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VALLEY VIEWS



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Rethinking vacations

We are still discovering the fallout from the pandemic of the last year and a half. Heck, we are still experiencing the pandemic. And one activity/industry to sustain a blow has been travel.

The world used to be our oyster, so many locations beckoning, so little time. My favorite overseas destination became Berlin 20 years ago when my son moved there. We have varied each trip to include other destinations — London, Prague, France, other areas of Germany — and Berlin itself became an even stronger magnet after my son's twins were born, exactly five years ago today.

But otherwise the pandemic has made me rethink my definition of a vacation. I am talking about trips undertaken just for fun, as a break from daily life, for a change in scenery and to see and experience something new.

Television ads are urging me to keep my vacations — and dollars — in California. I totally buy into this. Partly to support my fellow/sister Californians, but also because there is so much in our Golden State that I have yet to see and do.

If you are like me, you only go to some of our local “tourist” sites when people visit from out of town, which is when I finally took an Alcatraz tour. But now may be the time to explore more on my own, plus there are places I would like to revisit, such as the 17-mile drive at Pebble Beach.

One California vacation goal of mine is a tour to view lighthouses; apparently there are 30 still standing and 16 of them are open to the public. A whole coastline of sand, waves and sea sunsets is within a few hours' drive, or you could make a week of it. The mountains are, sadly, out of bounds for now.

The Pleasanton Senior Center has its VIP Travel, although it is currently closed. I took a daytrip with them to Apple Hill some years ago, a carefree way to let others handle the logistics that I will certainly consider again.

Wineries! The Livermore Valley is right here. And Napa, Sonoma and Russian River wineries are not that far away. While you are at the

Russian River, visit Bodega Bay (be sure to watch Alfred Hitchcock's “The Birds” first). Another draw in that area is the little town of Occidental with its Union Hotel, which used to serve ravioli family-style dinners that were to-die-for. I see from the website that this has changed, although ravioli are still on the menu.

My husband and I loved spending the day in San Francisco with friends. We would BART in and just explore. One memorable day we walked up The Embarcadero to Levi's Plaza, across from Pier 23, then through the plaza to locate the staircase that climbs up and up through picturesque backyards until you reach Coit Tower. After inspecting the old murals at the tower's base, we continued down Telegraph Hill Boulevard until we were in North Beach. It sounds ambitious now but I don't remember it being particularly tiring, although I did pause to catch my breath on those uphill stairs.

Here in the East Bay, it is my mission to convince everyone to drive to the peak in Mt. Diablo State Park. Perhaps because I remember my family going there from San Jose for a picnic when I was a child — and that was before freeways. But it is a place I bring out-of-town visitors and also just visit by myself now and then.

My second mission is to introduce folks to the Eugene O'Neill National Site in Danville. The grounds are relaxing, the views are stunning and the Tao House is fascinating as is the story of O'Neill and his wife Carlotta Monterey.

In Berlin I'm happiest at an outdoor cafe sipping a Milchkaffee, letting the Euro scene unfold before me. Here, too, I love sitting outside, enjoying a snack or a meal and people-watching.

After I visit Berlin, I plan to stay close to home because there is so much nearby to explore and enjoy. Does anyone have day trips to recommend? It would be great to hear from you: dciardelli@PleasantonWeekly.com. ■

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About the Cover

The Amador Valley and Foothill football teams have both opened their 2021 campaigns with 2-0 records. Sportswriter Dennis Miller previews both Pleasanton high schools' seasons inside, on Pages 12-13. Foothill photos by Natalie Walsh. Amador photos by Elizabeth Thomsen. Cover design by Doug Young.

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How do you cope with the stresses of your daily life?



John Weller
SVP sales and marketing

I used to snack a lot when feeling stressed. During the pandemic though, I've started cycling instead. I think it is a much better outlet for me than snacking, and on top of that, I've lost a ton of weight and feel great.



Stan Schultz
Senior account executive

I drink beer and ride my bike. Amazingly, I've never gotten injured or been issued a PUI (pedaling while under the influence), which is a real thing you know.



Stephen Hubbard
Fermentation scientist

Meditation affords me a bit of psychological distance from stressful circumstances; it enables me to deliberately choose my response to life's realities as opposed to being flung from one mental state to the next. Secondly, I find that training with barbells reorients my mental state.



Vicki Hubbard *Retired*

So, I try to get some gratitude journaling in before my day starts. That's a great way to process how I feel with a positive bent on what's good. Then I get exercise by walking, hiking, swimming or bicycling. When I start my day with gratitude and physical activity, it's bound to be a less stressful day.



Michael Hubbard
High school student

I find art and music can be extremely helpful in dealing with day-to-day stresses. When I get overwhelmed by an assignment, I just sit down at a piano or pick up a ukulele and start playing, without any particular song in mind. It helps me focus on something that isn't stressful and it re-centers my mind.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Recall election here

Tuesday (Sept. 14) is the final day to turn in your ballot for the statewide election over whether to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be returned to the U.S. Postal Service, turned in to a polling place or placed in a designated drop-box (such as outside Pleasanton City Hall) by Tuesday afternoon to qualify to be counted.

Voters can also cast their ballot in person at the polls between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Election Day. The Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office has also scheduled accessible voting locations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday, Sunday and Monday for early voting, including five locations in Pleasanton. To learn more, visit acvote.org.

The recall ballot has two parts. The first requires a Yes or No answer. It asks: "Shall Gavin Newsom be recalled (removed) from the office of Governor?" If more than 50% of voters say No, Newsom continues as governor. If more than 50% say Yes, Newsom will be removed from office.

The second part allows a voter to pick one replacement candidate from a list of 46 candidates. If the recall earns majority Yes in question one, then whoever has the most votes among the replacement candidates (no matter how few and even if they don't win a majority) will become governor in late October.

Veterans outreach

The Pleasanton Public Library (400 Old Bernal Ave.) will host the VA Palo Alto mobile medical outreach team to facilitate exams, consultations and referrals for enrolled military veterans.

The drop-in event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday (Sept. 13) in front of the library. VA reps will be able to provide information to veterans, spouses, caregivers, family members and survivors and assist with veteran enrollment for VA care.

'Tri-Valley Sports Final'

TV30 has brought back "Tri-Valley Sports Final" for its 17th season covering team and individual high school sports in the Tri-Valley, with hosts Ian Bartholomew and Tim Sbranti.

Throughout the 2021-22 season, an outstanding athlete will be selected by TV30's sports staff as the "Athlete of the Week" — the first recipient was Foothill quarterback Nick Walsh. Watch on your cable access channel or at tv30.org. ■

Zone 7 declares drought emergency; mandatory 15% water use reduction

Water agency warns of 'significant potential for the situation to be worse next year'

By JULIA BAUM

Dry conditions combined with low water storage this year prompted the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors to unanimously declare a drought emergency last week, including mandatory 15% water use reduction for all Zone 7 retailers.

"This is an important step in ensuring long-term water reliability for the Tri-Valley area," said Board President Angela Ramirez Holmes in a statement after the Sept. 1 vote. "We need to take this action now to make

sure our community has enough water in the immediate future."

For the second year in a row, continued dry conditions and low storage have limited the agency's opportunities to purchase water. After requesting a 10% voluntary conservation from 2020 water demands in March, the agency increased its request to 15% in July, to align with Gov. Gavin Newsom's statewide initiative.

After falling well short of their target goal — water savings in July were about 7% compared to July

2020 — Zone 7 officials said it "has determined more significant action is necessary in order to ensure water reliability in 2022." According to General Manager Valerie Pryor, more than 85% of the agency's water demand comes from municipal and industrial use, and the rest is agricultural use.

"Mandatory conservation is resulting from worsening drought conditions as well as voluntary conservation being below requested amounts," Pryor told the Weekly. "My general message is that this is a

serious drought and there is a significant potential for the situation to be worse next year. The water we save this year will help us next year."

A "Stage 2 Shortage Emergency" and local drought emergency resolution were also approved at the Sept. 1 special board meeting. The local declaration will expedite construction projects to improve water supply reliability like the Valley Pump Station, which is slated to move its target completion date of summer

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FILE PHOTO/COURTESY OF PDA

Downtown Pleasanton's annual Concerts in the Park series is returning for its first show since 2019 when Public Eye takes the stage on Sept. 12.

Concerts in the Park coming back

Public Eye playing first show on Sunday afternoon

By JEREMY WALSH

The popular Concerts in the Park series will be back in downtown Pleasanton after a one-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic, shifting to Sunday late afternoon shows in 2021 beginning this coming weekend.

Organized by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the free concerts will run from 4-6 p.m. Sundays from Sept. 12 through Oct. 17 with viewers able to watch from Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks.

"It's good to see another hometown favorite, Concerts in the Park, returning and indicating a return to a bit more normalcy," Pleasanton City Councilwoman Kathy Narum told the Weekly.

"Concerts in the Park were enjoyed by residents in the past, and it's another event in our downtown that is popular with residents. I look forward to a great turnout for the first concert this Sunday."

Produced annually by the PDA, typically on Friday nights during the summer months, the Concerts in the Park series was canceled in 2020 like many other large public events in Pleasanton and the rest of the Bay Area due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated health guidelines.

New PDA Executive Director Zac Grant said he knew the fate of Concerts in the Park for 2021 has been at the front of many residents' minds, and the organization

had been working hard to solidify an answer.

"Since my arrival in May, the No. 1 question I've fielded has been, 'When will PDA bring back the Concerts?' Grant told the Weekly. "For so long, due to lockdowns and financial limits, we simply did not know. Sundays this fall, we have an answer 100% thanks to our generous full season sponsors."

"For over 30 years, Concerts in the Park brought Pleasanton residents, neighbors and visitors together downtown," added Terri Terry, PDA board president and owner of the Cellar Door.

"The outcry is crystal clear,

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Marking 20 years since 9/11

Events in Tri-Valley to commemorate anniversary Saturday

By JEREMY WALSH

Saturday will represent a somber anniversary across the nation as Americans reflect on the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Officials and residents will commemorate the occasion in a variety of ways in the Tri-Valley, including several special events throughout the anniversary with a mix of public displays and personal remembrances.

"Twenty years ago, Amy King, a United Airlines flight attendant, left her home in the early morning hours to start her workweek. Her story, her life, is just one of the thousands creating a ripple effect of impact on family, friends, and the world. Yet, telling her individual story reminds us of how precious life is," said Dublin resident Deborah Lloyd, who will be one of the keynote speakers at the 9/11 anniversary ceremony at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

"Amy was 29 years old, and she was my sister," Lloyd added in a statement released by Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert's office, a lead organizer of the 20th anniversary event.

Ceremonies like those in the Tri-Valley honor the memories of the 2,977 people killed in the terrorist attacks on that fateful Tuesday in 2001 when four airliners were

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Pleasanton council approves water rate hikes for PFAS funding plan

Mayor Karla Brown warns, 'It might get expensive' for some ratepayers

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton water ratepayers can expect a bigger water bill in the future after the Pleasanton City Council unanimously approved a funding plan for final design of the city's per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) treatment and wells rehabilitation project on Tuesday.

"If you're a big, big water user, it might get expensive," Mayor Karla Brown said before casting her vote at the Sept. 7 council meeting.

City officials are currently proceeding with the estimated \$46 million project's final design to address the detection of PFAS — synthetic chemicals found in common household items like paint and known to be harmful to humans — in the city's wells. About \$3.3 million for design costs has already been allocated from the water operating fund, leaving \$42.7 million in water operating funds, water connection

fees, and debt financing to pay the estimated remainder of the project.

During a presentation on Tuesday, city staff said ratepayers will pay an up to \$11.60 increase on their bimonthly water bills under the funding plan, assuming a 4% interest rate. Actual water rates charged would be adjusted accordingly, should actual interest rates be lower. Staff said the strategy will reduce the impact to water rates while ensuring funding is available when the project is ready for construction or obtaining equipment.

"This is going to ensure operational reliability of our wells, something I think we're at risk for one," Councilmember Kathy Narum said on Tuesday. "To have that reliable source of clean water for \$5 a month on average ... is actually less cost than I thought to construct this project would be."

Under the plan, an additional

\$6 million will be allocated to the project for the fiscal years 2023 to 2025 capital improvement program (CIP), with \$4 million of that going to the water fund's annual allocation to the CIP.

Another \$5.3 million in water connection fees will also be allocated, for about 11.5% of total project costs. The current water connection fee fund balance is \$4 million, which could be entirely allocated to the project. According to staff, the remaining \$1.3 million in water connection fee revenues will come from future collections, but the city would likely need to borrow against those future collections to ensure funds are available "in a timely fashion."

The city, which collects the fees from new development to offset impacts on the city's water infrastructure, has not updated its water connection fees since the 1980s. An update of the water connection fees

is being planned for by the end of 2023, after the Water System Master Plan is completed, staff said.

Councilmember Valerie Arkin said residents have shared concerns about "the sheer high cost of this endeavor" and are "wondering, is there a guarantee that this is going to work."

"Is there anything we can recoup if for some reason it doesn't work?" Arkin said. "Because it's a huge investment, huge amount of taxpayer dollars, and I have gotten that from the public."

Todd Yamello, city utilities planning manager, said the PFAS treatment media "is commonly used to remove lots of different contaminants and it's done successfully" with projects already using the same material to remove PFAS, including many federal remediation sites.

"I don't think there's a lot of risk in the media being able to remove

it. I think where there is risk is the cost to do it annually," Yamello said. "We've tried to do testing on our water to see how quickly you basically go through the material and have to replace it to remove the contaminants, and that's where we focused our efforts."

Yamello added, "I'm fairly confident that there's industry proof out there that it will remove contaminants; it's just going to become how expensive is it for us at our site."

In an effort to recover PFAS mitigation costs, city officials also filed a lawsuit against manufacturers of fire-fighting foam and the chemicals used to make them. The lawsuit was consolidated before the U.S. District Court in South Carolina, along with over 500 similar lawsuits.

While it's uncertain if the city's litigation will be resolved or a settlement

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Legislators reach agreement with governor to preserve Tesla Park

Deal seen as triumph in decades-long battle to protect land from motorized recreation

By CIERRA BAILEY

After several years of advocacy efforts, Tri-Valley legislators Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) and State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) are one step closer to a victory in the fight to preserve thousands of acres of wilderness outside Livermore.

An agreement was reached Monday between Gov. Gavin Newsom, the Legislature and California Department of Parks and Recreation to protect the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area (Tesla Park) from off-highway vehicle

(OHV) use on the land.

If approved by the Legislature next week, the agreement will end plans to expand the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) into the 3,100-acre Tesla parcel — located just southeast of Livermore — which scientists have described as a biologically unique habitat and Native Americans have long considered to be a sensitive historical site, according to Glazer's office.

The land will become a new state park closed to motorized recreation upon approval. The state will reimburse the off-highway vehicle fund

\$18.3 million for the estimated current value of the land, plus \$2.4 million that the fund used for planning the current park's expansion, officials said.

Another \$11.5 million will be set aside for planning and construction of an alternative off-road park, while \$1 million will go toward transitioning the Tesla property into a non-OHV park, officials said.

"This is a win-win for all involved," Glazer said in a statement on Labor Day. "Our community and region gets to preserve this natural and cultural treasure while the

off-road enthusiasts will keep their current park and receive funding to develop another park on land that's more suitable to that kind of recreation."

Bauer-Kahan shared similar sentiments and praised the environmentalist groups and residents who supported the efforts to preserve the land.

"We are incredibly thankful that the governor has seen Tesla Park's value and included it in the ongoing protection of critical natural resources," Bauer-Kahan said.

"It has been my great honor to fight alongside Senator Glazer, the Sierra Club, Friends of Tesla Park and countless organizations and individuals to ensure this land will be protected and enjoyed by all of California's citizens," she added.

The fight to protect the land began in the late 1990s when State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division purchased Tesla Park without an appropriate acquisition environmental impact report (EIR) or public review being conducted, according to Glazer's office.

Since then, Sierra Club California and its partners have vehemently opposed opening the area to OHV recreational use. The use for motor vehicles was challenged in court, and earlier this year, the judge ruled that the EIR was inadequate and that State Parks needed to redo it. In the ruling, the judge opined that preservation would be the best option for this land.

"We applaud the decision by the California Legislature and Administration to preserve the important ecological value and biodiversity of Tesla Park by banning off-highway

vehicle recreational use," said Brandon Dawson, director of the Sierra Club California.

"Sierra Club California and our local allies have advocated for decades to protect Tesla Park. This agreement represents a major victory for environmentalists across the state," he added.

Dawson also expressed gratitude to the two Tri-Valley legislators for moving the initiative forward.

"I want to thank Senator Steve Glazer and Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan for their persistence to protect this valued land. This would not be possible without their championing of the area."

This landmark agreement comes nearly two years after Newsom vetoed the original Assembly Bill 1086 co-authored by Bauer-Kahan and Glazer, which attempted to address the longstanding battle by giving the state the option of selling a piece of the SVRA to either a local government or nonprofit entity for conservation purposes.

Both houses of the State Legislature approved the measure. The bill passed on the State Assembly floor 56-21 and then in the State Senate 30-10. However, it was struck down upon reaching Newsom's desk.

At the time, he said in a veto message that "there is no evidence that the department has failed to conduct sufficient study of this property or is mismanaging this state resource. The park was purchased for the benefit of all Californians and should remain a state park."

This new agreement with Newsom was announced just over a week before the gubernatorial recall election. ■

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Livermore Mural Fest uses art to celebrate culture, promote philanthropy

Mural tours benefiting Goodness Village rescheduled for Saturday

By CIERRA BAILEY

Creative arts agency OnlyUp and Livermore's Commission for the Arts teamed up for the second year in a row to bring new and vibrant public art displays to the city's walls and buildings.

Livermore Mural Fest is an event launched in 2020 that brings artists from all over the Bay Area together to share their work and grow the local artist community.

"It's a cool community project to be able to get artists involved locally, to bring some talent regionally, to give an opportunity for some artists here who might not be quite ready to jump on a big wall to work alongside some artists who maybe are," said artist and OnlyUp founder Trent Thompson, adding that he wants to build the art scene in the area and inspire local youth and other people to make art.

With painting beginning on Aug. 21, four brand-new murals were installed by a diverse group of contracted artists with a fifth planned for the old Dom's Outdoor Outfitters building — which will soon be the new home of Purpose-Built Trade Co. — making for a combined total of 12 murals downtown, which also includes last year's works.

Tours of all the completed murals were initially planned for Aug. 28 but were pushed to this Saturday (Sept. 11) due to the combination of extreme heat and poor air quality, according to the organizers.

"We live in a time and space where more people are becoming aware of our interconnectedness," said artist and organizer Arthur Barinque, who was also previously a member of the Livermore Commission for the Arts.

"The fact that there are now more than a dozen murals in downtown Livermore is a sign of the times.

We are ready to celebrate arts, culture, our collective history and our connectedness now more than ever. It is really humbling to be a part of," he added.

Aside from brightening up the streets of Livermore with colorful art, the Mural Fest initiative also has a philanthropic component, with all proceeds from tour ticket sales being directed to Livermore Valley Craft Beer Foundation to support Goodness Village, a new sustainable "tiny home" community located in Livermore that provides affordable and permanent housing options for local people experiencing chronic homelessness.

OnlyUp's director of operations and engagement and fellow artist, Marielle Evans, told the Weekly that money from their fundraising initiatives will go toward developing new mini murals throughout Goodness Village to help beautify the campus and offer a "colorful, welcoming home environment." Some of the funds will also go toward creating an art and maker program for residents at Goodness Village.

"One of their big dreams is to create a makerspace for the residents there and to allow them to potentially do micro-enterprise through maker and trade and allow them to have the dignity of entrepreneurship and artistry and also to potentially create an income stream for both the village and for the residents by offering maker markets and that kind of thing," Evans said.

Helping housing-oriented non-profits is a part of the fabric of OnlyUp. Evans said that in the past, they've supported CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Sunflower Hill and Tri-Valley Haven, among other local organizations.

Thompson created the series

"Pictures 4 People" in 2018 that featured paintings of the faces of members of the unhoused community. By auctioning off the artwork he created, Thompson raised nearly \$8,000 for local charities. In 2019, Thompson was named the Weekly's Tri-Valley Hero for Arts & Culture for his "Pictures 4 People" initiative.

"Small businesses and for-profits can have a role in solving the problem," Evans said. "We may not be able to house people but we can write about it, sing about it, talk about it, paint about it and make it so that other people look because so often, homeless individuals are unseen," she added.

In addition to the downtown murals, OnlyUp is installing four mini murals at The Well at Sunset development — formerly Sunset Plaza — located at the corner of Concannon Boulevard and Holmes Street. Evans said that although businesses are not open there yet, the developers have said that the community is welcome to visit the plaza to view the artwork.

"We are so thankful that Livermore is a place that really supports these innovative art installations and frankly, innovative small business," Evans said.

Organizers said that this year's murals were sponsored by the city of Livermore Commission for the Arts, Purpose-Built Trade Co., Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Livermore Shakespear Festival/SPARC Studio, Vaughn's Barbershop, The Well at Sunset, Giselle De Sousa Real Estate, Pennyweight Brewery, Wentz Vineyards, Nicole Sweeney Real Estate, the Real Estate Alliance Livermore and Mony Nop Real Estate.

More information about Mural Fest and the mural tours is available at www.onlyupteam.com/muralfestival. ■



ARTHUR BARINQUE

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New administrators join LVJUSD for 2021-22 school year

Promotions, retirements, new hires recognized by school board

By **CIERRA BAILEY**

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is now three weeks into its 2021-22 in-person school year. In preparation ahead of the start of classes, the district welcomed several new staff members and bid farewell to some longtime employees.

At the Board of Education's Aug. 17 meeting, deputy superintendent Chris Van Schaack gave a presentation introducing the new district administrative changes as well as new individual school administrators.

At the district level, the community engagement, curriculum and special education departments saw significant transitions, including the retirements of former director of community engagement Philomena Rambo after 16 years with LVJUSD and former assistant



Tracie Christmas



Chris Connor



Michelle Dawson



Carla Estrada-Hidalgo



Shari Johnston



Jason Krolikowski



Zandra Teixeira

director of curriculum Vicki Scudder after 53 years with the district.

Officials shared a video montage celebrating Scudder's tenure with the Livermore school system during the board meeting last month.

"She began her time in this district when Lyndon Johnson was president," Van Schaack noted in his remarks honoring Scudder. "She's been in a number of roles, she's done an extraordinary job. There's no way to sum up the impact she's had on the thousands

of students who have been part of the district, her classes, her schools for so many years."

In addition to Scudder's retirement, officials told the Weekly that the curriculum department was restructured to include new roles and responsibilities in part after former director of curriculum Kevin Grier left to accept the position of superintendent of Loma Prieta School District. The changes include:

- Tracie Christmas, director of assessment and accountability. Christmas is new to LVJUSD this year. She previously worked as a regional director for AVID and was an elementary principal in Castro Valley before that.

- Chris Connor, director of elementary education. Connor is also new to LVJUSD this year and was previously principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School in Pleasanton.

- Jason Krolikowski, director of secondary education. Before joining LVJUSD, Krolikowski had a one-year stint with Palo Alto Unified School District as director of student services. Prior to that, he was the principal of San Ramon Valley High School in Danville for three years. Before San Ramon Valley High, Krolikowski was principal of Foothill High School in Pleasanton for four years.

- Carla Estrada-Hidalgo, coordinator of English language

development and Title I. Before this promotion, Estrada-Hidalgo was principal of Vineyard Alternative/Adult Education School.

- Shari Johnston, coordinator of equity and early literacy. Johnston was formerly principal of Jackson Avenue Elementary.

Other district changes include the promotion of Michelle Dawson from communications specialist to coordinator of community engagement, following Rambo's retirement.

The district also welcomed Zandra Teixeira as the new coordinator of special education. Teixeira was previously assistant principal at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley and prior to that she worked as a program supervisor of special education for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. ■

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Pilot program proposed in county to provide safe, legal parking for RVs

Haubert co-announces plan, which still needs funding

A pilot program for safe and legal places for unhoused residents to park their recreational vehicles was announced recently by two Alameda County lawmakers.

Supervisor David Haubert and Oakland Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan jointly announced the proposal last week.

It calls for up to 10 parking sites for recreational vehicles on city-owned or county-owned land with at least one site in each of the county's supervisorial districts.

"There is such an identified

need," Kimberly Jones of Kaplan's office said in an interview Sept. 1. "It's an issue that can't be ignored."

Jones said Oakland itself has a great deal of need and the county has a lot of resources to address homelessness.

But she cautioned that money is needed to pay for the pilot program and that's a little complicated.

While state and federal funds are available to address homelessness, money isn't earmarked for the RV issue, she said.

A big part of the issue the

lawmakers want to address is sanitation. Without sites specifically for RV parking, plumbing, sewage removal and sanitation in general are problems.

Those three things pose a health problem for the county, the lawmakers said.

The proposal calls for each site to have onsite management to be sure, among other things, that trash and sewage are handled properly.

A city-county collaboration on the issue is important because RVs move around the county, including in unincorporated areas.

Haubert and Kaplan suggested in a letter to the public and their colleagues that unhoused residents in RVs pay for use of the proposed sites on a sliding scale based on income.

To help the residents resume normal lives, services such as the opportunity to sign up for Medi-Cal and job programs could be brought to the RV sites.

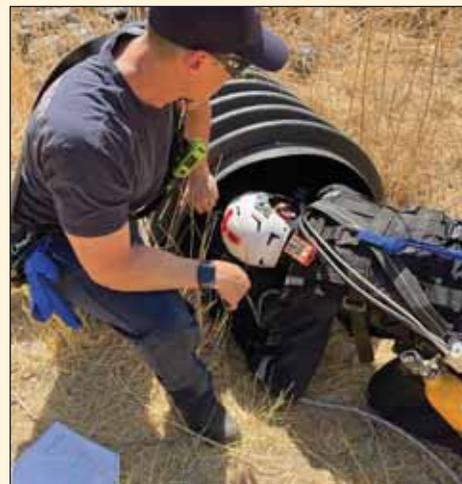
The two lawmakers also suggested as part of the pilot, that each jurisdiction where a site is located provide a local match in terms of land, personnel and/or funding.

Work, health, and vehicle-repair programs may be available at the sites. Places to dump sewage may be at each RV site or at another location. ■

—Keith Burbank, BCN

Calf rescue

San Ramon Valley Fire personnel successfully removed a calf trapped in a storm drain on Labor Day afternoon. The calf was stuck inside of an 18-inch-diameter pipe approximately 125 feet from the entrance. "Firefighters performed a 'confined space rescue' using special equipment/ techniques to send a firefighter into the small pipe. It was 100 degrees during the rescue and fortunately the calf and its mother were successfully reunited. #CowReMOOOVED," SRVFPD officials said on social media sharing photos and videos of the rescue effort.



SRVFPD

Hot, dry weather and poor fire conditions expected through 2021

Cal Fire chief warns against complacency while still amid 'wildfire peak season'

Hot, dry temperatures and increased fire risk are expected to continue throughout California through at least December, Cal Fire Chief Thom Porter warned Tuesday.

With roughly 2 million acres already burned across California this year, the state is on pace with the number of acres burned at this time last year, according to Porter, who described the fires of the last two years as "the new reality."

"Some have turned to looking forward as if this is now fall, summer season is over," Porter said, referencing Labor Day weekend as the traditional but unofficial end of summer. "We're right smack in the middle of wildfire peak season."

Ultimately, some 4 million acres burned across the state in 2020.

Porter said that while "nobody has a crystal ball" to predict how many acres will burn in 2021, a recent three-month outlook from Cal Fire's weather forecasters showed consistently dry conditions, more wind events and additional fires.

Nearly 15,000 firefighters and emergency personnel and nearly 1,300 military personnel are battling the state's ongoing fires.

State officials are also proceeding with hazardous waste and fire debris cleanup efforts via the California Office of Emergency Services' Consolidated Debris Removal Program, which coordinates with county governments to clean up fire debris for free.

Hazardous material and debris removal has already begun in counties affected by the Tamarack Fire, the Beckwourth Fire, the Dixie Fire, the Lava Fire, the Cash Fire and the River Fire.

According to Cal OES Director Mark Ghilarducci, the debris removal program is also set to begin in the South Lake Tahoe areas affected by the Caldor Fire, which had burned more than 216,000 acres and was 49% contained, as of Tuesday.

Ghilarducci noted that residents who begin their own debris removal process without first checking with their county could make them ineligible for the state's cleanup services.

State and federal officials advised residents to remain alert for potential fires in their area in the coming months and be ready to evacuate, if necessary.

"We need everybody in California to keep their eyes open," Porter said. "See smoke — call it in, don't expect somebody else already did. And if you get evacuation orders, get out so we can do our job of protecting lives, property and the environments."

Information about ongoing fires can be found via Cal Fire at www.fire.ca.gov/incidents.

State residents can also find information about how to prepare for wildfires and potential fire-related evacuations at www.readyforwildfire.org. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

CONCERTS

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Pleasanton wants their Concerts back. We are fired up to have one of our all-time favorite bands, Public Eye, leading off the 2021 series," Terry said.

A local band known for performing high-energy hits, Public Eye will kick off the 2021 series on Sunday (Sept. 12). Public Eye has been a staple at Concerts in the Park in previous years, including performing at the special Pleasanton 125th Anniversary show in 2019.

The rest of the 2021 lineup announced so far will be Dustbowl Travelers on Sept. 19, AXL/DC on Sept. 26 and Jeff Ricketts and the Dirt Road Band on Oct. 3. The final two acts are expected to be unveiled soon.

Performers will take the stage at Lions Wayside Park at the corner of First and Neal streets. Like in past years, admission is free and attendees can set out blankets and chairs in either Lions Wayside or Delucchi

parks to watch the concerts while enjoying food and drink to-go from downtown restaurants or brought from home.

Blankets or chairs can be put out at people's own risk starting at 7 a.m. on concert day. PDA officials reminded residents that they cannot use rocks to hold down blankets because of potential damage to lawn-mowing equipment, and the use of plastic tarps, which can burn the grass, is also prohibited.

Neal Street will be closed to vehicular traffic between Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks to allow for a safer concert experience from 3-7 p.m. on concert Sundays, according to PDA officials. The parks will close promptly at 7 p.m. coinciding with the opening of Neal Street.

The 2021 Concerts in the Park series is sponsored by Alameda County Fair, Goodguys Rod & Custom Association, Iron Horse Real Estate & Home Decor, Marina Plumbing Company, Pleasanton Farmers' Market, Pleasanton Garbage Service and Visit Tri-Valley. ■

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Newsom announces new Bay Area judges

Also nominates Alameda County's Rodriguez to Court of Appeal

Gov. Gavin Newsom last Friday announced eight new Superior Court judge appointments in the greater Bay Area.

The appointments, among 22 made statewide on Friday to fill vacant seats, include two in Contra Costa County, one in Monterey County, one in San Mateo County, three in Santa Clara County, and one in Solano County.

Kirk Athanasiou, 45, a Contra Costa County deputy public defender, and Jennifer Lee, 51, a Contra Costa County Superior Court commissioner, were the two appointees to Contra Costa County Superior Court judgeships.

Jared Jefferson, 37, a Monterey County chief deputy public defender, was appointed as a Monterey County Superior Court

judge, while Renee Reyna, 40, a San Mateo County Superior Court commissioner, was appointed as a new San Mateo County Superior Court judge.

In Santa Clara County, Brian Buckelew, 48, a supervising deputy district attorney with the county, Shella Deen, 56, an attorney with the law firm Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel, and Rafael Sivilla-Jones,

54, a deputy attorney general at the California Department of Justice, were the three new judges appointed.

Solano County's newest judge is Janice Williams, who was serving as a deputy district attorney with the county.

Newsom on Friday also nominated Alameda County Superior Court Judge Victor Rodriguez to

serve as an associate justice for the state's First District Court of Appeal, Division Three. The nomination will need to be confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments, consisting of Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Attorney General Rob Bonta and Senior Presiding Justice J. Anthony Kline. ■

—Bay City News Service

Work on I-580, I-680 among projects to benefit from federal funding

Four transportation projects in the Bay Area are going to benefit from the California Transportation Commission's allocation of \$1.4 billion for projects to repair and improve transportation infrastructure, according to Caltrans.

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, will account for more than half of this investment, or \$884

million.

Projects approved in Caltrans District 4 (Bay Area) include:

- Alameda County: \$5.4 million allocated for a project on Interstates 580, 680, 880 and 980 that will enhance pedestrian safety by installing accessible pedestrian signals systems and countdown timers and upgrading crosswalk markings. The project will reduce the

number and severity of collisions.

- Alameda and Contra Costa counties: \$4 million allocated for projects on Interstate 580 in Alameda County, as well as Interstate 680 and Highway 160 in Contra Costa County, that will enhance safety and operations by installing concrete barriers. The project will also upgrade guardrails.

- Alameda County: \$75.3 million

allocated for a project along Interstate 680 that will enhance safety and extend the service life of the pavement by rehabilitating northbound I-680 by slab replacement, grinding and placing hot mix asphalt to improve safety and extend the service life of the pavement.

- Alameda County: \$8.5 million allocated for a project on Highway 61 in the Posey and Webster tubes

connecting Oakland and Alameda. This project will enhance safety in the tubes by installing fuel cell power supply systems to maintain safety systems in the event of a fire emergency.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually split between the state and local agencies. ■

—Bay City News Service

9/11

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hijacked and crashed into the World Trade Center's Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and a field in Pennsylvania. The annual events also recognize the first responders and others who have subsequently died or continue to battle serious health conditions due to 9/11-related illnesses.

Like they do every year on Sept. 11, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will commemorate the anniversary at each of the 10 fire stations across the two cities.

LFPD staff, elected officials and community members will be on hand at the various fire stations for the events Saturday beginning at 9:45 a.m. — an adjusted time to allow for more resident attendees on the weekend. In years past, the

LFPD events occurred at 6:45 a.m. to align with the Eastern Standard Time of the original attacks.

Fire personnel and the public will gather at each station's flagpole at 9:45 a.m. before a moment of silence at 9:59 a.m. after an announcement from fire dispatch, in recognition of the time when the World Trade Center's South Tower fell in 2001.

Flags will be lowered to half-staff at 10 a.m. and military and public safety personnel will stand at attention and salute at the direction of the fire command leader.

LFPD personnel will then join others from Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda County Fire Department, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area and other agencies at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton for a 20th anniversary memorial ceremony organized by Haubert.

"We lost family members, loved

ones, and our first responders. We are asking you to join us to take a pause and remember all those who lost their lives on that tragic day," Haubert said in a statement.

The event will run from 10-11 a.m. in the Alameda County Fairgrounds Amphitheatre and include a performance from the 395th Army Band and speakers such as public safety officials and residents with personal stories such as Lloyd and Pleasanton native Jim McGuirk, an Army veteran who had just begun basic training when the 9/11 attacks occurred.

Also in Pleasanton Tom Burnett Lane, between Stoneridge and Johnson drives near the Abbott Laboratories offices, is typically adorned with American flags and flowers to memorialize the street's namesake.

The late Burnett, a San Ramon resident and senior vice president

and chief operating officer at Thoratec, was aboard Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001 and with fellow passengers helped divert the hijacked plane from a more populated target. (Thoratec is now under the Abbott umbrella.)

Then on Saturday afternoon in Danville, the Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley will hold its annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony from 4:20-5:30 p.m.

The event will begin with a pre-program flyover at 4:20 p.m. and procession of local scouts with American flags at the All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park (3005 Stone Valley Road) in Danville.

The formal program, "20th Anniversary of 9/11: Never Forgotten," will start at 4:30 p.m. with club president Tim White and past-president and Danville Town Councilwoman Karen Stepper as emcees. It will feature a joint police-fire honor

guard, a performance from the Monte Vista High School chamber choir and guest speakers.

The keynote address will be delivered by retired U.S. Air Force Maj. David Yuers, who served as the Air Force Reserve deputy director and operations officer for the Joint Reserve Intelligence Support Element for U.S. Strategic Command based in Phoenix, Ariz. Prior to that he worked directly for the Air Force chief of staff at the Pentagon.

Earlier in the week, Las Positas College in Livermore held its annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony virtually on Thursday at 11 a.m. The event was set to include a traditional singing of the national anthem as the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Air Force honor guard presents the colors. The keynote speaker was Dr. Nicole B. Simpson, a 9/11 World Trade Center survivor. ■

WATER

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2023 up a year with board approval at its Sept. 15 meeting.

According to officials, conservation efforts made this year "are intended to help lessen the potential reductions in 2022."

"We're doing what we can now to try to prevent more drastic steps in 2022," Ramirez Holmes said.

Changes are not being

recommended to drought rates or the current rate structure, but all Zone 7 retailers — including the California Water Service Company, Dublin San Ramon Services District, and the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton — will be responsible for deciding how to enforce the mandatory conservation requirement and what that will look like for customers.

In response to Zone 7's direction to retailers, DSRSD spokeswoman

Lea Blevins told the Weekly that a report on water supply conditions would be delivered to the DSRSD Board of Directors at this week's board meeting, and the directors would "provide direction on declaration of a water shortage emergency."

"DSRSD staff will also recommend amending the district code to be consistent with the recently adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan," Blevins said.

According to Blevins, staff will also

recommend the first reading of an ordinance to amend the district code to align the water shortage stages with those required by the state Department of Water Resources, as well as provide water use restrictions and district enforcement actions for each water shortage stage.

Later this month, DSRSD plans to recommend adopting the ordinance as well as a separate ordinance declaring a Stage 2 water shortage emergency. That resolution would

require reducing water use by 15% compared to last year, Blevins said, adding, "The district will continue to spread the word about the need for water conservation and will begin to review customer usage and notify customers of overuse."

While there are many ways that users can cut back their water usage, Pryor said, "I would also like to remind readers that one of the most effective ways to save water is by reducing outdoor irrigation." ■

RATE HIKES

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is received, staff said the project's principal debt will be reduced if any settlement proceeds are received before incurring more project debt. If a

settlement is received after incurring debt, the settlement proceeds will be used for debt service payments.

A similar approach will also be used if the city is approved for a grant up to \$1.5 million for PFAS remediation projects from the federal

Bureau of Reclamation Smart Water Program.

The city will also seek a state revolving fund loan; staff said they will begin the process to issue revenue bonds, "if it looks like the state is unable to meet (the) project timeline

for loan funds by May 2022."

A proposal to purchase more water from Zone 7 Water Agency was rejected on Tuesday, on the grounds that the city's water rates would jump 42% to purchase the same amount of water currently

pumped by the city, compared to an up to 22% rate increase to issue debt. Staff noted that the rate increase "associated with debt service will remain steady and eventually reduce once the bonds are fully defeased in 30 years." ■

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FOOTBALL

DONS, FALCONS OFF TO STRONG STARTS EARLY IN 2021 SEASON

BY DENNIS MILLER

Two games into the 2021 high school football season, Amador Valley coach Danny Jones and Foothill headman Greg Haubner would be hard-pressed to ask for much more from their teams.

Both Pleasanton teams have started 2-0. Amador thumped Milpitas 37-7, then came and blanked Bear Creek 55-0 in the second week. Foothill opened with a 38-12 win over Castro Valley, then backed it up by rolling to a 43-0 lead before pulling the starters and finishing with a 43-27 final over College Park.

It is not a surprise to either coach as both entered the season with high expectations and following a five-game, non-league schedule will enter the East Bay Athletic League season looking for big things.

EBAL is split into two divisions — the Mountain and the Valley. The Mountain is the more competitive division, made up of the teams with the top records over a two-year term.

This year the Mountain consists of Amador, California, Clayton Valley, De La Salle, Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley.

The Valley has Dougherty Valley, Dublin,

Foothill, Granada and Livermore. After next season, adjustments will be made as to which teams comprise the two divisions.

For Jones and the Dons, it is the first season for his team to take on the talent-laden Mountain Division.

“In 2019 we told our team we wanted to win the Valley and move to the Mountain,” Jones explained. “We talked about it all the time and we went out and did it. We now believe we can do it.”

It is a daunting task, but if there was ever a right time, it’s now for the Dons.

“This is a team with all the right parts,” Jones said.

For starters, this is the biggest, toughest Amador team Jones will send out — and it all starts with the offensive line.

Left tackle Ryan Brace (6-foot-2, 210 pounds, senior), and left guard Hayden Roberts (6-1, 260, Sr.) lead the way.

“The left side is as good as I have had,” Jones said. “They are big, strong and move well.”

Add in center Dominic Varner (5-10, 170, Sr.), right guard Landry Cooper (5-10, 238, Jr.) and left tackle Luke Longmire (6-0, 235, Sr.), and you have a first rate line.

“This by far the biggest we’ve had in my time,” Jones said of the line. “And we have depth as well, which is something we have never had.”

It gets better from there.

The Dons add a pair of monster tight ends.

Brad Nassar (6-5, 235, Jr.) already has an offer from the University of Washington, and James Rothstein (6-5, 232, Jr.) is a force. Both are punishing blockers, with Nassar a big time threat as a receiver.

Oh, but there’s more. Fullback Kai Burgermeister (6-1, 210, Sr.) may be in class of his own.

“He is the best player I have ever coached,” Jones said emphatically. “He can catch, block, and run. Honestly, I think he is the best fullback in the country. He is already the offensive MVP for us, and he is just as good as an inside linebacker.”

At running back Jones has a four-player group rotating. Miles Tucker (6-0, 185, Jr.),

Jackson Ogolin (5-11, 170, Sr.), Marcus Hoerz (5-9, 210, Sr.), and Braden Whitworth (5-9, 165, Jr.) handle the ball.

“All four of them can run the ball,” Jones said. “Hoerz is the thunder runner, the rest are all speedy.”

Ogolin also starts at receiver, and is joined by Mateo Castillo (6-4, 195, Sr.) and Brian Walrath (5-10, 155, Sr.) at the wideout spots.

Triggering the offense is senior quarterback EJ Thomsen (5-11, 165). He does everything Jones asks out of a quarterback and does it well.

“He is a phenomenal leader, and an elite athlete,” Jones said of Thomsen. “He is very

‘There is no doubt — we have a target on our back. The Valley is very good this year.’

Greg Haubner,
Foothill football coach



ELIZABETH THOMSEN

Amador Valley quarterback EJ Thomson (2) passes the ball against Milpitas. The Dons defeated the Trojans 37-7.



Far left: Foothill's Brandon Sousa (77) and the rest of his offensive line mates give quarterback Nick Walsh (4) time to pass against Castro Valley. (Photo by Natalie Walsh).

Near left: Amador Valley's Kai Burgermeister (9) runs down the sideline during the Dons' win against Milpitas. (Photo by Elizabeth Thomsen).

'He is the best player I have ever coached ... Honestly, I think he is the best full-back in the country.'

Danny Jones,
Amador Valley football coach

EBAL. "He is big and athletic," Haubner said of Sousa.

Jackson Braden (6-2, 250, Jr.) handles the other tackle spot. Three guys have been rotating at the guard spots. Jake Patterson (5-11, 180, So.), Josh Taylor (5-10, 200, So.), and Rory Grady (6-2, 250) are all getting time at guard.

Ethan Hoffman (5-8, 170) is holding down the center spot.

The tight ends are solid as well, with Noah Lombardi (5-11, 185, Sr.) and Kade Millard (6-2, 200, Jr.).

The skill positions are solid for the Falcons, giving Walsh options to move the chains.

Running back has been a three-headed monster for the Falcons. Jackson Chandler (5-10, 165, So.), Tony Schillaci (6-0, 200, Sr.) and Trevor Barros (5-10, 175, Sr.) have been splitting the carries.

The receivers are a talented trio led by one of the EBAL's top all-around players in Kenny Olson (6-2, 200, Sr.). Connor Perez (5-10, 170, Sr.) and freshman Chris Lawson (5-11, 155) have the skills to make big plays.

Haubner is impressed with all three.

"Kenny looks like the Terminator," the coach said. "Connor is a leader by example for the team, and Lawson — it's unbelievable what he can do as a freshman."

On defense, as is the case with most teams, the Falcons will rely on their offensive starters, but it will be key to rotate some players in.

"We absolutely need those guys all the time on offense," Haubner explained. "But you can't play them all the time on defense. If you do, then you have guys that are gassed at the end of the game."

Millard and Schillaci are set at defensive end, with Sousa and Hoffman holding down the interior spots. Connor Bailey (6-1, 235, Sr.), JP McKeag (6-0, 200, Jr.) and Braden will spend time rotating on the line.

The linebackers are a work in progress at this point with Lombardi, Patterson and Chase Dinkle (5-10, 155) holding down the spots at this point.

The secondary is set with Chandler and Payton McMillan (5-10, 170, Sr.) playing safety. Perez, Lawson and Luke Haviley (5-10, 165, Jr.) are taking care of the corners.

The kicking game is very good as is usually the case at Foothill. Adam Harbourne had a 43-yard field goal in week one, then added 41-yarder against College Park. Anthony Tahir is the punter and had a 55-yard punt against College Park.

Despite opening 2-0, Haubner is cautious as the meat of the schedule starts this week with Vanden.

"I am worried with every team we play the rest of the way," Haubner said. "We know we need to improve. With the schedule we have left, we could finish 2-8 or even 3-7." ■

IS BACK

elusive, great with the ball in his hands, and can throw well on the run."

As you can imagine, with the size and physicality of the offense, the Amador defense figures to be equally as tough.

"Our front seven is our strength," Jones said — in arguably the understatement of the year.

Nassar and Brace are the defensive ends and have been a huge problem for opponents the first two weeks. Against Bear Creek, Nassar had four sacks.

"They are going to have start using two guys to block him," Jones said.

Roberts and Hoerz are the interior lineman.

"They are very active and get a great push in the middle," the coach added. "The difference this year is we are super deep, and we are able to rotate guys. We like to keep them fresh and there is not a lot of drop off."

The inside linebacker spots are manned by Burgermeister and Kevin Albright (5-11, 210, Jr.). The duo is complimented by outside backers Brady Lederer (6-0, 188, Jr.) and Alex Wellman (6-0, 150, Sr.).

The defensive backfield is keyed by Ogolin at safety. The corners are Walrath and sophomore Nate Jetter (6-2, 165).

"He's a very good athlete," Jones said of Jetter.

The kicking game will be handled by Riley Balch (5-11, 155, Jr.), whom Jones says will be a Division I college football kicker.

All in all, for jumping into the fire of the Mountain Division, Jones has the tools to be in every game.

"Being huge and physical will be an advantage," Jones said. "We are very excited for the challenge."

When they were in the Mountain Division, Foothill was the hunter. Now in the Valley, they are the hunted.

"There is no doubt — we have a target on our

back," Haubner said. "The Valley is very good this year. Dublin and Livermore are both very good teams."

While Foothill does not possess the size of Amador, the talent is right there, step for step at the skill positions.

Leading the way at quarterback is senior Nick Walsh (6-0, 165, Sr.). Walsh got the call late in his sophomore year to the Foothill varsity and has been the starter since.

"His very first varsity game was when we put him out there in the Amador game," Haubner said. "He is really coming into his own now."

He is an accomplished baseball player as

well, so the athletic ability is there. More importantly, his football acumen is off the charts.

"He is the best decision-maker I have had at quarterback," Haubner said. "He is also a tenacious competitor."

As is the key for any team, the protection of the offensive line affords for Walsh will be the key.

For the first time since he has taken over the Foothill program, Haubner finally has some size up front. Not Amador big, but big for Foothill.

"Two years ago, I think I had one guy weigh over 200 pounds," Haubner said.

Leading the way left tackle Brandon Sousa (6-4, 270, Sr.), one of the top linemen in the



NATALIE WALSH

The Foothill Falcons take the field for the varsity football game at home against Castro Valley. The Falcons won 38-12.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Passenger dies in Hwy 84 collision; Tri-Valley's 5th fatal crash in 10 days

A juvenile passenger died from injuries they sustained in a head-on collision on Highway 84 near Sunol last Sunday morning, marking the fifth traffic fatality in a 10-day stretch for the greater Tri-Valley.

The situation unfolded at about

6:05 a.m. Sunday when the reports first came in about a serious two-vehicle collision on Highway 84 east of the Interstate 680 interchange, according to Officer Tyler Hahn of the California Highway Patrol's Dublin office.

The driver of a white Chevrolet Tahoe in the westbound lane decided to turn to the left into the eastbound lane for unknown reasons. "As a result of the unsafe turning movement, the front of the white Chevrolet Tahoe collided head-on with a

black Dodge Charger," Hahn said.

Both drivers, as well as three passengers in the Charger, were transported to area hospitals with major injuries, including two who were airlifted by helicopter. One passenger from the Charger succumbed to their injuries later Sunday morning, according to Hahn.

The decedent's name has not yet been released by the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau, but Hahn confirmed the victim was a juvenile.

The four surviving parties remain under treatment for major injuries, according to the officer.

The circumstances of the collision remain under investigation, although alcohol and drug impairment are not suspected factors at this time, Hahn said. He encouraged any witnesses to contact the CHP-Dublin office at 925-828-0466.

Sunday morning's fatality represented the most recent in a string of five deadly car crashes in the greater Tri-Valley since Aug. 26 — all within CHP-Dublin's investigative jurisdiction.

Three days earlier, a woman was fatally struck by an SUV after walking into the travel lanes of Interstate 580 in Livermore, according to the CHP.

The decedent, who was 52 years old according to the CHP, had not yet been publicly identified by the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau as of press time Wednesday.

The woman was walking on the right shoulder of westbound I-580 near the Las Colinas Road overpass — between First Street and North Livermore Avenue — at approximately 4 a.m. Sept. 2 when for an unknown reason moved into the driving lanes where she was struck

by a Ford Explorer, according to Hahn

The collision with the SUV caused fatal injuries for the pedestrian, who was pronounced dead at the scene, Hahn said.

Officers do not think alcohol was a factor in the crash for the Explorer driver, a 56-year-old man from Lathrop whose name was not released, according to Hahn.

The investigation into the collision is ongoing. Hahn said any potential witnesses should call the CHP-Dublin office 925-828-0466.

Bay City News Service previously reported online that the CHP began receiving reports of a person walking in the center divider, on the roadway and in the right shoulder of the freeway at 3:41 a.m. before the woman was hit.

That was the second freeway pedestrian death in the Tri-Valley of the week.

On Aug. 30, 56-year-old Concord resident Judy Rae Airaksinen died after she was struck by a vehicle while walking in I-680 travel lanes near Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon just before 1 a.m.

The circumstances of why she was in the freeway lanes that night remain under investigation, according to Hahn.

Emergency dispatch first received a call at 12:57 a.m. Aug. 30 to report a pedestrian in lanes on northbound I-680 near the Bollinger Canyon Road interchange, Hahn said.

About a minute later, as CHP officers were responding to the scene, a call came in reporting a pedestrian had been hit by a vehicle in the same area as the original call, Hahn said. The collision occurred on the southbound side of I-680, just north of

Bollinger Canyon Road.

The pedestrian — later identified as Airaksinen by the Contra Costa County Coroner's Division — sustained fatal injuries at the scene, according to Hahn.

There was no indication that alcohol or drug impairment played a role in the collision for the driver of the Buick Enclave that struck the pedestrian, according to Hahn. The driver's name was not revealed publicly.

The other two deadly crashes in the 10-day stretch, as previously reported in the Weekly, included the Aug. 27 incident when six Livermore High School students were injured when the pickup truck they rode in lost control on Del Valle Road near Mines Road and rolled down a steep embankment around 11:30 p.m. Hunter Diemert, 15, was pronounced dead from his injuries at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek shortly after midnight on Aug. 28.

One day earlier, Tracy resident Jonathan Welch, 20, was killed after his vehicle went off the roadway out of control on the Interstate 580 off-ramp at Isabel Avenue/Highway 84 at about 1:30 a.m. Aug. 26.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- COVID-19 cases spiked recently at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, an Alameda County sheriff's spokesman said Tuesday.

Forty-six inmates tested positive for the coronavirus and nine of those are symptomatic, sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly said. The rest are asymptomatic. None of the cases are serious.

The nine symptomatic inmates are isolated in a housing unit and are under close observation.

"We've been down this road before," Kelly said.

Previously, the jail had a spike of about 110 cases, he said.

Since the pandemic started, more than 700 coronavirus cases have been reported at the jail and only two people have been hospitalized. Both people recovered, Kelly said.

"We've been fortunate with COVID," Kelly said. "We'll get through this spike."

He said if a surge occurs in the general population, a surge will occur at the jail. The surge is not widespread, with the jail population currently at 2,165.

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

- A bill that creates a process for decertifying police officers who have committed serious misconduct advanced in the State Assembly last Friday morning after lawmakers agreed to revise some of its most contentious provisions.

The Assembly's 46-18 vote paves the way for the state Senate to give

Norman Dean Butler

July 31, 1935 – August 23, 2021

Norman Dean Butler passed away Monday August 23, 2021. Born July 31, 1935 to the late Lillian Elizabeth Butler in Palm Springs, CA on an Indian Reservation. As a boy, he was called "Deanie" after Dean, the name of their Cherokee Tribe. He was the eldest of 7 brothers and 2 sisters. He married the love of his life, Judy Ann at 19 years of age, Judy was 16. They were married 63 years until Judy's passing March 2018. They raised their sons, Kenny and Kerry and daughter Shari in Fremont CA.



Norman was an incredible person. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother, and a fun-loving loyal friend to many. He and Judy instilled love and caring family virtues that will continue through generations. He touched many lives with his kind, generous and loving soul. Quite the jokester through-out his life, always ready for a good laugh and a fun time.

Norman was an entrepreneur as a young boy, standing on the street corner shining shoes. As a teenager he was a truck driver, working for his stepfather's trucking company. In 1967 he started his own business South Bay Welding Supply in Hayward, CA. He built a successful business with 5 bay area locations and 2 in Redding CA. He ran his family business for 33 years, throughout employing his whole family and many dedicated employees. He earned the respect of the Welding Supply community and Bay Area businesses. He was a personal and fair employer. He retired in 2000, living in Pleasanton CA for 24 years.

Norman loved adventure. He enjoyed boating and waterskiing, as well as anything with wheels, sport cars, motorcycles, sand rails, etc. The faster the better. He also had fun camping with family and friends. He adored his beloved dogs.

Norman had a wonderful life, enjoying each day to its fullest. His family and friends meant the world to him. He was positive, always looking for the WIN/WIN situation for all those involved. His legacy will live on through the hearts of lives he touched. Although he will be terribly missed, we know that he is dancing in Heaven with his girl, watching over us. Until we see you again, we love you.

Norm is survived by his son Kerry Butler (Jill), daughter Shari Schanen (Tim), Granddaughters Jessica Butler Roberts (Matt), Danielle Meader (Zack), Karalee, Grandson Ryan Schanen and Great-Grandson Westen Meader. Among those, he has also left behind Sister Linda Orinyak (Steve), loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends. Preceded in death by his son Kenneth and wife Judy.

Visitation Friday, Sept 10, 9-10:30am, with Services at 10:30 am at Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd, Fremont. Burial to follow at Los Gatos Memorial Park, 255 Los Gatos-Almaden Rd. San Jose, CA.

PAID OBITUARY

Herbert Roy Hamilton

September 10, 1944 – August 13, 2021

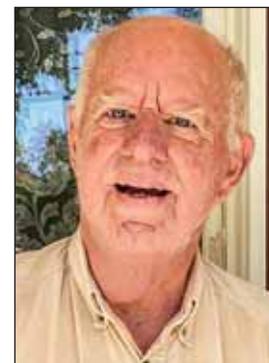
Herbert Roy Hamilton passed away at his residence on August 13, 2021 at the age of 76.

Born in Greensburg Indiana, Roy came to Pleasanton California at the age of 5 in 1949 with his parents Robert and Virginia Hamilton. He graduated from Amador Valley High in 1963 and started his long career with United Parcel Service in 1965, retiring in 1997 after 32 years of service.

He married classmate Sherrill in 1966 and they raised their family in the Pleasanton Victorian home he lived in since 1959. He took great pride in the historic home and Sherrill made it a special place where all the children and grandchildren wanted to be at the holiday season.

Roy and Sherrill enjoyed traveling the world, from their trips to China and the South Pacific to Egypt and the Holy Land, north to the Arctic Circle and south to the Amazon River. Roy often said "Life is great! We've had it good and done it all!"

He was preceded in death by his parents and Sherrill. He is survived by his children Cindy Twiddy (Tony), Nina Schrote (Tom), and Keith Hamilton, also 8 grand children and 4 great-grandchildren.



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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Sept. 4

Drug violation

- 3:54 a.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- 11:15 a.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

Theft

- 11:15 a.m., 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard; shoplifting
- 11:55 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

Warrant arrest

- 12:09 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Sept. 3

Theft

- 9:53 a.m. on the 1600 block of Holly Circle
- 1:15 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:38 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 3:14 p.m. on the 700 block of Main Street

Warrant arrest

- 4:57 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Sept. 2

Warrant arrest

- 7:42 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 5:14 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 12:30 p.m. on the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 1:48 p.m. on the 4100 block of Silver Street

Vandalism

- 1:52 p.m. at Laguna Creek Lane and I-680 southbound

DUI

- 11:13 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard

Sept. 1

Auto theft

- 7:22 a.m. on the 1400 block of Freeman Lane

Vandalism

- 3:11 p.m. at Division and St. Mary streets

Aug. 31

Theft

- 10:01 a.m., 4000 block of Graham Street; theft from auto
- 11:46 a.m. on the 5700 block of Corte Libre
- 1:56 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft
- 3:03 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft

Domestic battery

- 11:39 p.m. on Krause Street

Aug. 30

Domestic battery

- 8:16 a.m. on Mohr Avenue

Vandalism

- 9:03 a.m. on the 4400 block of Willow Road

- 12:05 p.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

Theft

- 12:49 p.m., 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto
- 4:32 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting
- 4:34 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft
- 7:55 p.m., 3000 block of Bernal Avenue; shoplifting
- 8:23 p.m., 800 block of Palomino Drive; theft from auto

Graffiti

- 2:20 p.m. on the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive

Aug. 29

Assault/battery

- 5:03 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Drug violation

- 7:24 a.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives
- 10:47 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Burglary

- 9:52 a.m. on the 3800 block of Old Santa Rita Road

Weapons violation

- 12:10 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 2:48 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Fraud

- 3:16 p.m. on the 1000 block of Santa Rita Road

Aimee Ann Vickers

June 3, 1932 – August 19, 2021

Aimee Ann Vickers passed away peacefully, after time surrounded by her family, early in the morning of August 19. She was vibrant, alert and beautiful up to her last day which is one of the many gifts she gave her family and community.



Aimee was the fifth child and only girl in her family, born in Indonesia of Dutch ancestry in 1932. She immigrated to the United States from Holland with her husband and her sons' father in the early 1960s and spent many years in Palo Alto. She moved to Pleasanton in the late 1990s to help raise her grandchildren and became "Oma" to a generation of Pleasantonians who loved her.

Aimee was always active in the community. She served as a crossing guard for many years in Pleasanton and Dublin. She was a member of the choirs at Valley Community Church and St. Philips Church in Dublin. She also sang with the Broadway Chorus through Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. She loved her Red Hat Society ladies and never missed a Red Hat gathering.

Aimee is survived by her three sons, Jim Vickers (Karen) of Fremont, Mike Vickers (Virginia) and Robert Vickers all of Pleasanton and her daughter Yvon Kessler Koole (Guiss) of Holland. Aimee was Oma to six grandchildren, Heather De La Pena, Caitlin Sawyer, Grace Sedgewick, Nate Vickers, Bo Koole, Noucky Koole and eight great grandchildren.

A private family celebration of life will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Tri-Valley Repertory Theater in honor of Aimee Ann Vickers at www.trivalleyrep.org.

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BULLETIN

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Senate Bill 2 the final approval it needs before it heads to Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk. While the Senate had voted on May 26 to back the legislation, numerous senators who voted to support it expressed concerns about the legislation and suggested that they may vote against the bill when it returns for final approval.

The latest amendments to the bill by Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) seek to mollify critics who had maintained that the legislation is biased against police officers by changing the makeup of the new Peace Officers Standards Accountability Advisory Board, a panel that will be charged with making recommendations on decertification.

The prior version of SB 2 allocated two of the board's nine seats to individuals who have been subject to excessive use of force by police or to family members of individuals who had been killed by the wrongful use of deadly force by police. The amended version of the bill removes this requirement and only specifies that these two members will not be former peace officers and that the governor gives "strong consideration" to individuals who have been affected by police misconduct.

The bill also designates two panel seats for police officers or former police officers, two for nonprofits or academic institutions relating to police accountability and two

to members of community-based organizations involved in police accountability. Another seat goes to an attorney with substantial experience in oversight of police officers.

Another amendment in SB 2 raises the threshold of votes required to decertify an officer. The Commission for Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), which is currently charged with establishing standards for training and recruitment of

officers, would review the recommendations of the new panel and make decisions on whether an officer should be decertified.

If the bill clears the Senate on the reconciliation vote and is signed by the governor, California would lose its status as one of just four states that don't have a process for decertifying officers who have committed serious misconduct. ■

—Gennady Sheyner / Palo Alto Weekly

Ronalie J. Wagle

November 3, 1948 – August 31, 2021

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Ronalie Jean Wagle, 72 of Pleasanton, California passed away peacefully on August 31st. She was the matriarch of her family and the pain is immeasurable. She was simply the best mother, nana, sister, mother in law, sister in law, auntie, cousin, daughter, wife and friend you could ever imagine.

Ronalie loved to go to her family cabin in Lake Tahoe, read books, watch movies and spend time with her close family and friends. She threw incredible dinner parties and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Ronalie is survived by her son Tyrone and his wife Lucie, son Kyle and his wife Nicole, grandchildren Jake, Kylie and Jack, her sister Diane and her husband Mark, her nephews and their wives and children – Troy Fontana; Jeff, Jodi, Logan and Chase Fontana; Shawn Fontana; Brandon, Sara, Hannah and Ava Mimms, her brother in law Robert Wagle and his wife and children Patricia, Michelle and Courtney.

Ronalie is predeceased by her husband Ronald Wagle, her parents Ronald and Lucy Harper and her brother Ronald Harper, Jr.

While her family grieves her loss, they are choosing to remember her in a way that honors her spirit. A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held on September 10 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton, CA at 11:00 am.

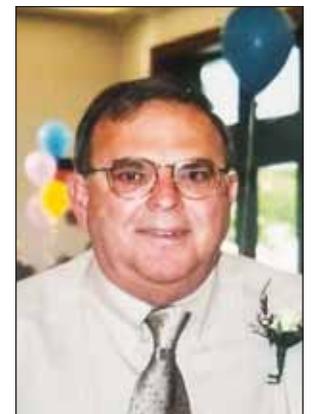
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Robert "Bob" Swansen

December 28, 1939 – August 16, 2021

Robert was born to teach young people and teach he did for 34 years.

Bob was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon to James and Elizabeth Swansen. He later moved to California and attended the University of California at Santa Barbara. Bob received a BA in Spanish Language in addition to a Life Teaching Credential in Spanish. He loved spending his summers in Mexico taking classes and enjoying the culture. Later he earned a MA in Latin American



Studies. Bob would use funny rhyming songs to help his students learn. It was his passion to teach his students Spanish and share stories of his trips to Mexico, which made him a great teacher.

He and his wife, Margery, moved in 1969 and made Pleasanton their home. On his days off you might find Bob playing with his dog, swimming in their pool or strumming his banjo in a local band.

Bob was an active member of Pleasanton's Sister City Program. Margery and Bob would attend meetings and help with exchange students. They traveled with the group to Tulancingo, Mexico and even opened their home to one of the exchange students.

Bob was predeceased by his father, mother and sister, Galya. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margery, daughters Pam St. Oegger (Dwight) and Kristen Schedler. He is also survived by his sisters Marilyn (Mike), Margaret (Joel) and grandchildren Nicholas, Jonathan and Kelsey.

The family has asked that memorial donations be made to a charity of your choice.

There will be a private gathering to honor his memory.

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'Got Faith?'

One-woman show explores humor, hate, race and grace

Local actress, comedian Faith Alpher to perform at Bankhead Theater next weekend

BY CIERRA BAILEY

"It's not stand-up comedy, it's a one-woman show," actress and inspirational speaker Faith Alpher said while describing her upcoming production at Livermore's Bankhead Theater.

Next Saturday (Sept. 18), Alpher will perform "Got Faith?" an autobiographical documentary-styled comedy about humor, hate, race and grace in the form of storytelling.

"There are about 12 or 13 different characters that I am portraying — myself, my mother-in-law, my sisters; I kind of throw a shout-out to my dad in the audience," Alpher told the Weekly.

"I think I kind of had to get away from stand-up comedy because I really wanted to share my stories. And I know people say, 'Oh, comedy is stories,' but the type of comedy I was exposed to was more jokes, jokes, jokes and I respected that genre but I'm more of a storyteller," she said.

Originally from Teaneck, N.J., Alpher is a trained actress, comedian and radio personality who is also a health and wellness enthusiast. She currently lives in Livermore with her family and "Got Faith?" will mark her fourth performance at the hometown Bankhead.

She said she booked her first show before she had even written it.

More than 10 years ago while at Peet's Coffee in downtown Livermore, she spotted the former executive director of Livermore Valley Performing Arts and pitched an idea she had for a show. After hearing the idea, she said he opened his calendar right then and there and threw out a tentative date and she accepted the opportunity.

"I called my husband and said, 'I'm about to perform a one-woman show' and he said, 'Oh, you have a show?' and I said, 'Not yet, but I can write it,'" she said with

a coy laugh, admitting that was the first time she had shared that story.

"Sometimes I think I do things just to see if it works, you know, taking a risk," Alpher said. "I don't want to live with any regret. I always tell people this, if you have an opportunity — if someone is giving you an opportunity — just say 'Yes' and figure it out later," she added.

The first show was called "Through the Eyes of Faith" and she said it was her first and last two-act show because it was too laborious. Her second one-woman performance, which was a shortened and revised version of the first, was called "Black Girl. Funny World."

Since then, Alpher said she has had many more life experiences and gained more wisdom over the years, which she is drawing from for the brand new show, "Got Faith?"

"I think the older you get, the better you get and you're able to see that the hardships were able to produce something pretty



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Faith Alpher is bringing her new one-woman show, "Got Faith?" to the Bankhead Theater on Sept. 18.

good, so you have to persevere. That's the big difference between the stories," Alpher said, adding that there were some things she was previously hesitant to share in her act that will be incorporated in the new show.

At one point while writing "Got Faith?", Alpher said she had to stop and rewrite it because she felt that the way she was writing it was selfish. As an homage to her late sister, whom she described as someone who was very giving, she decided she wanted to produce a show that would give back to

the audience.

"What I was doing before was I was just getting the laugh, but now, I'm more of a server. I'm giving you the laughter instead of taking from my audience," she said. "I'm writing from my heart — my truth — and my hope and prayer is that it can touch somebody."

Part of the truth she shares in her show involves her experiences as a Black woman married to a white man. The story of her 1997 wedding in Black Harlem is an audience favorite from previous shows that she's bringing back for "Got Faith?"

Alpher said that her stories about race highlight the value of diversity. "If all of your friend group looks like you, thinks like you, votes like you and dresses like you, then you'd better get some new friends," she said. "How can you grow unless you know someone else who doesn't look like you? That's the richness of culture."

In the midst of the racial justice uprisings last year, she said she recognized that she had to "wake up" as she realized that she had been subconsciously carrying some internalized racism.

"I know I'm a Black woman but my thinking, in the past, was that I shouldn't have to tell you," she said. "When everything happened and there was racial unrest, I just started opening my eyes and looking at people for who they really were and the people that were uncomfortable with me and I had to let go of a lot of people."

"Honestly, instead of calling people out, I'm trying to call people in," she said of her new material.

Alpher is also writing and performing music in this show for the first time ever.

"I'm doing something I've never done on stage before. I've rehearsed it for my family — and my kids are not easily impressed at all — but they jumped up and they gave me a hug and they were laughing," she said.

Alpher said she's very excited to perform "Got Faith?" later this month and share her stories with the community.

"Laughter is therapeutic," she said. "If you don't know the history of laughter and what it does to your body and releasing those endorphins, trust me when I tell you just come (to the show)."

For more information about Alpher and her upcoming "Got Faith?" show, visit livermorearts.org/event/got-faith. ■

Harrington Gallery presenting 'California Impressionism'

Meet the artists at reception and painting demonstrations

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Harrington Art Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center is presenting "EIGHT TAKES: California Impressionism," opening this Saturday and running through Oct. 30, with nationally known Northern California impressionist artists.

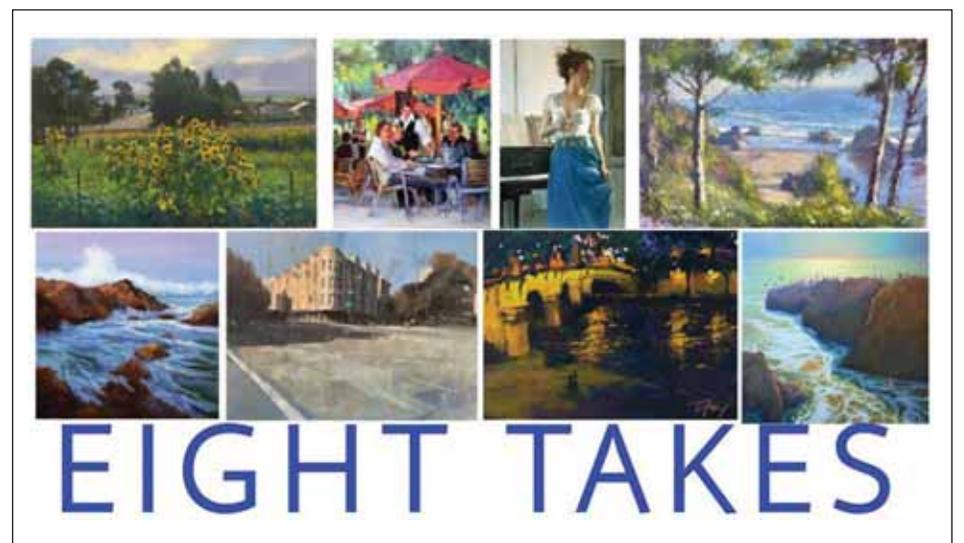
The public is welcome to meet the artists — Nancy Seamons Crookston, Terri Ford, Ellen Howard, Ryan Jensen, Laurie Johnson, Jim McVicker, Carole Rafferty and Tonya Zenin — at an opening reception from 1-3 p.m. next Saturday (Sept. 18) and also at three demonstrations of their work.

The artists embrace the impressionistic style in their paintings with attention to the effects of loose brush work and rich

color — and most of all, a fascination with the effects of sunlight — to capture the atmosphere and emotion of a scene.

The terms "California Impressionism" and "California Plein-Air Painting" describe the large movement of 20th century California artists who worked directly from nature outdoors in California. Their work became popular in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Southern California in the early 1900s.

The Harrington Art Gallery, 4444 Railroad Ave., is open 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays; 3-5 p.m. Fridays; and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays; and additional times by appointment. For more information, visit www.firehousearts.org or call 931-4848.



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Artist demonstrations

• Nancy Seamons Crookston: Portrait Demo — 1-3 p.m. Sept. 19

• Laurie Johnson: Portrait Demo — 1-3 p.m. Oct. 3

• Ellen Howard: Seascape Demo — 1-3 p.m. Oct. 10. ■

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LETTERS

Pleasanton Rotary Club partners with Nigeria

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton reached out to Nigeria to financially help with constructing four toilets at the Amator Secondary School in Abia State. The school has approximately 350 students and 15 staff with no toilet facilities available.

The Pleasanton club partnered with the Rotary Club of Eziamasunrise with their club donating \$2,000 and the Pleasanton club donating \$8,000. The project began in May 2021 and will be completed today.

This school did not have toilet facilities like most schools in Abia State. Open defecation has been a common practice and poses a lot of health challenges to staff, students and community members. Fecal, sanitation and hygiene related diseases are common in their community which means increasing absenteeism of staff and students.

There are also the challenges associated to menstrual cycles for female staff and students. The school learning environment was threatened due to offensive odors and other forms of air pollution. These factors were the basis for this project.

According to the Water and Sanitation and Hygiene Projects Committee (WASH), there are 2.5 billion people in the world who lack access to improved sanitation. There are 1,400 children who die daily from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water.

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton is proud to be a part of the WASH Rotary Action Group, which will continue to partner with international Rotary Clubs to bring safe drinking water, toilets and proper hygiene education to areas that need their help.

—Nancy Harrington

Zoning, water, the homeless and Newsom

Gov. Gavin Newsom signs multiple bills into law that allows property owners to build as many as three units on parcels currently zoned single-family. Soon after, the number of housing permit applications in Los Angeles alone went up 2,000%.

Los Angeles gets a large portion of their water from the Sierra Nevada via the Eastern Sierra's aqueducts and the San Joaquin Valley via the State Water Project.

March 2019: The 51-mile-long canal in Los Angeles drained trillions of gallons of rainwater to the ocean. None was captured and little went into groundwater.

2021: Newsom orders an emergency drought proclamation to 50

of the 58 counties. Los Angeles was not one of them.

East Bay Times, Aug. 15, 2021: East Bay Municipal Utility District files suit against the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors after their approval to extend Danville's boundary lines to allow construction of 125 homes, stating there is not enough water to supply the homes.

In Marc Reisner's 1986 book "Cadillac Desert: The American West And Its Disappearing Water," the author calculated California would run out of water in the next 40 to 50 years. Sadly Marc passed away in 2000 at the age of 51. Considering Newsom's zoning change and California's population growth, that calculated time needs to be readdressed.

The New York Times, November 2019: "Do homeless move to politically liberal areas thinking they will receive more assistance?" California has a greater homeless population than our 22 neighboring states combined.

Recall Gavin Newsom.

—Marty Daniels

Not our problem

Oakland's homeless problem is not Alameda County outlying cities' problem. There is an effort by Alameda County Supervisor Haubert and Oakland Vice Mayor Kaplan to move Oakland's homeless encampments to Pleasanton and other outlying cities in Alameda County.

The Oakland homeless problem is owned by the city of Oakland and the Democratic leadership that governs Oakland. That leadership has the sole responsibility to resolve

their homeless problem. Not move it out to other nearby cities.

Fires in Oakland homeless encampments have tripled over the last two years from one fire a day to three fires a day. On a single day in March, there were nine separate fires in homeless encampments. Many of those homeless encampment fires spread to and involve businesses and private residential homes.

Oakland City Auditor Courtney Ruby stated that homeless encampments have cost the city of Oakland \$12.5 million, much of it unbudgeted. With that money having been spent, the homeless problem in Oakland remains unresolved due to gross mismanagement by the Democratic leadership of Oakland. They are throwing in the towel and want the outlying cities in the county to take over Oakland's homeless problem.

Supervisor Haubert and Vice Mayor Kaplan keep your homeless problem in Oakland, deal with it, you own it. Attempting to force this problem onto other cities due to your botched, blundering leadership speaks to your ineptness.

—Michael Austin

Blood on their hands

Two weeks in Afghanistan, Biden, Blinken, Austin and Milley had blood on their hands as they were directly responsible for the debacle in Kabul where 13 U.S.

service personal and hundreds of Afghan citizens were slaughtered by terrorists.

Biden and his staff's execution of the exit strategy was totally botched. Rather than accept responsibility for his mistakes, Biden continues to try to blame the Trump administration. Considering that Biden has canceled countless executive orders and plans from the previous administration, his passing of the responsibility is not only sheer stupidity it is downright deplorable.

The social media companies, Google, Twitter and Facebook and their executives, as well as the left-biased news media, CNN, MSNBC, CBS, ABC, NY Times and Washington Post, also have blood on their hands for covering up the facts during the 2020 election which allowed Biden to get elected.

With a real leader in the White House, none of these tragic events would have taken place. The left social and print media got Biden elected and now we are all suffering.

The Trump administration would have never botched the exit strategy and would have protected the American and Afghan citizens as well as the U.S. service personal on the ground in Afghanistan.

My heart breaks for the families of the 13 U.S. service personal and the Afghan citizens. Blood is on Biden's hands and his administration and the left-leaning media companies that can never be washed off.

—David Ott

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Economic Vitality Committee
Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.
• Receive Sales Tax Update and State of Retail

Housing Commission
Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
• Review Preliminary Report Sections for the 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Housing Element Update

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Foothill bids farewell to longtime football scoreboard operator Isaacs

Former basketball coach, teacher spent 30+ years pitching in at gridiron games

When Foothill High School's opening night football win over Castro Valley came to an end on Aug. 30, it also ended one heck of a streak for a scoreboard operator/announcer for the Falcons.

Randy Isaacs, the former Foothill basketball coach, has been part of the game-day operation in the press box for over 30 years for Foothill football.

He started working the clock/scoreboard, then announced for 20 years, before moving back to the clock, allowing me to come in and announce the football games.

A teacher at Foothill, Isaacs was as much a fixture at the Foothill football games — albeit in a background way — as was legendary Foothill

football coach Matt Sweeney.

That the two are very good friends should come as no surprise. When they started at Foothill, it was a different era where the coaches all worked together throughout the year to boost all the teams.

The two were responsible for planting the iconic "Coaches Tree," in the middle of the Foothill quad — a tree that should be dedicated to the two.

Isaacs worked the football games, and in turn, Sweeney would work the clock for the basketball games. When Sweeney stepped away from the basketball duties, in stepped longtime volleyball coach Dusty Collins to take over the clock duties.

Baseball coach Angelo Scavone has also been a longtime member of the tight Foothill coaching brotherhood as well.

Sweeney, who is now retired as a teacher as well as the football coach, points to one person as the architect of the "Foothill Mafia."

"I give all the credit to Tom Hansen," Sweeney said of the former basketball coach/athletic director at Foothill. "I was 23 when I came in and Tom made sure I knew it was all about family. It was 'Our Lady of Foothill.'"

I have long been on record in saying Hansen was the best athletic director I have ever seen in my 40-plus years as being part of the East Bay Athletic League in one way or another.

He always had the coaches' back and demanded they all worked together. It paid off and was evident to all the schools in the league.

"I can remember when we first started playing De La Salle and our sideline was full of alumni and coaches from the other sports," Sweeney said. "(DLS coaches Bob) Ladouceur and (Terry) Eidson would say the thing that scared them the most about Foothill was that Foothill was as close to a private school as a public school could be."

Isaacs was a central figure in that group, and it's a big loss for the football program.

I selfishly tried to persuade him to work the scoreboard one more year,



COURTESY OF BCN

'Paul McCreary Sports Pool'

The Dublin City Council last month agreed to name the pool at The Wave waterpark after the city's former parks and community services director Paul McCreary in recognition of his longtime service to the community. McCreary and his family donated \$50,000 for the city to use as an endowment fund to assist eligible Dublin youth with accessing the city's Green Gators swim program. After more than 20 years working for the city, McCreary left in 2016 to head up the Hayward Area Recreation District, from which he retired in 2020. McCreary is battling cancer, which he has said on social media is terminal.

as after this season I will be stepping aside from announcing and I thought it would be great to ride into the sunset together.

Isaacs and I became friends in our college years at Chico State and stayed friends as I had the privilege of covering Foothill basketball games for his tenure as the headman, including his team's run to the CIF State title game in 2000.

When I started announcing football over 10 years ago, having Isaacs sitting directly to my left in the press box made those long Friday nights enjoyable.

The give and take we had was so sharply needed at points that to the unknowing bystander it might have been startling.

From trying to trip me up while announcing with the occasional jab to being another set of eyes in picking out ball carriers and tacklers, it was tremendously fun.

We both share an affinity for horse racing and other types of sports wagering and will stay in touch, bantering over specific wagers, but the loss of his time at Foothill football games is something that won't be replaced.

It is a sign of the times as getting teachers to put their heart into their school is pretty much gone. Very few



Randy Isaacs

spend the time for extracurricular activities. It is not a requirement for teachers, nor should it be, but it was something that made Foothill athletics great — the passion of the staff.

Times have changed and not for the best in that regard. Athletics will go on, but not at the same fevered pitch. Even Sweeney, who will show at some football games, has seen the change.

"That (Castro Valley game) should have been standing-room only given the last year," Sweeney said with a tint of sadness in his voice.

A lot of that goes with the closeness of the former Foothill coaching staff, their families, and the former Foothill players. Throughout the years, I have seen many of the kids of Foothill coaches grow up on the sidelines. Now it is the former players who have kids running around at games.

It was that relationship that bonded the Foothill family, and Isaacs was right in the middle of it.

Sweeney said he gets asked all the time what he misses the most at Foothill now that he is retired. I asked the same question, and his response was quick and to the point.

"I miss the camaraderie of Randy Isaacs," Sweeney said.

Thanks for the laughs and good times Big Red — you helped make it one heck of a ride! ■

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9/11 Ceremony

9/11 20TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL CEREMONY Alameda County District 1 Supervisor David Haubert will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Multiple agencies will speak, including the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and the Alameda County Fire Department. 10-11 a.m., Sept. 11. Visit acgov.org/board/district1/calendar.htm.

Music

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY CASH James Garner returns to the Firehouse Art Center with his authentic tribute to Johnny Cash, resurrecting his classic voice and rhythm. 8 p.m., Sept. 11. Visit firehousearts.org.

2021 CONCERTS IN THE PARK The Pleasanton Downtown Association presents Concerts in the Park, Sundays 4-6 p.m., beginning on Sept. 12. Lions Wayside Park, on the corner of Neal and First streets.

COURTYARD CONCERTS Courtyard Concerts at the Bankhead Theater features Meredith McHenry and her network of talented local musicians. Meredith & Friends are known for their ability to recreate both classics and under-the-radar gems with a unique stylistic blend of jazz, blues, rock, folk, country & pop. 5:30 p.m., Sept. 17. Tickets \$20. Visit livermorearts.org.

HAWAIIAN SONGS AND HULU DANCES AT STOCKMEN'S PARK Enjoy an afternoon of Hawaiian songs and hula dancers with Serenadin' Strummers & Aloha ConneXion. This free event is for all ages. 1-2 p.m., Sept. 12. Stockmen's Park, 29 S. Livermore Ave.

LIVERMORE LIBRARY HOSTS MARIACHI SAN FRANCISCO Livermore Public Library will host a Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration featuring Mariachi San Francisco. Participants will enjoy a live, musical performance and learn about mariachi music, including the various instruments, songs and traditional costumes. 12:30 p.m., September 25. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

OPERA RETURNS TO THE BANKHEAD Livermore Valley Opera opens their highly anticipated 2021-2022 30th Anniversary Season with "Celebrate!". This unique, live gala-concert offering is the perfect opera experience for all audience members, young or mature. 8 p.m., Oct. 9, 2 p.m., Oct. 10. Visit livermorevalleyopera.com.

Theater

ENCORE PLAYERS PRESENTS-THE DINING ROOM A comedy of manners, "The Dining Room" is a series of overlapping scenes set in a traditional American dining room. Each unrelated scene introduces a new set of people and events. This show will be performed in the courtyard of Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave,

Livermore, Sept. 17-19, tickets \$15-\$20. For more information visit encoreplayers.net.

Museums & Exhibits

ART EXHIBIT AT BLACKHAWK GALLERY The Alamo Danville Artists' Society hosts the new Exhibit 'Renaissance' featuring thirty Blackhawk Gallery member artists. The Exhibit is free and open to the public, now through Oct. 10. Contact 648-8023. 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Cir.

THE PLEASANTON ONES Museum on Main announces the return of Tao Guan's photography to its walls. Tao has used his camera in Pleasanton to make human connections, seeking the spirit of a community. Now through Oct. 14. Visit museumonmain.org. 603 Main St.

Talks

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS The Amador Valley Quilters' next virtual lecture is "What Makes It Modern" by Judi Kirk of Canterbury, England. She'll discuss the current definitions of modern quilts and illustrate what the terms mean to gain a better understanding of what makes a quilt Modern. Sept. 11. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Two-part workshop on Solving Your Brick Wall. Part one offers tips for solving brick wall problems including pre-1850 ancestors and common surnames. Guest speaker Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. 7-8:30 p.m., Sept. 13 and Oct. 11. Visit l-ags.org.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE This virtual webinar features William Shakespeare, the English poet, playwright and actor, who is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. Actor J.T. Turner will bring the beloved and mysterious William Shakespeare to life. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sept. 15. Visit museumonmain.org

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS SEPTEMBER MEETING Michelle Cruz Gonzales presents "Inclusive Characterization: Writing 'the Other' Without Stereotypes or Appropriation" at the next Tri-Valley Writers meeting. Gonzales will discuss the delicate balance of including diverse minority characters in writing with respect and artistry. 2 p.m., Sept. 18. Four Points by Sheraton, Pleasanton. Visit trivalleywriters.org.

Fairs & Festivals

ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR-JOBS The Job Fair for the 2021 Alameda County Fair is for students 16+, retirees and short-term employment seekers. Apply and interview on-site.

1-4 p.m., Sept. 11. Located inside the Yellow Gate at 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

SPLATTER RETURNS TO EMERALD GLEN PARK The Main Stage features live music and dance ensembles, cultural and kid-friendly performances throughout the afternoon, followed by an evening concert and community dance party. Splatter also features classic carnival games and fun rides for kids of all ages. Sept. 18. Visit: dublin.ca.gov/1174/Entertainment-Attractions.

QUILT, CRAFT & SEWING FESTIVAL A creative extravaganza featuring the best suppliers for quilting, sewing, needle-arts and crafting at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. See, try and buy the very best quality products from top vendors. Admission is free, parking \$10. Sept. 16-18. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

LIVERMORE MADE POP UP LAUNCH Livermore Valley Made is hosting a Pop Up at Stockmen's Park where local Livermore maker booths are free. The event is 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 2. For more information visit livermoredowntown.com.

Volunteers

BECOME A VOLUNTEER LITERACY TUTOR Become a volunteer tutor to help an adult improve basic reading and writing skills. No previous experience is necessary and tutor training will prepare participants for in person and distance tutoring. The next three-part Tutor Training will take place via zoom 6-8 p.m., Sept. 14, 16, and 21. Call 373-5507 or email literacy@livermore.lib.ca.us.

Veterans

VA MOBILE OUTREACH The VA Medical Outreach will be at the Pleasanton Library from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 13. No appointments needed. For more information visit: cityofpleasantonca.gov. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

VA HEALTH CARE MOBILE UNIT COMING TO LPC The Mobile Care Unit comes to Las Positas College in Livermore on Sept. 28. Some of the services provided include enrolling in VA Healthcare, same day visit with doctor or nurse practitioner, referrals to specialists and more. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Visit laspositascollege.edu/veterans. 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Building 1310, in Livermore.

Free Groceries

OPEN HEART KITCHEN The Regional Food Distribution Site has moved from the Alameda County Fairgrounds to the Pleasanton Senior Center's north parking lot. Free grocery distribution will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Family

FAMILY CYCLING WORKSHOP The Livermore Public Library and Bike East Bay will host a free outdoor

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/J. DEANDRADE

Meet Panther

Panther has used up a couple of his nine lives, but he's ready to make the most of the rest of them! This snuggly 3-year-old tuxedo cat was surrendered with a fractured leg and dislocated hip due to unknown trauma. After surgery and lots of TLC in his foster home, Panther has bounced back and is a normal active young cat. He enjoys chasing a laser pointer and then curling up in your favorite chair for a catnap. Inquire about adopting Panther today by sending an email to info@valleyhumane.org.

Family Cycling Workshop where instructors will provide a day of fun games, safety drills, skills building and a neighborhood ride. This free workshop is for children who are able to ride a bike and ready to take paths and roadways with their parents. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 18. Visit tinyurl.com/377mm4ka. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

DOGS: MORE THAN PETS The East Bay SPCA is excited to host a new interactive exhibit, "Dogs: More Than Pets," at its Dublin shelter. This hands-on exhibit will immerse visitors in the incredible world of dogs from a variety of perspectives including science, history, folklore, literature, pop culture and more. This free exhibit is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the East Bay SPCA, 4651 Gleason Drive in Dublin.

GHOST WALK TICKETS ON SALE Meet the ghosts of Pleasanton's past in this uniquely spooky annual event held by Museum on Main. Ghost Walk is a two hour guided walking tour of Pleasanton's most haunted sites along Main Street in the downtown area. Tickets \$15-\$20. Visit museumonmain.org.

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 event that appeals to all ages. 3-11 p.m., Sept. 24-26. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

MUSEUM ON MAIN FAMILY FUN DAYS The Museum on Main invites families for an afternoon of fun on the museum lawn. Next, learn more about the Alviso Adobe Community Park. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 18. 603 Main St.

Government

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 13. For more information, visit cityoflivermore.net.

Seniors

PLEASANTON RIDES Pleasanton Rides, a door-to-door shared ride transportation service, is keeping Seniors on the move with transportation throughout Pleasanton and select destinations in the Tri-Valley. For reservations and information call 398-1045.

FALL PREVENTION WEBINAR Presented by Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, the webinar topics include mental health and the pandemic, physical activity, medication safety and exercise demonstrations. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 23. To register call 931-5393 or email aescobedo@ssptp.org.

A TASTE OF CHOCOLATE September is National Senior Center Month, so celebrate with chocolate! A free chocolate tasting event and a screening of a short video on the history of chocolate, along with raffle prizes. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 23. Pre-registration is required. Call 931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS This free remote legal service, The Health Insurance Counseling (HICAP) and Advocacy Program provides Medicare counseling. To schedule a phone counseling appointment, call 510-839-0393.

TUESDAY TALKS WITH FRIENDS Join for a weekly Zoom chat every Tuesday at 11 a.m. with the Pleasanton Senior Center. For more details and to sign up to receive the zoom link, call 931-5365.

MAKING BALLOON ART In this one-hour Jam Session at the Pleasanton Senior Center, Keith Jackson shares his talents to teach fun balloon art. Balloons and pumps are provided. 10-11 a.m., Sept. 24. RSVP by calling 931-5365.

SUE'S LINE DANCE FUN Join Sue Kraft, Line Dance instructor, for a Friday afternoon line dance at the Pleasanton Senior Center. 1:15-4 p.m., Sept. 24. Register at pleasantonfun.com or call 931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 14-18 for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol, and Aug. 2-6 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4021 Alta Court** J. & P. Verducci to E. & J. Wong for \$1,520,000
- 5133 Angelico Court** F. & A. Jan to D. & S. Bhandula for \$1,390,000
- 6619 Arlington Drive** Beanland Family Trust to Pundoor Trust for \$2,800,000
- 5608 Belleza Drive** M. & R. Balanadu to A. Venkateshababu for \$1,150,000
- 3096 Bolero Court** S. Yoo to H. & A. Akatrai for \$900,000
- 1368 Brookline Loop** E. Chao to C. & S. Lee for \$1,605,000
- 3264 Cheryl Circle** A. Peterson to P. & T. Chen for \$1,750,000
- 4866 Cobbler Court** Moe Trust to N. & N. Harlan for \$2,300,000
- 6955 Corte Antonio** Spiegel Trust to S. & C. Yao for \$1,660,000
- 4158 Fargo Court** G. & S. Abhyankar to S. & S. Dhanagopal for \$1,380,000
- 1448 Freeman Lane** X. Lei to E. & S. Bertch for \$1,614,500
- 2922 Garden Creek Circle** Vanallen Living Trust to Q. Ou for \$1,158,000
- 5243 Genovesio Drive** Wallace Family Trust to Li Living Trust for \$780,000
- 3706 Hawaii Court** Miner Family Trust to H. & A. Mathkar for \$1,251,500
- 7499 Hillsdale Drive** Hudock Living Trust to M. & G. Hutchinson for \$1,442,500
- 5144 Hummingbird Road** Thorne Family Trust to X. & L. Wu for \$1,625,000

- 511 Mavis Drive** Patzkowski Family Trust to R. & S. Kakarla for \$1,350,000
- 7544 Maywood Drive** Robert Trust to S. & V. Belligundu for \$1,355,000
- 328 Mission Drive** Jones Family Trust to B. & M. Holden for \$1,811,000
- 4020 Moselle Court** Crane Trust to N. & R. Sree for \$1,500,000
- 1533 Rose Lane** J. & J. Shriber to A. & L. Olebe for \$2,920,000
- 3444 Smoketree Commons Drive #154** M. Bullard to Hajik Trust for \$565,000
- 5510 Sonoma Drive** Glover Living Trust to I. & D. Montes for \$1,530,000
- 7271 Valley View Court** S. Gill to B. & D. Douglas for \$1,090,000
- 405 Vineyard Place #C** Sowa Family Trust to P. & A. Boss for \$700,000
- 3 Winding Oaks Drive** Bommarito Family Trust to Chand Trust for \$4,200,000

Livermore

- 6421 Almaden Way** S. & D. Stephenson to J. & A. Rajendran for \$1,040,000
- 375 Basswood Common #3** A. Ebadi to G. Chandrasekaran for \$751,500
- 167 Bluebird Avenue** Chappell Living Trust to C. Fernandez for \$775,000
- 1385 Cameo Court** Ulander Trust to R. & J. Meehan for \$1,300,000
- 1247 Central Avenue S.** & G. Enriquez to M. Ateeq for \$1,030,500
- 1192 Crystal Circle** Feyock Group LLC to M. & S. Shingade for \$1,005,000
- 1172 Delaware Way** Rogers Trust to K. Dang for \$965,000
- 1163 Essex Street** Harris Living Trust to U. & V. Madabushi for \$1,105,000

- 1048 Flurry Drive** Kothapalli Family Trust to Ashunit Living Trust for \$1,050,000
- 1018 Glenn Common** Lyon Living Trust to I. Chuang for \$660,000
- 639 Hagemann Drive** Biby Family Trust to H. & M. Birdsell for \$1,275,000
- 973 Hanover Street** K. & P. Young to Mehul Family Trust for \$1,210,000
- 207 Heligan Lane #5** B. & F. Engineer to S. & P. Ezhil for \$792,000
- 1958 Helsinki Way** H. & R. Vincent to N. & S. Sheriker for \$1,200,000
- 1339 Hillview Drive** Luong Living Trust to S. & K. Johnson for \$1,035,000
- 1548 Hollyhock Street** S. & M. Stone to N. & C. Chheda for \$1,110,000
- 2682 Horseshoe Court** J. & G. Reyes to C. & D. Phillippi for \$1,425,000
- 1411 Laguna Street** K. & K. Hood to A. & R. Haley for \$1,080,000
- 5208 Lilac Avenue** S. Woodbury to J. & T. Oliver for \$975,000
- 4116 Loch Lomand Way** Bowers Family Trust to A. & H. Madriz for \$1,550,000
- 2937 Lusitana Court** Loyd Family Trust to S. & K. Jain for \$1,926,000
- 914 Marcella Street** Granada Living Trust to A. & M. Thekkathil for \$1,141,000
- 1197 Meadow Drive T.** & E. Ostlund to R. Hussein for \$1,085,000
- 1324 Meadow Court** C. Bair to V. & R. Ingale for \$1,300,000
- 4787 Mulqueeney Common** Lott Trust to J. & J. Lundquist for \$840,000
- 975 Murrieta Boulevard #4** Nielsen Living Trust to N. Neven for \$365,000
- 170 North N Street #106** K. Collins to J. Thompson for \$773,000
- 309 Olivina Avenue** C. & P. Cahill to A. & B. Recht for \$985,000
- 2370 Palm Avenue** Gibney Trust to J. & G. Syufy for \$850,000
- 5312 Rainflower Drive** Jang Trust to D. & J. Lombardi for \$690,000

- 6466 Ramblewood Place** D. Mavis to B. Nair for \$1,350,000
- 770 Saddleback Circle** Mende Living Trust to G. & S. Nelson for \$980,000
- 368 Scott Street** Koski Family Trust to S. & B. Hegde for \$960,000
- 2942 Talinga Court** J. & J. Rinetti to C. Neri for \$2,475,000
- 6695 Tiffany Common** Stone Trust to J. Kaur for \$1,175,000
- 1145 Tokay Common** R. & C. Whitten to A. & G. McBride for \$1,250,000
- 879 Tolentino Court** Morrisroe Trust to L. & M. Moone for \$2,800,000
- 5474 Treeflower Drive** Cherukumilli Family Trust to A. & P. Divi for \$850,000
- 469 Turnstone Court** Katz Living Trust to G. & D. Zetterlund for \$1,443,000
- 733 Vinci Way** Winslow Living Trust to Singampalli Family Trust for \$1,868,000
- 2241 Vintage Lane** Wood Family Trust to A. & K. Brochu for \$2,300,000
- 1533 Wagoner Drive** Zaremba Family Trust to A. & K. Mak for \$900,000
- 5265 Wisteria Way** L. & M. Lipp to S. Sagar for \$915,000

Dublin

- 5513 Applegate Way** M. & T. Pillars to M. & V. Singh for \$1,800,000
- 4531 Brannigan Street** W. Wang to R. Xu for \$935,000
- 2371 Capistrello Street** Ng Family Trust to V. & K. Janakiraman for \$1,755,000

Source: California REsource

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Don't miss your opportunity to own this east-facing, meticulously maintained, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2,975 SF home. It's located in an award-winning school district, near downtown Pleasanton, close to public transportation AND it's been extensively updated with tremendous attention to detail.

A FEW OF THE AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- 1 bedroom and adjacent full bath downstairs
- Spacious 3 car garage
- All windows replaced with dual-pane vinyl windows
- Fiber cement siding was added for long term durability and fire resistance
- Air conditioners & furnaces replaced and upgraded from original capacity
- Pella sliding-glass-door off family room
- Counter depth refrigerator
- Walk-In Pantry
- 5 Burner, Thermador gas cooktop
- All bathrooms have been updated
- Flagstone patios for entertaining
- Thermostatically controlled Heat & Glo fireplace in master bedroom



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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (June 14-18)

Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$565,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,200,000
Average sales reported: \$1,471,250

Livermore (June 14-18)

Total sales reported: 43
Lowest sale reported: \$365,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,800,000
Average sales reported: \$1,050,000

Dublin (June 14-18)

Total sales reported: 31
Lowest sale reported: \$525,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,920,000
Average sales reported: \$1,165,000

Sunol (June 14-18)

Total sales reported: 2
Lowest sale reported: \$710,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,370,000
Average sales reported: \$1,040,000

San Ramon (Aug. 2-6)

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,750,000
Average sales reported: \$1,320,000

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

LOS ALTOS

919 Lundy Lane **\$4,988,000**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 6BD/3.5BA
DeLeon Realty, Inc. 650-900-7000

MOUNTAIN VIEW

1963 Rock St. (C) **\$1,249,000**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 3BD/3BA
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PALO ALTO

4102 Mackay Drive **\$2,498,000**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 3BD/2BA
DeLeon Realty, Inc. 650-785-5822

3433 Alma Village Ln **\$2,288,000**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 4BD/3.5BA
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PLEASANTON

1916 Fiorio Circle **\$1,198,000**
Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 3BD/2.5BA
Elation Real Estate 925-200-0202

1916 Palmer Drive **\$1,975,000**
Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 4BD/3BA
Serenio 925-858-4198

4044 Page Court **\$1,249,000**
Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 4BD/2BA
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SAN JOSE

6315 Rainbow Drive **\$1,890,000**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 3BD/2BA
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Legend: Condo (C), Townhome (T).
Agents: Submit open homes at
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JUST CLOSED

325 LONE OAK DRIVE, PLEASANTON
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,600 SF
SOLD FOR \$1,260,000

IRONWOOD



JUST CLOSED

1428 BRIONES LANE, PLEASANTON
5 BD | 4.5 BA | 3,900 SF
SOLD FOR \$3,025,000
(REPRESENTED BUYER)

VINTAGE HILLS



JUST CLOSED

529 MALBEC COURT, PLEASANTON
4 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,050 SF
SOLD FOR \$1,560,000

LITTLE VALLEY



JUST CLOSED

3501 LITTLE VALLEY ROAD, SUNOL
3 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,020 SF
SOLD FOR \$2,200,000

ROSE PARK



JUST CLOSED

1558 POPPYBANK COURT, PLEASANTON
4 BD | 2.5 BA | 1,900 SF
SOLD FOR \$1,280,000

COUNTRY FAIR II



SOLD

6474 CALLE ESPERANZA, PLEASANTON
4 BD | 3 BA | 3,027 SF
SOLD FOR \$2,050,000

VINTAGE HILLS



SOLD

802 CRELLIN ROAD, PLEASANTON
4 BD | 3 BA | 1,942 SF
SOLD FOR \$1,675,000

STONERIDGE



SOLD

7498 HILLVIEW COURT, PLEASANTON
4 BD | 2.5 BA | 3,022 SF
SOLD FOR \$1,925,000

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Meet Annamarie Rodriguez

As a Northern California Native and a seasoned agent, Annamarie recognizes and values the trust her clients place in her. She is an active agent helping buyers and sellers in the Tri-Valley.

Her passion is real estate. She finds joy in assisting her clients obtain their ideal home with ease, especially in a competitive market.

Prior to entering real estate, Annamarie sold leases on Santana Row San Jose, Jack London Square Oakland and new construction in Downtown Fremont. She has signed over 400 leases within the past 5 years, and was awarded #1 salesperson in all of Northern California with Greystar Property Management.

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SOLD FOR 12% OVER ASKING



◀ **1112 DONAHUE DR.**
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4 Bedrooms
3 Full Baths
2,922 +/- Sq. Ft.

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DonahueDr.com

3974 PESTANA WAY ▶
LIVERMORE

3 Bedrooms
2 Bathrooms
1,534 +/- Sq. Ft.

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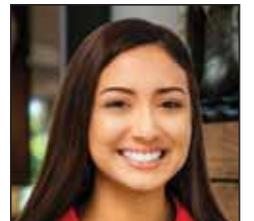
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