving hundreds of thousands of Northern and Central California residents without power for up to several days at a time.

This May, the CPUC ordered PG&E to pay \$106 million in fines and customer bill credits in response to several violations that occurred during the 2019 shutoffs. Chief among those violations was their website being unavailable during the PSPS events, preventing impacted residents from being able to access resources and information.

Sarkissian said PG&E has learned from the 2019 outages and made backend improvements to its website to prevent it from going down during future PSPS events. Residents can also sign up for text, call or email alerts for when a PSPS event might impact them or a relative.

Though PSPS events are a "last resort" for PG&E, Sarkissian encouraged customers to plan ahead for resources they may need in case of a long-term shutoff. Customers who depend on power for medical needs can register for PG&E's

Medical Baseline Program, which — along with an additional energy allotment each month — includes extra notifications about upcoming PSPS events.

They can also access portable batteries, hotel stays and meal replacements through PG&E partnerships with local community-based organizations, such as food banks.

All customers can also take advantage of PG&E's Community Resource Centers, where there are chargers for devices and medical equipment, updated information about ongoing PSPS events, water and snacks.

In the 2020 wildfire season, Sarkissian said the centers enforced social distancing and masking to promote COVID-19 safety, though their policies for 2021 may be updated based on public safety guidelines at the time of the event. PG&E hopes to open 370 total resource centers in 2021.

In the meantime, Sarkissian pointed customers toward the utility's website to access multilingual resources. PG&E is also hosting a webinar series where customers can learn more about PSPS events and wildfire safety in their county.

Sarkissian said community engagement at the webinars has been strong, in part due to partnerships with cities and counties to promote sharing information that will help keep customers safe during planned power outages.

"PG&E's most important responsibility is the safety of our customers and the communities that we serve," she said. "We are doing more to help our customers and communities than ever before, before, during and after PSPS events."

Customers can attend upcoming webinars or view recordings of past ones on PG&E's website at [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com). ■

—Megan Munce, BCN Foundation

## UNION

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Assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami told the board, "Every employee is at a certain placement in the salary schedule, and this 1.5% moves the entire salary schedule 1.5% higher, and so that's the additional compensation and the additional cost to the district on an ongoing basis. For this unit, that cost of 1.5% is approximately around \$390,000 or \$400,000."

A one-time payment not to exceed \$350,000 will also be split among all CSEA members. The 2020-21 fiscal year agreement includes adjustments to a

classification compensation study as well that will be made based on recommendations from the union.

Only 80 classifications approved in 2019-20 were approved to the 50th percentile or above, according to Hernandez. By approving the contract, "all of our classifications will either be at the 50th percentile or above with our CSEA unit."

Hernandez described the one-time \$350,000 distributed among CSEA membership "as part of the agreement to close the study and bring closure to it. Again, elevating everybody within the study within our classified unit with CSEA, at or above the 50th percentile."

The squaring of the salary schedule is in the collective bargaining

agreement but is not currently being fulfilled by PUSD. By doing so, Hernandez said, "we would have met and will meet our obligation in the collective bargaining agreement."

"We agreed to square it based on the \$15, which is the minimum wage that will be established in January, so this sets that ... and makes it whole," he added.

During the board discussion, Trustee Mary Jo Carreon asked about the district's deficit spending and where staffing would be reduced, if necessary. Sheikholeslami

said staff has "already started some of that work" but would "have to look at some of our ratios with our involvement throughout the grades."

"We'll have to look at both support programs and other programs the district has, and aligning those with our enrollment," Sheikholeslami said. "It's a through-through kind of evaluation at every level to ensure staffing is aligned with enrollment."

Trustee Kelly Mokashi later pointed out, "But as you said, there are some actions, planning to

accommodate if staffing modifications need to be changed or modified down the road."

"Correct. We are increasing our deficit spending, but we're going to be looking in the 45-day budget," Sheikholeslami replied. "There's additional revenues that are going to be included into the ongoing multi-year as well, and then out-years we're going to have to look at that. If enrollment is where it is, currently we need to tighten enrollment, we need to tighten staffing throughout the district." ■



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## Presenting 'Kinky Boots'

Bankhead Theater and the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre are co-presenting a screening of "Kinky Boots" at 8 p.m. tonight (July 30). The award-winning musical, directly from the London stage in a lively 2019 production, features Charley Price who inherits a shoe factory from his father and forms an unlikely partnership with cabaret performer and drag queen Lola to produce a line of high-heeled boots to save the business. All seats are \$15; go to [livermorearts.com](http://livermorearts.com).

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# Tri-Valley REACH celebrating 30th anniversary

## Fundraiser next month for nonprofit dedicated to local housing options for adults with special needs

By ANNA HSU

For the past three decades, Tri-Valley REACH has worked to support the community by providing housing opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities so they can pursue independent living.

“REACH is a testament to the vision that the early founders had, their idea that their family members could live independently, long before anyone thought it was a possibility,” said Kay King, board chair for REACH — short for Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for Special Adults of the Tri-Valley.

“And it has been proven year after year that it’s a valuable and important part of our community,” King added.

Established in 1990, Norm Guest, Lloyd Hanson, and Jan and Steve Pinney founded the organization that was formerly known as HOUSE Inc. (Housing Opportunities Utilizing Supportive Environment) in the hopes of providing their own family members with more residential options for living as an individual with a developmental disability.

At the time, there were few resources and homes for adults with

special needs in the Tri-Valley and limited options of either going to board-and-care homes or other large institutional settings. The founders hoped that their family members could live like everyone else — in their own homes, close to their family and friends.

The founders focused on the idea of purchasing properties modified to accommodate special needs residents, and hiring licensed people if needed. With this strategy in place, their family members and others could live independently, since not all people with developmental disabilities need dedicated care at all times.

“This was a less-restrictive way to provide housing. Maybe they have their own TV, they have a choice in the food they eat, they have a choice on when they go to bed and when they wake up,” Jan Pinney said.

The organization purchased its first home in Livermore when the local chapter of The Arc, which provides resources to intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals, transferred funds originally for another community property to REACH’s predecessor.

Early on, one challenge the organization faced was finding

compatibility among roommates.

“Our prospective residents didn’t have the ability to know how to live with someone else, and parents would be taking the role of who was going to lay down the rules and laws. We wanted the residents to figure out their own plans of living,” Jan Pinney said.

Now, REACH works with case managers from the Regional Center

of the East Bay to pair roommates and help prepare the residents for independent living.

While some communities in the late 1980s and early 1990s were skeptical of having adults with developmental disabilities living alone in their neighborhoods, REACH residents are well accepted now, not only by their neighbors but also by local businesses and city

governments, according to King.

To date, the nonprofit has supported 34 individuals in 11 homes within the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton. In these homes, the tenants learn independent living strategies, residing with roommates and other essential life skills such as cleaning, scheduling and making daily decisions.

Deb Morin, parent of current



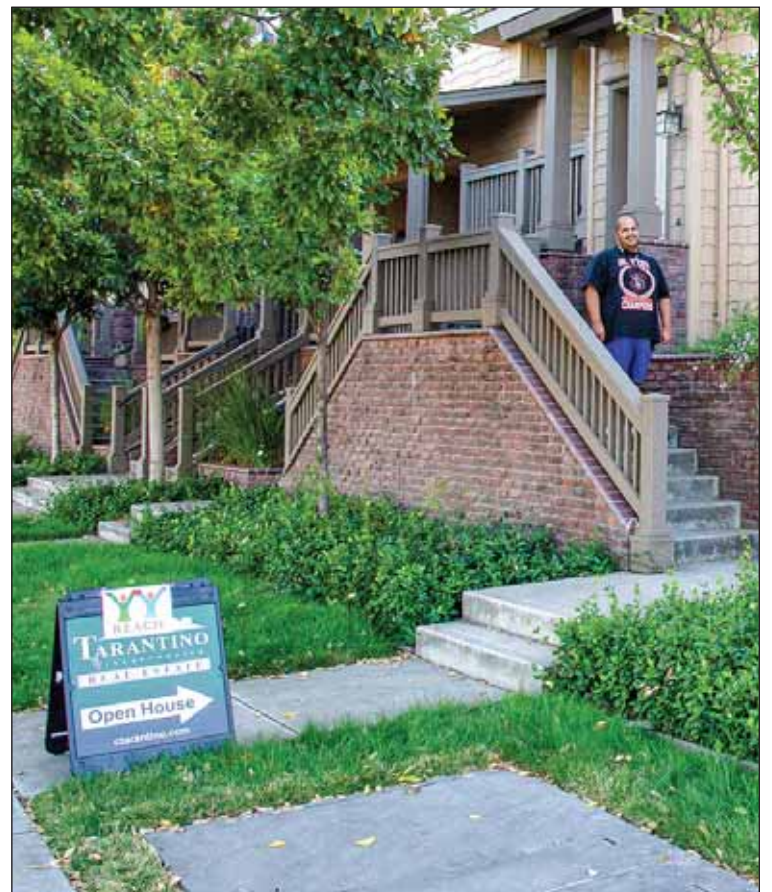
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This is the second home that the nonprofit now known as Tri-Valley REACH purchased, back in 1992. The organization still owns the Vineyard Avenue property to this day.



MIKE SEDLAK

REACH tenants and supporters talk at open house event in October 2019 at Station Square in Livermore, where the nonprofit purchased two townhomes as affordable housing for adults with developmental disabilities.



MIKE SEDLAK

Chris Updike poses outside of a townhome REACH acquired at Station Square in 2019.

tenant Patrick, who has been living in a REACH home since September 2019, expressed some pleasant surprise because she “didn’t imagine him living on his own this soon.” She explained that Patrick takes a lot of pride in being independent and is proud to tell other people.

“REACH provided the opportunity to experience independence that he would never experience in our home,” Morin said. “REACH has made something attainable that we never thought would be.”

“People with developmental disabilities have the same goals and dreams as everyone else does, and they need a place to live,” said Sharon Almeida, vice president of the REACH Board of Directors and also a parent of a former tenant Victor, who now lives fully independently on his own.

“It’s critically important for parents to think about this because we’re not going to be here forever. If you’re not here one day, they’re going to have a really hard time transitioning,” she added, emphasizing the importance of getting adult children accustomed to living independently as soon as possible.

As a parent of an individual with a developmental disability, Almeida described the difficulties that she faced in regards to accessing resources, especially after her son graduated high school. She said that there are so few organizations like REACH that provide support, especially housing, to young adults with special needs.

Especially in the Bay Area where property costs and living expenses are particularly high, financing and funding its homes has been one of the most fundamental challenges

that REACH continually faces.

“REACH receives very little income from tenants’ rent and must continually fundraise, apply for grants, work with community groups, etc. to cover expenses,” King explained.

As a 501(c)3 organization, the nonprofit does not receive any ongoing funding from the government, solely relying on contributions from members of the community for any regular income.

In the past, REACH has received donations from local Rotary Clubs, businesses and other nonprofit groups such as KIDS-N-NEED, Fremont Bank Foundation and others, King said.

More than purchasing the properties, funding is also needed to maintain and modify the homes.

“We have to specially retrofit our properties because there are sometimes physical challenges that tenants have,” Almeida said. Modifications include handrails, cleared walkways with no tripping hazards or visual cues for those who are hearing impaired.

REACH strives to “be the best neighbor on the block,” ensuring that their properties are always of the best quality and standard.

As REACH representatives and supporters continue to work toward providing independent living opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities in the Tri-Valley area, they continue to look for opportunities for purchasing affordable housing units.

In recent years, REACH has worked with the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore in acquiring properties. Its most recent acquisition was the purchase of two

townhouses in 2019 that the city of Livermore had retained during the recession and hoped to sell to the low-income community. With limited funding, these opportunities are essential for the nonprofit.

Moreover, the partnership with local cities is significant to both parties. REACH fulfills a significant need for cities by providing housing and support to developmentally disabled residents.

More than providing housing, REACH has also expanded to supporting the special needs community through other events and activities over the past years.

The organization provides scholarships and funds for equipment for their tenants and other individuals to participate in Pleasanton’s RADD (Recreational Activities

for the Developmentally Disabled) program and the Special Olympics Northern California. REACH also sponsors the annual winter ball that RADD holds.

“Since we are providing homes to a small niche, our outreach is to a limited number of individuals, and REACH recognized that and they wanted to serve more than the tenants of the home. Partnering with others has enabled us to reach a far larger community,” said King, who is also a coach for RADD.

Now, with its 30th anniversary on the horizon, REACH has grown to become an integral part of the Tri-Valley community and its developmentally disabled residents and their families.

“The REACH success comes from many supportive people, business

and city governments who have donated their time, resources and talents for over 30 years,” said King.

To celebrate the anniversary, REACH is holding a fundraiser night at McGrail Vineyards in Livermore on Aug. 19.

The event will feature speakers including board members of REACH and tenant families. Attendees will be served McGrail wines, Gigi’s rolling wood-fired pizzas and cookies from Jill Smith Cookies. Individual tickets are \$100, and sponsorships range from \$500 to \$2,500, with all proceeds going to supporting REACH properties.

To register for the celebration event, or learn more information about the organization, visit [www.trivalleyreach.org](http://www.trivalleyreach.org). ■



COURTESY OF REACH

Photo shows current and former tenants and supporters coming together for a holiday event sponsored by REACH during the early years of the nonprofit, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this summer.



COURTESY OF REACH

Steven Caravas poses in the kitchen of one of the homes owned by REACH.



MIKE SEDLAK

REACH supporters and board members gather during the 2019 open house in Livermore. From left: Steve King, Kay King, Shirley Macchiano, Marsha Sweeney, Patrick O’Brien, Tony Macchiano and Jeanne O’Brien.

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### NFL assistant coach Greg Knapp dies from injuries sustained in San Ramon crash

New York Jets assistant coach Greg Knapp died last week from injuries sustained five days earlier in San Ramon when a vehicle and his bicycle collided while traveling on Dougherty Road. He was 58.

Knapp, an NFL coach for 26 years including previous stints as offensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers and then-Oakland Raiders, never regained consciousness after the impact of the crash on the afternoon of July 17, according to his family. His wife, three daughters, mother and brother were by his side when he died at a Walnut Creek



Greg Knapp

hospital just after 11:30 a.m. July 22.

"Greg's infectious personality is most people's first and lasting memory of him," his family said in a statement released by the Jets last week. "The phrase 'He never met a stranger' encapsulates Knapp's zest for life. He had a unique gift to make everyone feel special, and to Knapp, they all were."

The news of Knapp's death was first confirmed publicly by Knapp's agent Jeff Sperbeck in a statement to 9News sports reporter Mike Klis in Denver, where Knapp won a Super Bowl ring as quarterbacks coach for the 2015 Broncos. He was in his first year with the Jets after being hired to join new head coach Robert Saleh's staff as passing game specialist.

Knapp, who had an offseason home in Danville, had been hospitalized since the serious collision in San Ramon's Dougherty Valley on July 17.

San Ramon police said Knapp was cycling in the bike lane on Dougherty Road just north of North Monarch Road around 2:50 p.m. when a vehicle, also traveling northbound at an unknown speed in the right-most driving lane, collided with Knapp's bicycle. Dougherty Road has three driving lanes with a speed limit of 50 mph, plus a dedicated bicycle lane, in that direction.

The cause and primary factors of the collision are still under investigation, according to San Ramon police. They did report that initial evidence indicated Knapp's bicycle was fully within the bike lane when the crash occurred.

His family said Knapp was immediately knocked unconscious when struck by the car and never regained consciousness before his death.

The name of the driver, a 22-year-old man from Danville, has not been released publicly — a common policy for Tri-Valley law enforcement agencies, citing privacy reasons, unless and until criminal charges were to be filed in a traffic case.

Police said neither drugs nor alcohol appeared to have been factors based on the preliminary investigation, and the driver remained at the scene and cooperated with investigators that day. Knapp was wearing a helmet while riding.

"Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Knapp's family and loved ones," San Ramon police Lt. Tami Williams said July 22.

"The San Ramon Police Department's Traffic Unit is conducting a thorough investigation of this incident. Once our investigation is completed, the case will be reviewed by the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office," Williams added. There were no updates in the investigation as of press time this Wednesday.

Knapp is survived by his wife Charlotte and daughters Jordan, Natalie and Camille.

A quarterback on the field at Huntington Beach High School and Sacramento State University, Knapp earned multiple invitations to NFL training camps as a player and a coaching intern while also coaching at Sac State.

He joined the NFL coaching ranks with the 49ers in 1995, rising to be their offensive coordinator from 2001 to 2003. He has also worked as

offensive coordinator for the Raiders (two separate stints), Atlanta Falcons and Seattle Seahawks. He also was part of the offensive staffs of the Houston Texans and Denver Broncos during his career.

Saleh, the former 49ers' defensive coordinator hired this offseason as Jets' head coach, brought Knapp on board to his new staff as passing game specialist in January.

"Greg had such an inner peace about him that people always seemed to gravitate towards," Saleh said in a statement July 22. "He lived life in a loving way that helped him connect with people from all walks of life in a unique way. In his short time here, I believe the people in this organization had a chance to experience that connection."

Jets Chairman Woody Johnson added, "In his short time with us, Greg had an immediate influence on those who had the pleasure of spending the smallest amount of time with him. His legacy is not only working with some of the brightest quarterbacks the league has ever seen, but the countless others across this world he has had an indelibly positive influence on."

Countless current and former NFL players, coaches and media members have also offered condolences on social media and other channels since news of Knapp's death broke last week.

"Those of us who were so blessed to have known him, know that he would have wanted even this moment to be a teachable one. So this is it ... 'Live every day as if it's your last, and love those around you like it won't last!'" his family said in their statement, adding

"While his family, friends and players still had so much to learn from him and desperately wished they had more time with him, God called an audible and wanted to go over the game plan directly with him. It will certainly be a masterpiece, just like Greg!"

—Jeremy Walsh

### In other news

• Authorities and volunteers continue to search for clues about the whereabouts of missing Berkeley runner Philip Kreycik, who was reported missing after he failed to return home following a planned run on the Pleasanton Ridge on July 10.



Philip Kreycik

Coordinated search efforts — large and small — have continued daily over the past three weeks around Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park and nearby Sunol to try to find Kreycik, 37, as the disappearance of the married father of two has captivated the Bay Area.

The Pleasanton Police Department said there were no new updates in the investigation as of press time Wednesday.

Kreycik was last seen around 10:45 a.m. July 10 in the Moller Ranch staging area of the Ridge. His vehicle, with cellphone inside, was found apparently undisturbed in the parking area.

Hundreds of search-and-rescue personnel and volunteers have aided in scouring the area, with the most significant efforts occurring within the first week of Kreycik's disappearance while smaller groups have carried on the search in the ensuing days. Teams have gone out on foot, bicycles and e-bikes, and crews have used dogs, drones, fixed-wing aircraft and thermal technology to no avail to date.

"Missing Philip Kreycik" signs adorn many businesses, residences and utility poles around Pleasanton, and volunteers coordinate searches and updates on the case on social media.

Anybody with information about Kreycik's whereabouts is asked to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 925-931-5100.

—Jeremy Walsh

• The family of former Pleasanton resident Sydney "Syd" West, the college student who has been missing since last being seen in San Francisco last September, has extended the \$25,000 reward for West's safe return in honor of her 20th birthday this month.



Sydney West

West's parents Jay and Kimberly West, who have enlisted the help of Bay Area private investigator Scott Dudek, continue to keep media and public attention on their daughter's disappearance. The reward, which was more than doubled from \$10,000 to \$25,000 this spring, expired earlier in July, but they decided to extend it after West's birthday on July 11.

"Happy 20th Birthday Sydney!!" family said in a hopeful post on the "Find Sydney West" Facebook page on her birthday.

"Your favorite dessert is made, it's a gorgeous day on the beach, the Spikeball is ready for you, a house full of friends are here — just need the birthday girl. More to come as we celebrate everything Sydney today!! The beautiful, smart, funny kid who made us parents 20 years ago today," they added.

The San Francisco Police Department is the lead agency on the investigation and have been providing updates along the way to the West family, which used to live in Pleasanton before moving to Chapel Hill, N.C., several years ago. There has been no new information

## Gloria Anne Bragg

September 18, 1941 – July 7, 2021

Gloria Anne Gengarella Bragg, 79, formerly from Midland, PA died Wednesday July 7, 2021 in her home in Pleasanton, CA surrounded by her family and beloved pets, after a brief battle with cancer. She was born in Portland, Oregon and was the daughter of the late Louis Gengarella and A. Jane (McCoy) Gengarella. Gloria spent her childhood days living in Midland, PA, graduating from Midland High School class of 1959. She attended Valparaiso University, in Valparaiso, IN, graduating with a BS degree in Political Science. Upon graduation she returned to Midland, PA where she was employed with Beaver County Social Services. She was assigned to work in several departments including Child Welfare and Child Foster placement where she developed a love of working with juveniles.



Gloria eventually made her way to Las Vegas, NV, where she became a Juvenile Probation Officer for Clark County. She met and married Carl W. Bragg, introduced by his close friend and her cousin, David Reda. Gloria and Carl moved around living in San Anselmo, CA, Houston, TX, Claremont, CA, Los Angeles, CA. The family finally settled in Pleasanton, CA in 1980. Gloria received her Master's in Counseling from La Verne University, which enabled her to find her life's dream job, working as a Counselor at Del Puerto Continuation High School in Patterson, CA. She retired in 2006 still maintaining many relationships with the "kids" she counseled.

While in retirement Gloria discovered Soroptimist International, an organization dedicated to helping women and girls around the world. Gloria was an avid reader, enjoyed boating, traveling the world, and loved their RV camper traveling the US and Canada. She will be remembered as gregarious, fun loving, organizer of gatherings of family and friends and one who never met a stranger. Gloria cared deeply about her "kids" and unconditional love for her family, friends, and her pets.

She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years Carl Bragg, son Andrew and his girlfriend Chris Button, animals Ginger, Marco, Mia, many cousins, and a host of loving friends. A celebration of life will be scheduled in the fall in Pleasanton and Patterson.

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about her whereabouts.

A student at the University of California at Berkeley, West — then 19 years old — was last seen near the Golden Gate Bridge in the area of Crissy Field in San Francisco during the early-morning hours on Sept. 30. She was considered to be at-risk due to anxiety and depression, according to authorities.

Family said she enjoyed the area around the Golden Gate Bridge and it was not unlike her to go there to take pictures and go for a walk or run.

Video footage from on and around the bridge on Sept. 30 has been carefully reviewed by investigators, but camera views were obstructed due to fog and smoky conditions, making it impossible to tell her exact location on the bridge.

Investigators have confirmed that she used a rideshare service to get to the area on that fateful morning, according to the family, who added that the driver fully cooperated with police and is not a suspect in her disappearance. Family said that there has been no activity on any of Syd

West's phone, bank, credit card or social media accounts.

The family is hopeful that someone around the Golden Gate Bridge, which was busy with pedestrians, cyclists and commuters that morning, may have seen something and will come forward.

Syd West is described as white, 5-foot-10-inches tall and weighing 130-135 pounds, with blue eyes and light-brown hair (worn in a bun on the top of her head that morning). She was last seen on Sept. 30 wearing black leggings, a teal hoodie and her favorite old slip-on Vans (dark green and black print). She may have been carrying a black backpack and may or may not have been wearing corrective eye glasses.

People can learn more about West's case at [www.findsydneywest.com](http://www.findsydneywest.com). To submit a tip, contact Dudek at 925-705-8328 or [Dudek.associates@gmail.com](mailto:Dudek.associates@gmail.com).

—Jeremy Walsh

- The Livermore Police Department has completed its investigation into the fatal house fire on

Westminster Way from May.

Investigators determined that resident Felix Domondon, 72, who was found unresponsive inside the aflame house, had intentionally ignited the fire in his home before dying by suicide, according to city police. "The firearm caused his death. We were able to corroborate all of this from the investigation and video," police told the Weekly.

The fire began at the standalone house around 5 a.m. May 21, with Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department crews arriving to find the garage and main residence ablaze. They located the resident and a dog in the house; both were pronounced dead at the scene. The house sustained heavy damage.

*Editor's note: If you or somebody you know are in crisis, contact Crisis Support Services of Alameda County's 24-hour confidential crisis line at 800-309-2131 or [CrisisSupport.org](http://CrisisSupport.org), or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255, via text at 800-799-4889, chat or at [SuicidePreventionLifeline.org](http://SuicidePreventionLifeline.org).*

—Jeremy Walsh

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### July 25

#### Drug violation

■ 12:19 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Domestic battery

■ 2:16 a.m. on Santa Rita Road

#### Stolen property

■ 8:54 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Warrant arrest

■ 3:18 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

■ 7:09 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Vandalism

■ 5:35 p.m. on the 5900 block of Sterling Greens Circle

### July 24

#### Theft from auto

■ 9:12 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Vandalism

■ 11:09 a.m. on the 000 block of Happy Valley Road

#### Assault/battery

■ 12:29 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Warrant arrest

■ 2:01 p.m. at Stoneridge and Denker drives

### July 23

#### Domestic battery

■ 11:14 a.m. on Vineyard Avenue

#### Auto theft

■ 11:29 a.m. on the 4700 block of Corwin Court

#### Rape

■ 1:59 p.m. on the 3800 block of North Yosemite Court

#### Sex offenses

■ 6:02 p.m. at Del Valle Parkway and Main Street

#### Burglary

■ 8:49 p.m. on the 5550 block of Sunol Boulevard

#### Robbery

■ 11:21 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

### July 22

#### Theft

■ 8:59 a.m., 2700 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

■ 11:13 a.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; bicycle theft

■ 11:58 a.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

■ 1:15 p.m., 2100 block of Corte Ricardo; theft from auto

■ 6:03 p.m., 600 block of Main Street; shoplifting

#### Vehicle tampering

■ 11:01 a.m. on the 1500 block of East Gate Way

#### Fraud

■ 11:27 a.m. on the 1500 block of Poppybank Court

#### Warrant arrest

■ 11:31 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

#### Drug violation

■ 12:50 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Drug violation

■ 6:01 p.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

### July 21

#### Theft

■ 4:47 a.m., 6700 block of Rancho Court; theft from auto

■ 8:31 a.m., 2500 block of Secretariat Drive; theft from auto

■ 1:11 p.m., 1300 block of Oak Vista Way; theft from auto

■ 7:06 p.m., 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Vandalism

■ 1:09 p.m. on the 3000 block of West Rudy Hill Drive

#### Fraud

■ 1:52 p.m. on the 7900 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Burglary

■ 3:50 p.m. on the 4500 block of Shearwater Road

#### Warrant arrest

■ 7:02 p.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

#### Fire

■ 11:09 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

### July 20

#### Domestic battery

■ 2:38 a.m. on Hopyard Road

#### Drug violation

■ 7:30 a.m. on the 6700 of Santa Rita Road

■ 11:13 a.m. on the 5100 of Hopyard Road

## Nancy Cuddy Pennell

August 13, 1942 – July 16, 2021

A resident of Pleasanton

Nancy Pennell, a woman known for her adventurous spirit and generosity, died July 16, 2021, after falling in her home. She had been battling health issues for months. She was 78.

The health challenges were not slowing her down. During a time of tribute at the Pleasanton Rotary Club last Thursday, one member observed Nancy had been at meetings Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week, including a social event Thursday when she was sipping her signature chardonnay with ice.

Nancy was drawn to Rotary after talking with a Rotarian who discussed the Wheelchair Foundation. That became her passion. She joined the club's wheelchair committee and traveled several times to distribute wheelchairs in different countries. Her sister, Patty Rabada, said Nancy did not like heat—a challenge in the tropical countries, but went anyway. She said Nancy came home "exhausted and exhilarated." She also traveled with Rotary medical missions.

Both Rotarians and her fellow golfers commented that you never had to guess what Nancy's opinion was. The Rotarians said that she routinely took charge and her leadership typically worked out well. During the demonstration party to end her service as Rotary club president, one member saluted her as Gen. Nancy Pennell and did a riff on George C. Scott's famous opening speech in the movie "Patton."

She was known for being generous with both her time and her finances. In addition to her service with Rotary, she also served two years on the Alameda County Grand Jury.

She was born in Jefferson, Iowa, to Thomas Raymond Cuddy and his wife, Elizabeth Barnes Cuddy. They lived in Iowa for a few years before the family moved to San Antonio, TX where she graduated from high school. She attended San Antonio Junior College before embarking on a 20-year career as a flight attendant for Saturn Airlines and Seaboard Airlines that flew military personnel around the world. That included many trips to Viet Nam as well as Berlin and other European destinations.

She moved on and attended Chabot College's nursing school in Hayward. She worked as a nurse for many years, heading the critical care unit at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward.

In 1983 she married Robert Pennell and they lived in Aptos. They moved to Pleasanton in 1988 where she lived until she passed. They shared an adventurous life together, skiing, enjoying fine dining and traveling widely. After her husband died, she continued to travel including trips to China and Africa.

Nancy was an avid golfer and played weekly with the Pleasanton Women's Golf Club at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Nancy is survived by her sister Patty (John) Rabada of Livermore; her brothers Tom (Chris) Cuddy of Crosby, TX, and Robert (Suzi) Cuddy of Kerrville, TX; and her late husband's daughter Merrily (Jerry) Rosenthal of Granite Bay, CA.

Her life was celebrated with a funeral mass Thursday, July 29 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton. Burial will be in the Merle Hay Memorial Cemetery in Glidden, Iowa.

The family prefers contributions in her memory to the Pleasanton Rotary Foundation for wheelchairs (Rotary Club of Pleasanton, P.O. Box 352, Pleasanton, CA 94566; to Fisher House for wounded veterans ([www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)) or to the Sentinels of Freedom that provide homes for disabled veterans (<http://sentinelsoffreedom.org/>).



#### Missing person report

■ 6:17 p.m. on the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Theft

■ 10:08 p.m. on the 5500 of West Las Positas Boulevard

### July 19

#### Theft from auto

■ 7:12 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Vandalism

■ 11:34 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

#### Assault/battery

■ 8:04 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### July 18

#### Assault/battery

■ 12:44 a.m. on the 3900 block of Kern Court



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BY PETER MACDONALD

### Please reject Main Street retail mandate

Earlier this week, the Pleasanton Planning Commission considered a proposal by the city planning staff to require that the front 60% of all Main Street buildings be genuine retail.

The retail mandate just started recently with the newly adopted Downtown Specific Plan in 2018, which required that the front 25% of Main Street buildings be retail ("active ground-floor use" in planner talk, which includes restaurants).

So, why not up the retail mandate to 60%? Main Street cannot support the kind and quantity of retail the planners are proposing to require. The building spaces are too small, the parking is far away and there are not enough customers to support that much retail on Main Street. Instead of increased vitality, we will get empty buildings and struggling businesses — the opposite of vitality.

When the City Council discussed the possibility of upping the retail mandate to 60% in early June, several council members pointed out

that the 25% retail mandate has only been around for a year and half, during COVID, during which many building owners have lost tenants, forgiven rent and are having trouble renting spaces.

The planners proposed mandatory retail in 1993, 2001 and 2009. In each case, the Pleasanton Downtown Association opposed the mandate, and the City Council rejected the mandate. This was a downtown, not a shopping center.

Between 1994 and 2004, retail sales in downtown doubled — without a retail mandate — because the city spent on widened sidewalks for Main Street and opened sidewalk dining, which brought customers downtown, especially later in the day, which led to more retail sales.

The 2018 Downtown Specific Plan also prohibits new banks on

Main Street. For many years, the planners required that banks had to have a branch in downtown. Now many buildings are adapted to banking and occupied by banks. Banks bring customers downtown every day, which helps our struggling retail stores.

The Pleasanton planners have not noticed that nationwide retail space is substantially overbuilt, and often vacant. Small retail specialty stores, of the kind that could fit into the undersized building spaces with inadequate parking in downtown, have been savaged by the increase in e-commerce, like Amazon.

The Planning Commission will have made its recommendation by

the time this column is printed (with results pending as of press time), but the City Council makes the final decision. I suggest that the City Council please leave the retail mandate at only 25%, and see if that helps or hurts downtown vitality. We do not need more empty buildings and struggling businesses on Main Street. ■

*Editor's note: Peter MacDonald is a real estate attorney and a former president of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the Pleasanton Downtown Association. His private legal practice, which opened following his tenure as Pleasanton's city attorney from 1982 to 1988, operates on the second floor of a building in downtown Pleasanton.*



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## Raymond O. Thompson

July 24, 1943 – June 28, 2021



Ray & daughter Carol with Dakota - May, 2021

Raymond O. Thompson was born in Oakland, California July 24, 1943 to Lucille & Tommy Thompson. He graduated from Oakland High in 1961. In 1963, he married Marcia & they became the proud parents of Cindy & Carol. Ray was a Firefighter for the Oakland Fire Dept for 33 years, retiring in 2001. In 1984, he & June were married & they shared 37 fun-filled, family-filled & friend-filled years together.

Ray is survived by his wife June; his daughter Carol Schilp (son-in-law Chris); his granddaughters Devinee & Hailee; his great granddaughters Lauren & Kayla; his brother-in-law & sister-in-law Jim & Lauri Hutchinson & many wonderful nieces & nephews.

Ray requested no services be held, preferring family & friends remember the good times: all the laughs & fond memories shared; and to his Fire House buddies, the many years of superb meals (Ray wore them well) and great jokes - usually played on each other!

Special thanks to Bethany Homes of Livermore & to Hope Hospice for their exceptional & compassionate care during the 20 days Ray was with them.

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## THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Civic Arts Commission

Monday, August 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

- Review and comment on Firehouse Arts Center updates
- Review and comment on current Public Art Approval Process of Public Art
- Review and comment on Library and Recreation Department Quarterly Report
- Civic Arts Project status report

#### Human Services Commission

The August 4th Human Services Commission meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, August 16, 2021.

#### Library Commission

Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to view information on this meeting

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## Seeking 'tiny' stories of future dreams

Eugene O'Neill Foundation urges  
folks to look 'Beyond the Horizon'

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Much can be said in 100 words. This idea — along with the observation that everyone is emerging from a challenging year and welcoming the future — led the Eugene O'Neill Foundation to launch a storytelling campaign dubbed Tiny Horizon Stories as part of this year's Eugene O'Neill Festival.

People are urged to write, in 100 words or less, about what possibilities and dreams await just beyond the horizon, with any theme that inspires them. Submit stories at [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org).

The storytelling ties in with the O'Neill play, "Beyond the Horizon," which is this year's production for the festival in September. The play is about young Robert Mayo yearning to reach beyond life on the family farm, and it touches on the universal human desire to imagine a better life.

"People are invested in their own stories, and this project allows for us to weave many individual stories into our story," artistic director Eric Fraisher Hayes said.

A selection of the stories will be featured as part of the festival.

"It is a way to help people process what happened," said foundation board member Teresa Morley, who is heading up this year's festival. "We want people to tell their stories, and we are going to collect the stories all through the festival and beyond."

"With these stories we are trying to engage the community in storytelling," she explained. "Everybody had a different experience — and a common experience — in 2020. Environmental as we all sat through the fires, then social justice, the whole awakening and



WILLEM LONG

Horizon view from Tao House in the west hills of Danville with Lazarus from "Lazarus Laughed" in the Ghosts of Tao House film series available at [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org).

engagement. We are inviting the community tell a story about that. What possibilities do you envision? What dreams do you have?"

Morley said the idea was partly inspired by the New York Times' Tiny Love Stories, which sought submissions of 100 words or less. She called these stories "fabulous, about all types of love, with

creativity off the charts," and said she is receiving equally "fantastic" Tiny Horizon Stories.

"We wanted to tap our writers and our poets that are in the area — our focus is to engage the community," she said, but noted submissions are coming from all over. "We are getting some amazing ones."

Hayes had the idea to choose the play "Beyond the Horizon" this year as the festival's centerpiece, Morley said, which is appropriate as everyone pulls out of the pandemic. Originally published in 1918, "Beyond the Horizon" was O'Neill's first play on Broadway and won him the first of his four Pulitzer prizes.

"We did O'Neill's 'Lost Plays' last year when everything went virtual," recalled Morley. "We were proud of that, that we were out here doing something."

"Beyond the Horizon" is being filmed in three acts, each about 40 minutes long, said Morley, and the first airing will be Oct. 2. The play also will be presented late September in two live performances at the Old Barn theater at Tao House in the west Danville hills for 65 audience members instead of the capacity 100.

"Our commitment this year is first and foremost to the film," Morley said. "In 2019 we sold out 10 performances of 'Long Day's Journey Into Night,' over 900 tickets sold, but we don't know where the audience is today, so our commitment is first and foremost to the film, to produce a quality experience."

This year's festival will include Hayes presenting "Eugene O'Neill: 51 Play in 51 Minutes," at the Museum of San Ramon Valley on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Hayes has directed 26 of Eugene O'Neill's 51 plays and has read the others through several times.

"I think of it as a theatrical lecture or a crash course on Eugene O'Neill," Hayes said. "I want people to learn things about O'Neill — it's not strictly entertainment although it will be entertaining."

The festival also will feature a walking tour of O'Neill's Danville by historian Beverly Lane, a hike to Tao House, a film premiere party, and a special virtual conversation about "Beyond the Horizon" with production dramaturg Beth Wynstra and director Hayes.

For more information, visit [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org). Tickets for members go on sale in early August. ■

### Tiny Horizon Stories

#### Meeting at the Horizon

Breathing is for the living. Sure, I climb for myself -- standing on a 14,000-foot peak is as close to flying as we get. But I also climb for those that can't climb any longer. So many I have known, who have passed on beyond ridges and peaks and summits, whose ashes are scattered in water, in air, and in earth. They have no more breaths to take. So I go on, for them. Step by step. Breath by breath. There's always one more ridge to climb; another peak to summit. Until we all meet at the horizon.

—Phil Kohlmetz

#### Licking Lemons

I wish I could meet 50 people at one time. I want to play with them all in my backyard. We don't have enough balls so we will share them because we can. We will throw them into the basketball hoop and kick them to each other, and we will have five or six teams to play soccer. After, we will drink water together and share our snacks. We will lick lemons together and make sour faces. And when we are done, I will say "bye bye" and kiss them...all 50.

—Warren, age 4 (with a little help from mom)

## Livermore Reads chooses book on autism

Community reading program is featuring New York Times bestseller

The 16th annual Livermore Reads Together will dig into "The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice of a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism," a New York Times bestseller.

"We aim to put a spotlight on autism awareness during next year's Livermore Reads Together," adult services librarian Paul Sevilla said. "We are extremely interested in collaborating with autism groups and organizations in the community for

LRT programming and encourage those groups to reach out to the Livermore Public Library."

The library will host a series of events next March related to the themes in the book as part of the annual community reading program, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library.

"The Reason I Jump," written by Naoki Higashida, is a memoir about a remarkable 13-year-old boy with

autism that gives loved ones a way to break through to the curious, subtle and complex life within the autistic mind.

Using an alphabet grid to painstakingly construct words, sentences and thoughts the boy is unable to speak out loud, Higashida answers even the most delicate questions, such as: "Why do people with autism talk so loudly and weirdly?" "Why do you line up your toy cars

and blocks?" "Why don't you make eye contact when you're talking?" And "What's the reason you jump?"

Higashida answers, "When I'm jumping, it's as if my feelings are going upward to the sky."

Higashida shares his unique point of view on not only autism but life itself. His insights — into the mystery of words, the wonders of laughter, and the elusiveness of memory — are so startling, strange

and powerful that readers will never look at the world the same way again, according to reviews.

"The Reason I Jump" was named one of the Best Books of the Year by NPR, The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg Business and Bookish.

All Livermore Reads Together events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER



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The Pleasanton Equestrian Center was born after the fairgrounds had to close its year-round training facility for horse racing.

## Fairgrounds takes advantage of bad situation to create Pleasanton Equestrian Center

Association hopes to see its investment become Bay Area's 'premier horse show facility'

The Alameda County Fairgrounds took a hit in 2018 when the property had to shut down as a year-round training facility for horse racing.

The official statement from the fair officials said, "The year-round facility for race horses was closed around 2018 due to lack of industry funding. The industry no longer needed an auxiliary training track to support year-round racing at Golden Gate Fields due to the decreased thoroughbred horse population."

The backstory very few are willing to publicly discuss is it fell victim to political power-plays by groups who

have their own agenda, one that is not in the best interest of the sport.

The chest-thumping of these groups and unwillingness to work together for the sport and the people in the industry led to the downfall of Pleasanton being a year-round facility.

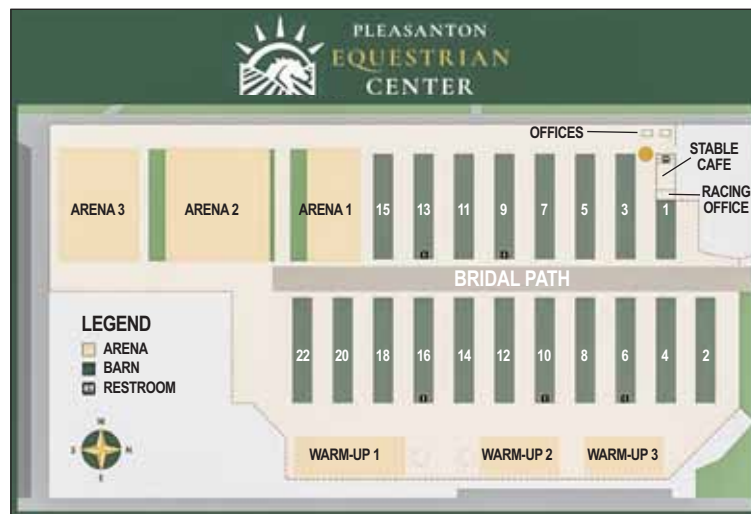
Pleasanton lost a series of trainers that had to shut down their longtime operations. A few went to Golden Gate Fields, but others took their stables to another state or just left the industry altogether.

And the thoroughbred horse population in Northern California decreased even more.

The victims were the families that depended on the Pleasanton facility, as well as the fairgrounds people that busted their humps to provide a great training center. These are the people that truly love horse racing and the people involved in the industry.

The shutdown of the training facility left the fairgrounds with a good-sized barn area that was going to be used maybe two to three months a year, while sitting dormant the rest of the year.

After the closure of the training facility, the Alameda County Fair Association, under the guidance



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Site map shows layout of Pleasanton Equestrian Center.

of CEO Jerome Hoban, made the investment in developing a horse show facility to serve the greater region and to utilize the over 600 stalls the remaining part of the year when the association is not actively running a race meet during the fair.

The fruition of the project came when the Pleasanton Equestrian Center opened in 2019.

"We have high hopes that our investment in this beautiful facility will help it become a premier horse show facility in the coming years," Hoban said. "We believe it fits well with our mission of keeping agriculture relevant in the greater Bay Area and will be a great destination for equestrian enthusiasts."

It's a beautiful facility replacing what had become an eyesore, catch-all storage area.

What stands now is a beautiful

center that features three show arenas to complete the 600 permanent stalls. The "PEC" also has a full jump set.

Thus far, there have been 10-15 events held including the Silicon Valley Horse Show.

It makes for a great events center given the ample room for car and trailer parking, with RV hookups available. For spectators, there are lawn seating and bleachers available.

Talk about making the best of a bad situation. Hoban and his team at the Alameda County Fairgrounds deserve major props for the project that promises exciting, regularly scheduled events that promote the beauty that is equestrian competitions. ■

*Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his "Pleasanton Preps" column, email acesmag@aol.com.*

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## Concerts

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT EMERALD PARK** A free summer concert series at Emerald Glen Park Amphitheater at Dublin's Farmers' Market. 6 p.m., Aug. 5, The Purple Ones. Visit [dublin.ca.gov](http://dublin.ca.gov).

**BANDA FEST - PLEASANTON FAIRGROUNDS** Performers: Banda La Adictiva; Pancho Barraza; Banda los Recoditos; Banda Cuisillos; Banda Limon and Rodeo. 12 p.m., Aug. 1. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**COMEDY AT THE BANKHEAD** The Bankhead Presents, Alonzo Bodden, a regular panel member on NPR's Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me. Alonzo Bodden has been making audiences around the country laugh for more than 20 years. 7:30 p.m., Aug. 6. Tickets \$20-\$75. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

## Festivals

**626 NIGHT MARKET** 626 Night Market is back at Alameda County Fairgrounds. The iconic Californian festival features hundreds of food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music and entertainment attractions in an epic event spread over 10+ football fields of space that appeals to all ages. 3-11 p.m., Aug. 6-8. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

## Talks

**EAST BAY SPCA'S PAINT FOR A PURPOSE** Enjoy a fun activity with fellow pet lovers. Create a pet portrait while supporting the lifesaving work of the East Bay SPCA. Pet lovers of any skill level can take part in creating memories from a photo that you provide of your pet, while local artist Ammo guides you through the process with specific, step-by-step instructions. Register by July 30. For more information visit [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org).

**TEENS & MONEY: SETTING THE STAGE FOR FINANCIAL SUCCESS** Learning how to become a financially independent adult is vital for success. This free interactive workshop will lay a foundation that will last a lifetime. Geared toward kids in grades 7-12. 3-4:30 p.m., Aug. 5. Visit [bit.ly/2SGAYeQ](http://bit.ly/2SGAYeQ). Inklings Coffee & Tea, 530 Main St., Pleasanton.

## Fundraisers

**PLEASANTON CHAMBER GOLF OUTING** The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce 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, drink and fantastic prizes, with lots of great networking, business promotion and contacts to be made. Visit [pleasanton.org](http://pleasanton.org) and click the link for golf outing or email [susie@pleasanton.org](mailto:susie@pleasanton.org).

**LIVERMORE CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT** The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce 2021 Golf Tournament is Sept. 30 at the Course

## PET OF THE WEEK



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at Wente Vineyards. Enter by Aug. 15 to receive the foursome discount. Visit [livermorechamber.org](http://livermorechamber.org).

## Family

**MOONLIGHT MOVIES** Moonlight Movies are back on the Danville Town Green. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks and enjoy a movie under the stars. Crafts and activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. July 30, Onward. Movie begins at 8:15 p.m. Visit [danville.ca.gov](http://danville.ca.gov).

**PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUMMER BBQ** Pleasanton Military Families BBQ is back. If you have a loved one serving in the military, Pleasanton Military Families is ready, willing and able to support you with friendship and food at its next meeting, Aug. 12. Join at 6 p.m. at the Amador Valley Community Park in Pleasanton. Register now, [pmfsg.ca@gmail.com](mailto:pmfsg.ca@gmail.com).

**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 8:45 p.m. July 30, Honey, I Shrunk the Kids; Aug. 6, Onward. Visit [dublin.ca.gov/1327/Picnic-Flix](http://dublin.ca.gov/1327/Picnic-Flix).

**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](http://ncry.org/ride/hot-august-night).

## Exhibits

**ART EXHIBIT AT BLACKHAWK GALLERY** The Alamo Danville Artists' Society will host the opening of Blackhawk Gallery's new exhibit 'Renaissance' which features 30 Blackhawk Gallery member artists. The exhibit will be on view Wednesday through Sunday now through Oct. 10, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Contact 648-8023.

**FIBER ARTS INSPIRED CRAFTS** Drop by the Museum on Main to make fiber art inspired crafts. Crafts will be available to visitors until supplies

last. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., July 31. 603 Main St. in Pleasanton.

**HARRINGTON GALLERY NEW EXHIBIT** The new exhibit "Women Artists Show and Tell" is on display at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center. The exhibit represents the work of women artists in the Bay Area and features work in a variety of media including oil painting, mosaic, photography and colored pencil and sculpture. Now through Aug. 28. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**MUSEUM ON MAIN PRESENTS STITCHING CALIFORNIA** Stitching California: Fiber Artists Interpret the State's, People, Life, and Land, a new traveling exhibition appearing at Pleasanton's Museum on Main showcases an exciting collection of art quilts that interpret the complexities of the Golden State. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org). Now through Aug. 14.

## Film

**ENCORE SCREENINGS** Bankhead Theater's Live from London's West End will showcase "Kinky Boots" which won six Tony Awards in 2013, including Best Musical. The film musical will be co-presented by Bankhead resident company, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. 8 p.m., July 30. Tickets \$10-\$15. Visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org).

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR - TED NEELEY IN PERSON** Vine Cinema and Alehouse in Livermore will host a digitally remastered screening of "Jesus Christ Superstar" with an appearance by the film's lead, Ted Neeley. This dazzling interpretation of the hit Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber rock opera tells the story of Christ's final weeks in a bold and epic production. 7 p.m., Aug. 12.

## Lessons

**MISSION READY: VETERANS LEARNING COMMUNITY** Veterans, active-duty service members and their families who attend Las Positas College can now meet, study, take classes together and offer support to one another, thanks to a brand new learning community established at the college to serve this population. Any military-affiliated student interested in learning more available resources can contact [laspositascollege.edu/veterans](mailto:laspositascollege.edu/veterans).

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 26-30 for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol and June 14-July 9 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 3007 Bolero Court** R. Muna to A. & V. Bharathan for \$800,000
- 3010 Calle De La Mesa** D. & G. Beardsley to P. & P. Vyas for \$1,350,000
- 5421 Cameo Court** Z. Wang to K. Woo for \$1,060,000
- 8080 Canyon Creek Circle** K. Ghatak to T. & D. Leong for \$1,300,000
- 863 Chateau Heights Court** Pasquale Trust to V. & S. Venkata for \$2,650,000
- 4132 Cid Way** Kalepp Family Trust to D. & M. Hong for \$1,360,000
- 3609 Dunsmuir Circle** Gallego Family Trust to L. & T. Terteryan for \$1,580,000
- 2104 Eilene Drive** S. National to Julianmore LLC for \$935,000
- 2353 Foothill Road #4** Hutchinson Family Trust to Y. & A. Cheng for \$500,000
- 2576 Gillian Court** W. Thurston to G. & S. Chintapalli for \$2,500,000
- 1068 Hancock Court** Spain Trust to C. & S. Cheng for \$2,410,000
- 4599 Lakewood Street** Ulatoski Family Trust to Masipeddi Trust for \$1,775,000
- 5026 Lynbrook Court** Holscher Living Trust to N. & A. Chaudhary for \$1,840,000
- 1135 Mataro Court** M. Brendel to A. & D. Deshpande for \$1,977,500
- 3268 Monmouth Court** L. & C. Evans to J. & Z. Gong for \$1,680,000
- 3198 Montpelier Court** J. Case to S. & N. Kollipara for \$1,310,000
- 5196 Oakdale Court** Mills Trust to S. & D. Krishnakumar for \$950,000
- 2080 Olivia Court** A. Dawar to P. & A. Nahapetian for \$1,376,000
- 3037 Paseo Granada** Bailey Family Trust to Z. & H. Wu for \$2,105,000
- 244 Rachael Place #37** S. Balamatti to L. & K. Wu for \$930,000
- 6268 Robin Court** K. & J. Ames to M. & N. Karuppasamy for \$1,360,000
- 4089 San Giorgio Court** S. Lee to S. & S. Deng for \$750,000
- 2544 Tapestry Way** Gray Family Trust to M. & R. Vantipalli for \$1,340,000

- 5987 Via Del Cielo** Boyer Family Trust to S. & M. Agrawal for \$1,810,000
- 3707 Vine Street** J. Wang to K. & D. Szeto for \$1,210,000
- 3839 Vineyard Avenue #E** S. Wang to K. & A. Gascon for \$525,000
- 683 Windmill Lane** D. Shryock to S. & S. Daita for \$2,241,500

### Livermore

- 2157 4th Street** S. Neef to S. Bishop for \$557,000
- 534 Alameda Drive** A. & N. Sollitt to L. Street for \$1,011,000
- 5476 Arrowhead Court** Finnegan Trust to S. & H. Wight for \$1,169,000
- 1684 Autumn Oak Drive** M. Meinert to Meinert Living Trust for \$425,000
- 823 Barney Common** H. Goswami to P. & S. Nayak for \$1,250,000
- 3117 Bay Meadows Court** K. & A. Thomas to Urnes Family Trust for \$2,225,000
- 5582 Beck Lane** E. Enzor to R. & S. Khavandi for \$1,625,000
- 796 Bellflower Street** R. Gutteridge to J. & S. Urena for \$870,000
- 574 Bernal Avenue** A. & K. Rosas to E. Viray for \$950,000
- 442 Brighton Way** Reid Living Trust to K. & T. Audiss for \$912,000
- 3188 Calimanco Common #2** S. & A. Maria to A. & N. Egorova-Spruiell for \$382,500
- 5733 Crestmont Avenue** Farnos Family Trust to R. Kaur for \$901,000
- 764 Del Mar Avenue** Wells Family Trust to S. & T. Bond for \$850,000
- 5686 Dresslar Circle** L. & P. Jackson to Hughes Living Trust for \$1,275,000
- 1130 Flurry Drive** J. & M. Andres to K. & H. Venkatesan for \$940,000
- 2348 Gamay Common** L. & R. Jansen to X. & J. Wilson for \$2,250,000
- 1011 Geneva Street** W. & T. Uhrinak to M. & H. De Carvalho for \$1,690,000
- 4437 Greens Court** Gannon Trust to A. & M. Pierson for \$675,000
- 943 Hazel Street** M. Sorenson to H. & M. Khan for \$1,185,000
- 164 Heligan Lane #5** S. Susheelkar to S. Seymon for \$650,000
- 622 Hillcrest Avenue** Enos Family Trust to R. Chen for \$767,500

- 1220 Hillcrest Avenue** Hoquette Trust to G. Gorel for \$1,050,000
- 1361 Hudson Way** D. & D. Steele to Lee Trust for \$1,170,000
- 1074 Innsbruck Street** Rucker Trust to A. & P. Jain for \$1,300,000
- 1202 Jessica Drive** R. Roberts to J. & B. Buddemeier for \$1,534,000
- 1126 Killarney Street** K. & B. Fernandez to H. & A. Clifford for \$1,388,000
- 1547 Kingsport Avenue** Deutsche Bk Trust C 2007-Qh7 to Breckenridge Prop Fund 2016 LI for \$1,102,500
- 843 Lucerne Street** Shevlin Living Trust to M. & M. Oghabian for \$1,600,000
- 79 Meritage Common #201** J. & J. Lemmer to B. Zhang for \$780,000
- 758 South N Street** T. Remainder to A. Kuykendall for \$858,500
- 1587 Oslo Court** Engelke Trust to S. & I. Jasadirnata for \$1,365,000
- 2233 Palm Avenue** R. & S. Vylasek to Settgest Living Trust for \$1,223,500
- 1925 Paseo Laguna Seco** Cornestone Cap Invs LLC to G. & C. Tindillier for \$600,000
- 490 Persimmon Common #6** J. Dy to S. & K. Singh for \$850,000
- 2037 Rovello Loop** R. & S. Khavandi to S. & H. He for \$945,000
- 564 Sandalwood Drive** N. & J. Krunglevich to T. & P. Hung for \$956,000
- 1224 Spring Valley Common** A. Singh to T. Arrona for \$610,000
- 539 Thunder Common** Hngv Holdings li LLC to H. & Y. Chen for \$925,000
- 817 Tranquility Circle #3** F. Garcia to L. & L. Quintos for \$725,000

- 1809 Vetta Drive** N. Lodhi to Patel Trust for \$1,770,000
- 2943 Worthing Common** Simpson Trust to A. Peets for \$880,000

### Dublin

- 5512 Applegate Way** L. Herrera to N. & S. Labha for \$1,710,000
- 11431 Betlen Drive** M. & W. Holtzapple to H. & Z. Sadat-Hossieny for \$1,450,000
- 4053 Chalk Hill Way** S. & P. Mammen to V. & N. Cheedella for \$1,515,000
- 11291 Champagne Court** Simone Living Trust to Arp Trust for \$1,650,000
- 4496 Chancery Lane** Brown Family Trust to Y. & J. Jiang for \$1,125,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #273** Singamsetti Living Trust to Y. & S. Tran for \$755,000
- 7231 Dover Court** N. Duncanan to A. & A. Verma for \$1,290,000
- 7145 Dublin Meadows Street #A** S. & V. Mahabir to M. Antonescu for \$650,000
- 3718 Finnian Way** E. Kolt to D. Wong for \$565,000
- 3938 Guerneville Way** A. & E. Sage to S. & E. Tong for \$970,000
- 6545 King Way** Flynn Trust to Y. & Y. Lin for \$1,150,000
- 7056 North Mariposa Lane** S. & K. Krowidi to N. & C. Thakker for \$1,061,000
- 11412 Marwick Drive** E. Medina to R. & J. Zhu for \$1,500,000
- 3372 Monaghan Street** M. & A. Freeman to P. & P. Bagh for \$837,000

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## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (April 26-30)

Total sales reported: 27  
Lowest sale reported: \$500,000  
Highest sale reported: \$2,650,000  
Average sales reported: \$1,360,000

### Livermore (April 26-30)

Total sales reported: 41  
Lowest sale reported: \$382,500  
Highest sale reported: \$2,250,000  
Average sales reported: \$950,000

### Dublin (April 26-30)

Total sales reported: 29  
Lowest sale reported: \$565,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,945,000  
Average sales reported: \$1,250,000

### Sunol (April 26-30)

Total sales reported: 1  
Lowest sale reported: \$912,000  
Highest sale reported: \$912,000  
Average sales reported: \$912,000

### San Ramon (June 14-July 9)

Total sales reported: 38  
Lowest sale reported: \$230,000  
Highest sale reported: \$3,100,000  
Average sales reported: \$1,477,500

Source: California REsource

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### LIVERMORE

**5210 Doolan Road** **\$1,999,998**  
Sun 1:00-4:00 4BD/3BA  
Keller Williams Tri-Valley 925-694-0806

### PLEASANTON

**1533 Trimmingham Drive** **\$1,235,000**  
Sat/Sun 2:00-4:00 3BD/2.5BA  
Keller Williams Tri-Valley 925-998-3398

**3266 Novara Way** **\$4,299,000**  
Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 5BD/5.5BA  
Keller Williams Tri-Valley 925-694-0806

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### Via Di Salerno, Ruby Hill, Pleasanton

6 BD, 5.5 BA, 6,702 SF on .69 Acre.  
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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

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## HOME SALES

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**7212 Mount Veeder Road #450** M. & M. Doan to Saride Family Trust for \$1,700,000

**4190 Oak Knoll Drive** M. Mutsuddi to H. & J. Yoo for \$1,945,000

**7200 Prince Drive** T. Mcelroy to A. & K. Macherla for \$1,200,000

**7658 Quail Creek Circle** L. Genoni to R. & R. Walker for \$1,385,000

**11934 Rhoda Court** B. Bennett to N. Tse for \$700,000

**4629 Rimini Court #9** L. Bharadwaj to M. & D. Pushkaran for \$1,115,000

**5130 San Vicente Terrace** M. & A. Wassie to N. & S. Parmar for \$1,410,000

**4038 Scottfield Street** M. Danda to G. & D. Sethi for \$1,025,000

**6620 Sierra Lane** S. & B. Robinson to M. & T. Sirsat for \$905,000

**7075 Syrah Drive** C. Ferrero to S. & S. Acharya for \$1,375,000

**7008 Tory Court** V. Doucet to S. Nimishakavi for \$1,250,000

**4352 Trolan Lane** C. & J. Luna to E. & S. Frain for \$1,650,000

**3295 Vittoria Loop** Leung Living Trust to S. & S. Dulam for \$1,455,000

**3602 Whitworth Drive #70** S. & V. Parmar to G. & S. Kulkarni for \$1,135,000

**8491 Wicklow Lane** C. & J. Roderick to S. & N. Sehgal for \$1,325,000

### Sunol

**1930 Kilkare Road** Widman Trust to J. & M. Andres for \$912,000

### San Ramon

**350 Adelaide Hills Court** B. & E. Karsseboom to A. & M. Pal for \$1,750,000

**9085 Alcosta Boulevard #369** Meszaros Trust to W. & H. Li for \$500,000



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**8985 Alcosta Boulevard #178** N. Flores to S. Chitgopkar for \$515,000

**8985 Alcosta Boulevard #187** I. Gonebny to A. & A. Gomes for \$547,500

**8985 Alcosta Boulevard #167** C. & B. Andes to D. Kincaid for \$567,000

**3820 Aragon Lane** Kim & Lee Family Trust to Y. & Y. Jin for \$1,630,000

**3504 Ashbourne Circle** Dawson Trust to D. & S. Bellan for \$2,850,000

**5105 Athens Drive** B. Chinn to Pace Family Trust for \$1,950,000.00

**9736 Belladonna Drive** L. & J. Cuevas to X. & G. Li for \$1,100,000

**3012 Blackberry Avenue** Li & Wang Family Trust to X. & S. Qiu for \$1,320,000

**1761 Blakesley Drive** Y. Sutar to G. & S. Lee for \$1,530,000

**427 Camberly Court** Dcsi Holdings Inc to N. & S. Deshpande for \$3,100,000

**52 Centennial Way** M. Plant to M. & L. Shamanna for \$1,725,000

**319 Chilense Court** E. & F. Sauk to S. & J. Mui for \$1,950,000

**7515 Corrinne Street** A. Garces to I. & D. Macdonald for \$1,160,000

**3855 Crow Canyon Road** C. Lau to T. & M. Huey for \$662,000

**61 Eagle Lake Lane #12** L. Nguyen to R. & H. Thakker for \$863,000

**192 Eastridge Drive** M. Ferguson to Bahugudumbi Living Trust for \$575,000

**2053 Elderberry Drive** Shah Trust to Patel Family Trust for \$2,800,000

**320 Goldfield Place** Y. & Y. Ham to H. & B. Lee for \$1,425,000

**103 Greenwich Court** K. & C. Wilkins to Gillette Family Trust for \$1,600,000

**4016 Greenwich Drive** Keith Family Trust to R. & P. Szocs for \$2,408,000

**1033 Hawkshead Circle** M. Wesenhagen to N. & R. Kolappan for \$2,950,000

**1137 Hawkshead Circle** G. & J. Wang to Kim Trust for \$3,100,000

**36 Hurst Court** R. & A. Moeinimanesh to S. Zhang for \$1,890,000

**7526 Imperata Lane** K. Bae to R. & A. Rayaroth for \$1,111,000

**7549 Interlachen Avenue** Gershman-Macleod Living Trust to A. & L. Krishnayana for \$1,350,000

**509 Lagos Court** N. & T. Rogers to P. & U. Goddeti for \$1,558,000

**3049 Lakemont Drive #4** Moreno Living Trust to C. Beasley for \$1,010,000

**90 Lewes Court** Walsh Living Trust to Setty Trust for \$1,815,000

**4177 Lilac Ridge Road** Stuhlmacher Family Trust to K. Low for \$1,700,000

**174 Madelia Place** Lura Trust to C. & R. Gonzalez for \$1,051,000

**3061 Newport Avenue** N. & R. Shanahan to P. & G. Buti for \$1,170,000

**5601 Norris Canyon Road #210** Joseph Trust to Weckstein Family Trust for \$230,000

**413 Norris Canyon Terrace** Khurana Family Trust to J. Sarullo for \$705,000

**209 Riverland Court** K. Munjal to F. & I. Sharief for \$2,200,000

**2567 Shadow Mountain Drive** Boom Trust to O. & I. Osuagwu for \$1,650,000

**1230 Sutter Creek Lane** T. Yan to D. & P. Pallath for \$880,000

Source: California REsource

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

COMING SOON!



**4151 Munoz Court, Dublin**  
4bd/3ba | 2,127 sq.ft | 4,051 sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,450,000

NEW LISTING!



**11353 Bloomington Way, Dublin**  
5bd/3ba | 2,405 sq.ft | 11,761 sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,649,900

NEW LISTING!



**21555 Eden Canyon Road, Castro Valley**  
5bd/4ba | 4,131 sq.ft | 5.95 acre lot  
OFFERED AT \$2,188,000

NEW LISTING!



**2213 Via Espada, Pleasanton**  
5bd/2.5ba | 2,378 sq.ft | 6,700 sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,689,000

NEW LISTING!  
OPEN HOUSE  
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**1785 Harvest Road, Pleasanton**  
3bd/2ba | 1,520 sq.ft | 9,801 sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,309,000

PENDING!



**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



**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



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**\$106K OVER ASKING**

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