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VALLEY VIEWS



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Encore for 'Mamma Mia!'

With theaters reopening, our local community troupe has decided to return to the stage with the irrepressibly upbeat "Mamma Mia!"

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presented the jukebox musical in January 2020 — as COVID-19 was making its way inexorably toward us — and the toe-tapping production based on the songs of ABBA received rave reviews.

Brian Olkowski, who directed that show, is returning for this second production.

"We thought this might be good, to open up with a happy show, a feel-good show," Olkowski said. "It wasn't my decision but I do have a passion for 'Mamma Mia!'"

Indeed, Olkowski is the "heart and soul of the show," production manager Kathleen Breedveld told me.

Olkowski lives in Dublin. He's worked on Tri-Valley Rep productions for years, and also started the Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy. He is now the dramatic arts teacher at Coyote Creek Elementary School in San Ramon, where the performing arts are blended with the core curriculum.

Back in 2003 Olkowski was training as a massage therapist and knew the stage manager for "Mamma Mia!" when it came to San Francisco, he explained.

"I had to do an internship and it was possible to do massage for the tour — I went in and massaged the cast and that crew," Olkowski recalled. "Then I went with them to San Jose, Sacramento, Modesto, Bakersfield and spent a week in Boston."

"The first time (Tri-Valley Rep) did 'Mamma Mia!' I was so excited to revisit the musical that I love," he added.

For the upcoming show, Olkowski contacted the actors from the first production about returning.

"We lost a lot of people who'd moved for college or work reasons but we kept a lot," he said. "We have four or five returning ensemble members, and of the leads, four are the same."

The crew managed to get the same set and most of the costumes, chairs and tables from the previous show, but this will be a new production, Olkowski pointed out.

"We're finding new moments and making it our own. It's going to be similar but will have a life of its own," he said. "I'm listening to the actors and finding what works

for them and what didn't work." All of the cast, crew and orchestra members have been vaccinated.

"They've been itching to get back at it," Olkowski said. "During rehearsals we are all in masks but they can take them off when performing."

He is expecting the new show to draw some who enjoyed "Mamma Mia!" in 2020.

"I think it will be a combination of people who saw the show and love it and, hopefully, we will attract a new audience as well," Olkowski said.

As of last week, the show was blocked and choreographed and they were running through the play in their rehearsal space on Serpentine Lane with music director Sierra Dee Rankin accompanying them on the piano.

"It's funny watching the actors' process," Olkowski said. "We started with the vocals with Sierra. Then Meghan Hornbacker came in and taught them the choreography and they forgot to sing."

But they caught on quickly and the show will be ready for opening night Nov. 12. This learning process is understandable since cast members also have day jobs, which is why rehearsal is in the evenings and on weekends. And that is the challenge — and the joy — of community theater.

I haven't seen "Mamma Mia!" onstage but its songs remind me of an exciting time in my life when we lived in Jeddah in the 1970s. We had Danish and Swedish friends who gave great parties, with plenty of food, drink and dancing to an earsplitting ABBA. Those songs bring me back just as they bring Olkowski back to his younger years and the excitement of traveling with the "Mamma Mia!" troupe.

And I can certainly vouch for the quality of shows by Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre — its productions never have failed to delight and amaze me.

"Mamma Mia!" performances will be Nov. 12-21 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. What a wonderful way to celebrate theater and the hope that our lives are inching along to a new normal. ■

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

About the Cover

The Victorian house at 733 Division St., built in 1895, belongs to George and Linda Garbarino, president of the Pleasanton Heritage Association that is honoring five more historic downtown homes this year. Photo by Jeremy Walsh. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

How do you feel about the Alameda County Fair returning to town this year in October, rather than over the summer as we are accustomed to?



Sharon Morris

Area director, childcare

I'm very happy just to be able to go and enjoy it, even if it has to be October this year. I do think it will not be the same, but I am happy and will be attending. But of course I hope that it comes back at its regular time next year.



Christine Klippness

Nanny

My only concern about the county fair, in general, is the impact on the downtown traffic — as I live in downtown. Aside from that, I'm perfectly fine with the fair not taking place during the hottest week of the summer.



David Bermudez

Financial strategist

I'm disappointed it is happening in October, but I get it. With the pandemic and all the uncertainty going on, I do not blame them. Let the show go on while it still can.



Nina Firoozan

Beauty consultant

I've always loved the fair but summertime is when kids can enjoy it without worrying about school the next day and such. So I wish it were coming back at its regular time. But I'm still going to go.



Kelly Montes

Retired

Our kids and grandkids will be joining us in attending this fall. We're just happy the fair is happening and appreciate the limited attendance so that whoever attends will feel relatively safe.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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60 years of ValleyCare

Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare is marking the Tri-Valley hospitals' 60th anniversary with a "Virtual Community Celebration" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday (Oct. 23).

Participants can visit virtual booths to learn more about "cutting-edge robotic surgery, advancements in COPD treatment, prostate cancer screening, breastfeeding advice for new moms, employment at Stanford-ValleyCare, and more," hospital officials said.

Special sessions include a breast cancer symposium from 11-11:45 a.m., "Injury Prevention and Recovery in Young Athletes" from 12-12:45 p.m. and "Building the Future of Health Care in the Tri-Valley" from 1-1:45 p.m. Go to celebrate.valleycare.com.

Innovation Fair

The Quest Science Center this week announced a new date for its fourth annual Tri-Valley Innovation Fair, with the event now on schedule to return to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on March 19.

The local nonprofit, which previously rescheduled its fair from September 2021 to January 2022 due to concerns with the COVID-19 delta variant, said extending the event date into March "further eliminates concerns for all parties, allowing us to keep families and all attendees as safe as possible while offering student clubs and teachers ample time to consider participating."

Quest officials, who also unveiled new event sponsors this week, noted that they are continuing to recruit prospective sponsors and exhibitors for the March 19 event. Visit quest-science.org.

Property taxes

Alameda County Treasurer and Tax Collector Henry C. Levy has reminded real property owners that property tax bills for the 2021-22 fiscal year have been mailed out — more than 442,000 bills amounting to \$4.8 billion, to be exact.

The first installment payment is due by Nov. 1, but will not be considered delinquent until 5 p.m. Dec. 10. The second installment will be due Feb. 1, and delinquent after 5 p.m. April 11. In both cases, delinquency results in a 10% penalty and \$10 assessment.

Payments can be made via eCheck online, credit card (with fee) online or by phone, or paper check by mail or drop-box to the County Administration Building at 1221 Oak St., Oakland, CA 94612 or in the mail slot at the Business License Office in Hayward (224 W. Winton Ave., Room 169).

To learn more, call 510-272-6800 or go to www.acgov.org/propertytax. ■

Pleasanton teachers vote 'overwhelmingly' in favor of authorizing strike

Association 'hopeful that we can avoid a strike' after fact-finding ends

By JULIA BAUM

After months of tense labor negotiations, members of the Association of Pleasanton Teachers (APT) "overwhelmingly" authorized a strike in internal balloting this month, leadership for the teachers union announced last week.

More than 98% of the collective bargaining unit's members who cast a ballot voted to allow a strike to be called "once the state-supervised impasse procedures are exhausted," APT officials said in a statement on Oct. 14.

"After bargaining for almost two years, Pleasanton Unified School

District (PUSD) management has made it clear that they refuse to invest in students by prioritizing teaching and learning in their budget," union officials said.

Prior to APT declaring an impasse and the California Teachers Association (CTA) requesting to enter fact-finding last month, PUSD proposed its most recent offer, which includes a two year compensation package (2020-2022) that the district said is equivalent to a 5% compensation increase.

Union officials said its members "are among the lowest paid in total compensation in Alameda County"

though, and that PUSD "is proposing only an off-schedule payment for the 2020-2021 school year and a mere 2.0% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase for the 2021-2022 school year, even though the state has increased the district's ongoing funding by over 5% for the 2021-2022 school year alone."

Health benefits are not included in certificated salaries, and APT said teachers "are currently paying an average of \$14,000 or more a year to provide medical insurance for themselves and their families," and costs are expected to increase up to 23.75%, depending on the

plan, by next year.

Over the past year, APT members have advocated for "smaller class sizes and classloads, individualized support for special education students, and retaining and recruiting the best with competitive compensation," according to union officials.

Instead, they said that "PUSD management has unilaterally implemented several of its divisive proposals, such as increasing the duty day and instructional minutes for high school educators without pay and wanting to take away and

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FILE PHOTO

The Alameda County Fair storms back for a special fall run in 2021 from today through Oct. 31.

Fair opening weekend

10-day fall run brings rides, food, shows, exhibits and more

By JEREMY WALSH

The Alameda County Fair is returning to Pleasanton today through Halloween, offering a reimagined yet familiar event this fall after the typically summer showcase was put on hold amid the pandemic.

With a theme of "Come Together", the 2021 fair will include many of the recognizable highlights of the annual event such as carnival rides and games, popular fair foods and drinks, exhibits, concerts and other live

performances — as well as a few activities unique to the season, such as its "Halloween Movie Series" on the concert lawn.

"We couldn't be more enthusiastic about what the fair has in store this year," said Tiffany Cadrette, marketing and communications manager of the Alameda County Fairgrounds. "The fair is such a time-honored tradition in our community, and we know how much it was missed last year."

For the fair this fall, tickets

(which are available online) are being sold by the day and capacity will be limited to "enhance safety and guest experience," according to fair officials.

On opening weekend, which will occur rain or shine, the 2021 fair will be operating from 3-10 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Then, the fair will be open from 3-10 p.m. daily from Monday to next Friday and close after

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Focus on workforce housing shortage

Jobs-housing imbalance has 92% of workers commuting to Pleasanton

By JULIA BAUM

Solving the jobs-housing imbalance in Pleasanton will require building more housing for those currently commuting to work in the city boundaries, but also encouraging local employers to hire more locally, officials told the Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday.

While reviewing the city's sixth cycle Housing Element draft preliminary report at this week's regular council meeting, community development manager Ellen Clark said, "It's going to take more than this Housing Element to solve the jobs-housing imbalance in Pleasanton."

Part of fulfilling the city's mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation, the forthcoming Housing Element update covers an eight-year period from 2023 to 2031, and requires local municipalities to identify sites within their boundaries that are suitable for housing development. Building on those sites in that same timeframe is not required, however.

With most of Pleasanton's workforce living outside its borders, only 8% of jobs in the city are

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Foothill senior Bhayani voted PUSD's first student trustee

High-schoolers recently elected their rep on Board of Trustees

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District students will now be represented on the Board of Trustees by one of their peers, after recently voting for their first student trustee in an election that was limited to the three high schools.

Foothill High senior Saachi Bhayani, who previously served as her school's alternative student representative before winning the election, beat out three other candidates from Foothill and Amador Valley high schools for the new position of student trustee, which she will hold for the 2021-22 academic year. There were no nominees from Village High School this year.

Though she's "not too passionate about politics," Bhayani told the Weekly in an interview that she



Saachi Bhayani

decided to run because "a lot of people doing the representing of the kids at the school I went to, they weren't really representing anybody but a small portion of people."

A change in state legislation this year now gives school boards the ability to have a student board member cast a non-preferential vote that is non-binding, according to PUSD spokesperson Patrick Gannon, who said having a student trustee is "something that we had wanted to do for some time."

"The old way, student board members would provide a report to the board about what was going on at their school and participate in the board conversation that was happening at the board meeting," Gannon said. "Now we've moved from a selection to which students can apply, to an election process where students get to choose, with the added emphasis on student voices being in those conversations and actually being able to voice an opinion."

Unlike traditional school board elections or even campaigning for class president, PUSD's student trustee is elected by those in grades 9 through 12 from all three high schools. Nominees first completed a panel interview with multiple district administrators before four final candidates were selected for the runoff election.

Each candidate submitted a 250-word statement but students voted without knowing any names until after casting their ballots — a process that Gannon said is meant to avoid popularity contests and encourage picking a candidate that resonates with their values.

"A lot would vote based on the name," Gannon said. "We wanted to prevent that and have a candidate statement. They had to write about their experience and not mention their names."

Because of how the election was organized, Bhayani said she "absolutely" had to win over other students at other schools: "I had to frame my candidate statement,

which was primarily focused on all of PUSD's high school problems."

"I really tried to focus on what's the primary cause of student stress," Bhayani said, and learned that "classes that placed a lot of emphasis on tests are the most stressful ever" for her peers.

"I don't think tests are a fair way of assessment," Bhayani added, and said she plans to work on "grade equity, making sure they're more fair and represent students' performance ... I want to see more diversity in how our grades are really done."

Being on the board has provided a different type of learning experience for Bhayani so far. "Honestly I just find this stuff super interesting," she said. "I love learning the inner logistics of what's going on in the district, learning about how spending works, how programs work together."

Bhayani added, "It's a super cool learning experience because I did not know how local politics or local school boards work; I just

knew how they affect you. It's cool to learn about everything. I don't learn this at Foothill."

Those real life lessons can run late sometimes when board meetings don't end until midnight and Bhayani has to stay the entire time. Whether she's allowed to occasionally sleep in the next day is unknown but Bhayani said "a lot of teachers do know that I have this position," and have been flexible and understanding about letting her occasionally leave class early to attend a board function — or in this case, a press interview.

"I think they know I'm a good student and not abusing my power. I'm just really grateful for understanding teachers," Bhayani said.

As for future plans, Bhayani has no aspirations for a career in politics after serving on the board this year, but added she can see "probably in my 40s or 50s becoming a trustee member. This is just more of a passion project for me because I saw kids not being represented." ■

STRIKE

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dictate the 30-minute duty-free lunch for educators."

Members also rallied outside the district office on Bernal Avenue during the Oct. 14 Board of Trustees meeting, where APT President Michelle VerKuilen addressed the administrative cabinet and said members are "hopeful that we can avoid a strike, however, it is going

to take PUSD management to willingly partner with us to help make a student-centered agreement happen."

VerKuilen added that teachers "should not just be met with occasional words of appreciation, but with actions that truly support our students and give us a fair return for the work that we have done and continue to do."

The California School Employees Association, which represents

the district's classified staff, gave their support as well. President Derrick Psaros said, "Today I think it is important to dedicate my time to our teachers," and that "PUSD has an opportunity to model for our youth the value of a teacher."

"In the coming weeks, please model for our youth the value of these professionals who represent our community, our district and on a daily basis, the student body itself," Psaros said.

District spokesperson Patrick Gannon told the Weekly that the union's announcement was a surprise, when asked for comment.

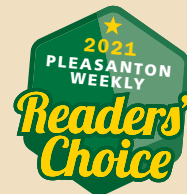
"We were not aware the association had taken that step and have not received communication from APT or CTA," Gannon said.

As recently ordered by the California Public Employment Relations Board, the district and APT are currently in the midst of fact-finding — a process undertaken

when both parties fail to reach an agreement through mediation — and have a meeting scheduled on Oct. 26, according to Gannon.

"We have and continue to be committed to collaborative, ongoing conversations with the association to reach a collective bargaining agreement," Gannon said. "We hope this new development does not undermine what could be a productive part of the ongoing collective bargaining process." ■

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To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.



RAY SAINT GERMAIN/BCN FOUNDATION

File photo shows BART train traveling in the East Bay earlier this year.

BART requiring vaccine for all employees

Board majority cites safety of workers, riders

All BART employees and contractors will be required to get vaccinated against COVID-19 or prove their full vaccination status by mid-December under a policy the agency's board adopted last week.

The policy — drafted by Board Directors Rebecca Saltzman, Lateefah Simon, Bevan Dufty and Janice Li — will require the full vaccination of BART's employees and board members by Dec. 13, save for those who have a valid medical or religious exemption.

The board also voted as part of the vaccination policy to direct BART General Manager Bob Powers to implement a vaccination requirement for the agency's contractors and bargain with the agency's labor unions to determine how employees who decline to get vaccinated will be handled.

"By adopting this policy today, nobody is getting fired tomorrow," Li said during the Oct. 14 meeting. "No one is being forced to get the vaccine, but this policy states that being vaccinated is a condition of employment."

Several board members framed the policy as a necessity to keep both the transit agency's employees and its riders, particularly children under 12 who are not yet eligible for vaccination, protected against the virus.

BART officials estimated that around 20% to 25% of BART's nearly 4,000 employees remain unvaccinated, which Board Director Mark Foley argued could lead to further outbreaks and potential service disruptions.

Foley also said that he is acutely empathetic to those hesitant to get vaccinated, noting that he opposed vaccination for "more than a decade" after his then-1-year-old daughter was diagnosed with autism.

Foley and his daughter are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19, he said last week, and his daughter ultimately received her scheduled vaccinations when she entered high school after Foley said he "allowed

science to lead" him and his wife.

"I can see where people come from," he said. "I understand. Coming from that perspective, I had doubts, I had concerns. But I also allowed myself to be guided by experts. And I was not the expert, Google was not the expert, fake news was not the expert."

The policy, as written and approved Oct. 14, does not include an option for frequent testing for those who decline to get vaccinated.

Board Director Debora Allen, the only board member to vote against adopting the policy, took issue with that and argued that the agency should not infringe on its employees' medical decisions.

Allen added that she got fully vaccinated this summer after initially being skeptical that the vaccine's protection would be more robust than the antibodies she acquired from contracting the virus.

"I think each person should have the right to research and make their own medical decisions as I did without threats from their employer of losing their job," she said. "So I come down on the side of every person making their own choice as to these medical treatments."

Foley noted that while the policy adopted last week does not include a testing component, it does not prevent the addition of such a component during bargaining discussions between Powers and BART's labor unions.

"This policy allows for labor to negotiate over how to protect their members ... It puts the power in the labor leaders' hands and the general manager to craft a document that helps us move forward," he said. "So I'm going to put my faith in their hands that they can come up with something that meets their needs."

Under federal health guidelines, all BART riders and employees will still be required to wear a face covering when in a BART station or on a BART train, regardless of their vaccination status. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation



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Livermore council sets roster for General Plan Advisory Committee

Nonprofit leaders, former city officials among chosen applicants

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore City Council selected 19 members for its new General Plan Advisory Committee, following its final round of interviews earlier this month.

After initially receiving 48 applications from community members, the council previously selected 30 applicants to interview over the course of three different dates to determine who would make the best fits for the committee.

During a special workshop on Oct. 7 — after interviewing the last set of contenders — the council voted 4-1 to change the composition of the group from 15 members and four alternates to 20 regular members. Councilmember Bob Carling cast the only dissenting vote.

“We have too many good candidates and I think we’d be short-changing the process if we didn’t expand to include more people,” Councilmember Gina Bonanno said, expressing support for changing the group’s composition.

While Councilmember Brittini Kiick voted in favor of expanding the group, she said prior to the vote that her thoughts aligned more closely with Carling’s as she believes smaller groups are more manageable.

After council took a half-hour break for each member to select their top candidates, the results showed that 19 applicants received three or more votes, which prompted the council to change the composition of the group again from 20 to 19 regular members to avoid

another round of votes to get to 20. The council vote to stick with 19 total members passed unanimously.

The council directed staff to revise a resolution adopted by the council back in July to reflect the change to the group’s composition.

Mayor Bob Woerner thanked everyone who applied for the committee, “We had a lot of good applicants and there will be other opportunities and I want to congratulate those that were selected to be on the committee and I believe we’ve got a very broad representative sample of people from our community and that I’m looking forward to a lot of good work,” he said.

Among the 19 members chosen are, former Livermore mayor John

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KEN MANO

Aid for Afghan refugees

Nonprofit, faith and community groups in the Tri-Valley banded together in recent weeks to create “kitchen kits” for the International Rescue Committee to benefit refugees from Afghanistan. The local volunteers organized online ordering of IRC-requested items (such as pans, pots, utensils and other kitchen items), stored the shipments after delivery, and sorted and assembled the care packages. In all, 140 “Community of Character” shopping bags were put together in less than three weeks and sent to the IRC for distribution to families in need.

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also taken by employees currently living in Pleasanton. Clark said it “will probably require a couple of different angles of policy attack to address this more.”

The city “is a net importer of workers for jobs at all wage levels,” though the report said “this data point is slightly different than the percentage of employed residents who also hold jobs in Pleasanton, which has ranged from 22.9% in 2002 to 15.2% in 2018.”

Staff added, “Although the 2018 data point reflects a substantial decline since 2002, the 2018 number is an improvement from the lowest percentage seen (in 2010), when the proportion of Pleasanton’s workforce employed locally was 13.7%.”

BART access is one reason Pleasanton is a jobs center, Mayor Karla Brown said during discussion that evening: “If your spouse works in Silicon Valley and you live in Milpitas, coming to Pleasanton is easy because there’s very little traffic that direction.”

“It’s one of the reasons so many companies seek Pleasanton, is because we’re that reverse commute option. It would make sense to me that we’re a jobs center and will continue to be a jobs center,” Brown said.

During the public hearing, resident Jocelyn Combs said, “What happens in Silicon Valley ripples out to us and I think what we’re seeing is the housing need is rippling.”

“Pleasanton thrives as a community because of its residents but Pleasanton thrives financially because of our businesses,” Combs said. “If Pleasanton can’t attract employees because it is not housing friendly, it threatens our city and

our quality of life.”

Combs added, “This new Housing Element extends through 2031, that’s 10 years away. Who knows what the next 10 years will bring, but I can say with some certainty that if we don’t do something different with our housing, nothing will change and the problems will only get worse.”

Former councilmember Becky Dennis said that officials must “understand where our workers are coming from, their income level, and their housing needs” when building new homes in Pleasanton.

High housing costs are mentioned several times in the report, which states that Pleasanton’s population has a median income of \$156,400 — about 57% higher than the \$99,406 median income throughout Alameda County — but almost one in five local households are low-income and earn less than 80% of the area median income (AMI), while about 7.6% of Pleasanton households are extremely low-income.

According to the report, Pleasanton has fewer cost-burdened households compared to the county. But despite reporting higher incomes, almost 24% of local homeowners are “cost-burdened” and spend 30% or more of their gross income on housing costs, while nearly 44% of renters said the same.

More renters in Pleasanton live in cost-burdened households, which must earn about \$226,080 — at least 180% of AMI — to afford market rent. Another 21% of renters also spend half or more of their income on housing, compared to 10% of homeowners.

“You really need that information to get the most out of the affordable housing that you build,” Dennis said. “Both because your objective in the era of planning to mitigate

climate change is to bring that work for us as close to the city as possible, and you don’t really know the housing that they need until you understand their income.”

Dennis added, “You can’t really calculate the savings as carbon sequestration unless you know how far they come from so that’s why I think that that is a very important metric.”

Vice Mayor Julie Testa asked if the city has “looked at the possibility of incentivizing our local employers to hire local.”

“An expectation that everyone who lives in a community will also work there is a pretty unrealistic expectation, but perhaps we could do some incentivizing that would improve that a little bit,” Testa said, such as employers asking job applicants if they live or work in a 30-mile radius.

Testa also mentioned “coordinating with employers to train and prepare local residents and graduation students for local jobs,” which she said “that kind of coordination and preparation” would help address the issue.

The council also gave feedback including “refinements or clarification” to each section, with additional sections to be brought forward at future meetings and include a draft Housing Sites Inventory and an Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) assessment. Once data from the 2020 Census is finalized and available, staff will review and incorporate key points as needed into the final preliminary report.

A “more detailed review and discussion” are both expected to take place during one or more meetings in early 2022. The Housing and Planning commissions will also review and solicit feedback on the site inventory list during meetings in October and November. ■

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HIGHLIGHTS

Planning Commission
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Consistent with State and County Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic this will be a virtual meeting. Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available after October 20, when the agenda is posted on the City’s website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

- P21-1015, City of Pleasanton, Amendments to Pleasanton Municipal Code

Consider amendments to Titles 18 and 19 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code (including, but not limited to, sections 18.32, 18.84, 18.88, 18.101, 19.16, and 19.36) in order to implement Senate Bill 9 regarding two-unit housing developments and urban lot splits in single-family residential zones.

To explore more about Pleasanton, visit us at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

Bay Area water agencies form joint powers authority

New regional partnership moves forward Los Vaqueros Reservoir expansion plans

By JULIA BAUM

Taking a “critical step” toward becoming a regional water source, Bay Area jurisdictions overseeing the future expansion of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir filed the necessary agreements to form a joint powers authority (JPA) earlier this month.

Project leaders said in a statement that “transforming a local reservoir into a regional facility requires partnerships,” and creating a JPA is “a critical step in forming this partnership.”

Partnering agencies including Zone 7 Water Agency, East Bay Municipal Utility District and the Santa Clara Valley Water District will manage the project using organizational framework for design, construction, operation, maintenance and funding, as outlined by the JPA.

Built in 1998, the off-stream reservoir’s original capacity was 100,000 acre-feet until the first phase of expansion to hold 160,000 acre-feet of water was completed almost 10 years ago.

The ultimate goal is to expand

the Los Vaqueros Reservoir to a new capacity of 275,000 acre-feet, as well as add new conveyance facilities that “will provide environmental, water supply reliability, operational flexibility, water quality and recreational benefits.”

Zone 7 Board President Angela Ramirez Holmes said, “In addition to local storage, this regional partnership also has the benefit of emergency conveyance which is critical for when there are pumping restrictions in the Delta preventing Zone 7 from accessing State Water Project water. This alternative conveyance will increase the Tri-Valley water system’s reliability.”

John Coleman, director of Ward 2 for the East Bay Municipal Utility District and a Los Vaqueros JPA board member, called the future expansion “not only important for EBMUD, but for the Bay Area and the region as a whole.”

“Along with efforts such as water conservation, water recycling, and supplemental supplies, EBMUD will continue to support mutually-beneficial regional reliability efforts to prepare for an uncertain future,”

Coleman said.

The partnership extends to Silicon Valley, where Valley Water Board Chair Tony Estremera said the agency is “proactively exploring ways to secure enough water to help all our communities in Santa Clara County weather droughts,” and “looks forward to working with our JPA partners on this important project that could improve the reliability of our region’s water supply.”

The JPA’s first public meeting will take place next month, when members “will bring perspectives from the agency or agencies they represent and work collaboratively to meet the needs of all agencies involved.”

After securing the necessary permits, approvals and agreements, construction on the expansion project is scheduled to begin in winter 2023. A combination of funds including \$470 million from Proposition 1 as well as federal and local partners will cover the project costs.

To learn more about the JPA, visit www.losvaquerosjpa.com. ■

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running from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 30) and next Sunday (Oct. 31).

Highlights of the special entertainment during the 10 days include the Imperial Knights Extreme Medieval Stunt Show, a theatrical full contact jousting show, and daily performances by the FMX Freestyle Motocross stunt group.

The Fair Concert Series will occur nightly at 8 p.m.; seats must be reserved online in advance. Opening night will see Kalimba The Spirit of Earth Wind & Fire, followed by 1980s rock group Night Ranger on this Saturday night and The Garth Guy: The Ultimate Garth Brooks Tribute Show on Sunday night.

Concerts will take place each night of the fair, keeping with the lineup announced last month — with one exception. Alternative rock group Spin Doctors are now performing next Wednesday (Oct. 27) after the original act, Smash Mouth, pulled out after the band apparently disbanded.

In the spirit of October, the fair will present pumpkin carving with “Farmer Mike: The Pumpkin Picasso” at select times on both weekends as well as film screenings each evening in the “Halloween Movie Series.” Tonight, they will show “Hocus Pocus”, followed by “The Addams Family”

(2019) on Saturday and “Coco” on Sunday.

Fair officials noted that, in line with county and state regulations, all attendees 2 years old and up are required to wear a mask in all indoor venues at the fair, regardless of their vaccination status. Face coverings are optional for all

guests in outdoor common areas.



For ticket prices, discount information and details on the new rewards program, visit alameda-countyfair.com. Parking at the fairgrounds will be free today and on Monday through next Friday; it will cost \$15 on Saturdays and Sundays. ■



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Bridge walk proves age only a number

Residents from Stoneridge Creek senior community in Pleasanton walked 1.7 miles across the Golden Gate Bridge earlier this month to commemorate Active Aging Week and prove that age is just a number. More than 170 residents signed up and traveled in four buses to the site, wearing custom-made hats promoting the benefits of active aging. They spent the last few months in preparation, walking and monitoring their steps, plus the community held other daily events promoting an active lifestyle. Life enrichment director Susan Filice said she hopes this event showed everyone, young and old, that staying active is an important part of aging well.






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State officials urge flu shots as flu season begins in earnest

‘Safe and simple thing we can all do’, Dr. Aragon says

State public health officials encouraged residents last week to get a flu vaccine, especially if they are part of a high-risk group such as those age 65 and older.

Flu season typically lasts from October to May and begins to accelerate in November and December, according to the California Department of Public Health.

Last year’s flu season was likely

blunted by public health measures enacted in response to the state’s winter COVID-19 surge, but the potential for outbreaks of both viruses still looms this year, CDPH Director and state Public Health Officer Dr. Tomas Aragon said.

“In the midst of a COVID-19 pandemic, a severe flu season could be devastating for California,” Aragon said. “Getting a flu

shot is a safe and simple thing we can all do to keep people out of the hospital and reduce the strain on our health care system.”

Flu vaccines are recommended for everyone six months old or older, but are particularly important for high-risk groups, including people who smoke or have underlying health issues, pregnant women, children age 5 or young-

er, long-term care facility residents and employees and workers in industries that are deemed essential.

CDPH officials also noted that it is safe to receive a flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine on the same day.

Flu vaccines are available and low or no cost at most retail pharmacies, health care providers, clinics and some local health departments. Retail pharmacies will also accept most insurance, including Medi-Cal, CDPH officials said.

Information about the annual flu can be found at www.cdph.ca.gov. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

2.2 for 22

The Las Positas College Foundation and the LPC Veterans First Program are hosting a virtual event called 2.2 for 22 that aims to raise awareness about the average 22 veteran suicides per day in the U.S.

The event is being held virtually for the second year in a row due to COVID-19 restrictions. In past years, the challenge consisted of a 2.2-mile walk and one-day event on the LPC campus. Now, the event spans over 22 days and participants receive a new challenge to complete each day.

Some of the activities are physical, while others focus on connection and mindfulness to foster community and improve mental health, organizers said in a statement. This year’s challenge kicks off on Saturday and runs through Nov. 13. Learn more at www.laspositascollege.edu/veteran.

Library web events

The Livermore Public Library is offering two special Zoom programs next week.

Livermore city historian Richard Finn will present “Livermore Area Cowboys and Ranchers” at 7 p.m. next Wednesday (Oct. 27), as part of a local history series presented by the library with the Livermore Heritage Guild, Then & Now: Livermore Stories.

Finn will give an overview of the lives of ranchers and cowboys in the Livermore area, from Robert Livermore and Jose Marie Amador to the present day.

The second program is a talk by University of the Pacific Professor Emeritus Keith Hatschek, “Honky Tonk Angels to Sweet Home Alabama: Answer Songs in American Popular Music.”

Hatschek will introduce his audience to the “answer song,” which is made in answer to a previous song. The event begins at 2 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 30).

To learn more, visit www.livermore-relibrary.net.

Moderna booster

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel recommended a half-dose of the Moderna vaccine as a booster shot against COVID-19 last week, paving the way for possible approval.

The Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee unanimously recommended the booster, which Moderna had requested be for emergency use authorization as a half dose of its regular vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

The half-dose booster would be given to people who are at least 65 years old and those ages 18 to 64 with health problems or jobs that increase their risk for complications from the disease.

The recommendation is the first step in the approval process. The FDA will consider the recommendation when it decides on whether to approve the booster. The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will also review the booster shot. ■

Robert “Bob” Butler (Eugene)

Bob Butler was a true renaissance man.

Robert Eugene Butler was born in Cincinnati, Ohio to Eugene and Rose Butler. He studied theology before switching to engineering where he earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Toledo and later earned a master’s in applied science from the University of California, Davis.

In 1959, Bob married MaryAnn Hayes in Toledo, Ohio and immediately they sought (and built) a new life in California with only a two-year stint in Oklahoma to serve his active duty service for the Army. Bob and MaryAnn remained married for over 50 years.

During his Army Reserve Service, he was assigned to the U.S. Army Nuclear Agency at Fort Sill (OK), Fort Bliss (TX), Fort Belvoir (MD) and the Pentagon (DC). While his family was growing up, they would drive across the country finding adventures both coming and going camping near the base. Bob would serve his two weeks of active duty and take public transportation to work allowing the family to explore. He served 28 years in the U.S. Army (Active and Reserve), honorably retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Bob’s first career spanned 35 years with General Electric at their Vallecitos Nuclear Center where they made radio-isotopes for medical diagnoses and later helped design a nuclear power plant for use in space. After retiring from General Electric, he worked at All Pro Mortgage as a mortgage broker for over 12 years before moving into the tax preparation business. Eventually, he co-founded Pallesen and Butler Tax Service. This is where Bob spent the last 15 years, serving the community and enjoying his work.

Both Bob and MaryAnn were also accomplished musicians. He was a charter member of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band that began in 1975. He also performed with the Valley Brass Quintet, Stony Ridge Ramblers and the Livermore-Amador Symphony. He played most of the woodwind and horn instruments, and would play whichever was needed by the current band. In the symphony, he may be best known for his playing the typewriter as a percussion instrument. He continued to play with the community band and the Valley Brass until his death.

Bob also felt a sense of duty to help guide his adopted home through some trying times. He served on the Planning Commission for four years before being appointed to the City Council in 1978. From there, he was re-elected three times, finishing his service in 1992. Proposition 13 got passed within

months of his stepping onto the council: this radically changed how municipalities collected property tax revenue by slashing residential property taxes. Determined to save Pleasanton and create a strong, stable tax base; the Council’s leadership and vision, sought, found and worked with new partners to achieve this goal (Hacienda Business Park and Stoneridge Shopping Mall to name just two).

Bob also knew the importance of learning and developing new skills. This included starting the day by completing the New York Times Crossword and Sudoku puzzles. In the 70’s and 80’s, he became an avid sailor on the San Francisco Bay and raced his sailboat, winning his Class at least once. At the age of 63, he realized his dream of becoming a private pilot and went on to own a Cessna Cardinal (177B) and logged many hours. He was also active in the Catholic Church where he served as a lector and head Eucharistic minister at St. Augustine’s Catholic Church.

Once retired from the Army Reserve, Bob and MaryAnn missed the annual summer trips and were soon off exploring the world, making it to more than 50 countries on 5 continents. In recent years, Bob enjoyed travelling with his companion, Sheila Selover.

On October 5, 2021, Robert Butler was found unresponsive in his Pleasanton home and was transferred to Stanford ValleyCare Hospital where he passed at the age of 83.

Bob will be remembered as a very kind, loving, intelligent man and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his four children: Michael (Angela) Butler of Dublin; Daniel (Brenda) Butler of Chandler, AZ; MaryBeth (James) Bochner of Livermore; and John (Lisa Kawamura) Butler of Arroyo Grande; and five grandchildren: Meghan Butler, Christopher Butler, Nicki Butler, Daniel Bochner and Tomio Butler-Kawamura. He also is survived by his girlfriend Shelia Selover of Brentwood.

He was predeceased by MaryAnn Butler (2009) and his brother, William Butler (2008)(Maine).

A vigil will be held at Graham Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton, on Oct. 21 from 4 - 8pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Oct. 22 at 10:00am at St. Augustine’s Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Pleasanton Military Families, the Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) or a charity of your choice.



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LIVERMORE

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Marchand, Unify Livermore CEO Asa Strout, Livermore Pride co-founder Tracy Kronzak, Tri-Valley Conservancy chair David Kent and former city councilmember and planning commissioner Steven Spedowski.

The city’s General Plan — a long-range policy document for growth, land use, sustainability and resource and open space conservation — is typically updated within 10-20 years. Livermore’s current General Plan was adopted in 2004, approximately 17 years ago.

According to city staff, a comprehensive General Plan update is required due to the age of the current document and the data that supports it — such as traffic and environmental impact studies — as well as changes to external conditions such as market trends and regional and state policies. The City Council also cited updating the General Plan as one of its priorities back in March. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Emotional hearing as Livermore woman sentenced for murders

A Livermore woman with a history of impaired driving was sentenced during an emotional court hearing on Tuesday to 15 years to life in state prison for a violent DUI crash that killed two passengers along Stanley Boulevard on the night before Thanksgiving four years ago.

Lauren Davis, 30, was convicted of two counts of second-degree murder after accepting a plea deal on the eve of trial last month for the deaths of Village High School student Violet Campbell, 16, and Livermore resident Alexys Garcia, 25.

Authorities said Davis, who had two prior DUI cases pleaded out to reckless driving, was under the influence of marijuana and alcohol while driving Campbell, Garcia and two others in an SUV when she lost control and the vehicle overturned several times around 11:45 p.m. on Nov. 22, 2017. Campbell died at the scene; Garcia succumbed to her major injuries at a hospital days later.

"This case was as avoidable as it was tragic," deputy district attorney Matthew Gaidos said in a statement following the sentencing at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin.

Nearly a dozen family members of the victims, as well as one of the

surviving passengers, spoke to Judge Michael Gaffey and the courtroom during the hearing Tuesday morning, which was livestreamed via audio-only on the Alameda County Superior Court website.

They remembered their loved ones killed in the crash, harshly criticized Davis for her actions that night and track record of impaired driving, and lamented the local criminal justice system that did not prohibit Davis from getting behind the wheel after her prior DUI arrests.

"My body physically hurts, thinking about what I went through that night ... My girlfriend Violet smashed, the blood ..." survivor Kyle Munoz said during his victim-impact statement. "All I want is justice for Violet."

Davis also addressed the court before Gaffey imposed the prison sentence, which was a term both sides agreed to as part of the defendant's plea agreement on Sept. 22.

"I wish I could trade places with them and bring them back. It tears me to pieces that I can't," Davis said Tuesday. "The pain and guilt that I feel every day can't be put into words."

Davis, who was 26 at the time of the double-fatal crash, had been arrested two times before for suspicion of DUI.

She pleaded to marijuana-related reckless driving in a 2013 case, and six months before the Stanley Boulevard rollover she pleaded to alcohol-related reckless driving for a 2016

incident, prosecutors said. The latter's sentence required Davis to complete a 12-hour DUI education course as part of her probation.

Those experiences and potential lessons had little impact on Davis on Nov. 22, 2017, according to authorities and witnesses that night.

The night began at a bowling alley, where Davis smoked marijuana before going inside and consumed whiskey and beer at the alley. She also visited two bars that night, which included shots of whiskey in a parking lot, according to authorities.

"With a car full of people, witnesses say she drove through a red light. While on Stanley Boulevard, her car also struck the curb. A California Highway Patrol expert estimated her speed to be between 70 to 80 mph," prosecutors said after her plea deal.

Davis lost control of the 2004 Kia Sorento on westbound Stanley Boulevard just west of Highway 84/Isabel Avenue and the SUV veered off the roadway, flipped several times and landed north of the roadway.

Campbell, a junior at Pleasanton's Village High, was partially ejected from the back seat and died instantly, prosecutors said. Garcia was thrown fully out of the SUV and sustained massive head injuries; she died at the hospital days later.

Kyle Munoz, Campbell's boyfriend who was also in the SUV that night along with his brother Kevin, offered a particularly damning description of Davis' actions in

the aftermath after the crash.

Kyle Munoz, now 22, said minorly hurt Davis asked the survivors to lie about whether alcohol was involved and refused to look for Garcia after she was ejected some distance from where the SUV came to rest, even telling CHP officers "there were only four of us in the car."

"The way you reacted at the scene ... You have no remorse at all. You only care about yourself," Kyle Munoz said to Davis on Tuesday.

Judge Gaffey, who noted that his Department 701 courtroom was crowded for the hearing on Tuesday morning, said the court received dozens of letters from family and friends of Campbell and Garcia ahead of sentencing.

He called it the "biggest file that I've reviewed for sentencing in 15 years as a judge," later adding, "I've read your letters. They're very compelling."

Often talking through tears or while choking up, some victims' families members used words like "selfish," "monster," "a danger," "coward" and "predator" while describing Davis.

"This was not an accident. Lauren decided to drive drunk, and two young girls lost their lives," said Jim Painter, grandfather of Violet Campbell — who lived with

her grandparents.

Michele Campbell, Violet's mother, recalled exchanging texts with her daughter from the bowling alley that night. "The conversation was longer than we normally had, as if the universe was giving us some extra time," she said.

Michele Campbell, like others from both decedents' families, lamented the fact Davis was even allowed to drive that night after her prior arrests for intoxicated driving. "Has the system failed us? Yes. Is Lauren to blame? Yes."

Garcia's father Toff Garcia called the decision to remove his daughter off life support "the absolute most difficult thing I've ever done in my life." He said he still can't drive on Stanley Boulevard to this day because it's too emotionally painful.

Davis, after brief remarks from her father, also got emotional in comments to the court.

"There are no words to express how extremely sorry I am," she said. "I am so sorry from the bottom of my heart for making choices that made Violet and Alexys leave us all too soon."

Davis also vowed to remain committed to her sobriety and share her story with others to help them avoid making the same mistakes. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 15

Theft

- 7:26 a.m. on the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road
- 1:32 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; shoplifting

Burglary

- 9:37 a.m. on the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

Alcohol violation

- 1:10 p.m. on the 4400 block of First Street
- 11:38 p.m. on the 300 block of St. Mary Street

Oct. 14

Vandalism

- 8:01 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
- 11:24 a.m. at Foothill Road and Laurel Creek Way
- 1:33 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 11:01 a.m., 2700 block of Vineyard Avenue; catalytic converter theft
- 12:11 p.m., 4900 block of Owens Drive; bicycle theft
- 12:27 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 9:08 p.m. on the 3600 block of Gettysburg Court

Domestic battery

- 8:01 p.m. on Valley Avenue
- 10:37 p.m. on Weymouth Court

Oct. 13

Drug violation

- 1:03 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

- 7:36 p.m. on the 3500 block of Stanley Boulevard

Theft

- 10:32 a.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road
- 11:19 a.m., 5700 block of Sonoma Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 5:35 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 11:18 a.m. on the 3500 block of Stanley Boulevard

Assault/battery

- 8:13 p.m. on the 2700 block of Hopyard Road

Oct. 12

Burglary

- 9:15 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 11:01 a.m. on the 500 block of Hamilton Way

Arson

- 9:24 a.m. on the 4200 block of Vervais Avenue

Theft

- 12:53 p.m. on the 6200 block of Ruxton Court

Fraud

- 1:41 p.m. on the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive

Theft

- 1:56 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto
- 3:19 p.m., 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft

Drug violation

- 3:54 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 4:20 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Oct. 11

Burglary

- 4:53 a.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 7:37 a.m., 1400 block of East Gate; theft from auto
- 9:07 a.m., 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 11:26 a.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft
- 9:16 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

- 5:30 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street

Oct. 10

Theft

- 3:08 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

- 4:52 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- 9:20 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Nevada Court

Oct. 9

Warrant arrest

- 2:35 a.m. on the 2900 block of Hopyard Road

Drug violation

- 8:34 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive
- 9:04 a.m. on the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Vandalism

- 10:25 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Auto theft

- 2:40 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue

Thomas John Billmeier

October 29, 1949 – October 5, 2021

Thomas "Tom" John Billmeier, 71, of Pleasanton, California, passed away on October 5, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Oct. 29, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois and moved to Anaheim, California as a junior in high school. He graduated from UCLA with a degree in Slavic Languages before moving to Northern California where he worked as a project manager for a number of computer firms.

He was perhaps most recognized as a popular spin and fitness instructor. He began teaching basic aerobics classes in the 1980's and eventually lead full-capacity boot camp and cycling programs until his retirement in 2019. While his classes were revered for their difficulty and his passion and devotion towards teaching them, it is the community that he built through those gatherings that resonates most profoundly.

He aspired to be what he called a "Rock'n'Roll fitness nerd," and cultivated this vision through his love of live, loud music, his unrelenting participation in athletics, and his boundless enthusiasm towards literature and Jeopardy and crossword puzzles.

He is predeceased by his mother, Mary; father, Frank; brother, Ken; and sister, Joan. He is survived by his longtime partner, Christine Campbell; son, Craig; daughter, Kim; grandchildren, Noah, Kadence, Ramona, and Desmond; sisters, Mary, Regina, and Patti; brother, Bob; and a vast network of nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at Saint Boniface in Anaheim, California, Friday October 29, 2021.

An additional Bay Area celebration of life will be held in Pleasanton, California, on Saturday, November 6th.

In lieu of flowers we encourage a donation be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, an organization for which Tom cared deeply. <https://tinyurl.com/27r5mwy9>



PAID OBITUARY



HONORS FOR FIVE HERITAGE HOMES

OWNERS RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING HISTORIC CHARACTER

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton Heritage Association is honoring five downtown homes by presenting their owners with 2021 Historic Preservation Awards. Each year, five to six homes are chosen for the recognition from among the 93 that the city has designated as historic resources.

This year's homes were built between 1898-90 and 1940:

- 690 Division St.
- 4318 Second St.
- 670 St. John St.
- 471 St. Mary St.
- 4653 Third St.

The association has placed a sign in each of the yards for passersby to see, and bronze plaques are being made for the fronts of the homes. Owners will also be given an original rendering of the home by artist Gary Winter as well as one of his miniature wooden replicas.

"We visit the houses individually and hang the plaques and give them a gift basket with Gary's rendering and miniature. Gourmet Works donates a Pleasanton sign in chocolate," said PHA president Linda Garbarino.

The annual event usually includes a recognition and celebration at Museum on Main but, due to COVID, it will not be held again this year.

"We hope to be back, live, at the Museum on Main next year for our full reception and celebration of the great historic homes of Pleasanton," Garbarino said. "We always have a lot of dignitaries there, and families love it."

For the last few years, members of the Pleasanton Heritage Association have voted on which homes to honor but this time the committee chose five of the runners-up from previous years, Garbarino said.

"We selected five of the second-place winners and decided to honor them," she explained. "We thought, let's do that and then we can start with a clean slate."

So far, about 25 of the 93 designated historic homes have been recognized, but Garbarino said the city has agreed to look at the list again and perhaps add to it.

"The firm that did the certification had an artificial cutoff of being built in 1942, but there are a lot of homes built between 1942 and 20 years after that that are eligible to be designated historic resources," she said.

Garbarino, who lives in an 1895 home on Division Street, explained that people who buy historic homes view themselves as being responsible for their heritage, concerned about maintaining the exterior architecture as well as the integrity of the interior.

"We've been in this house for 38-40 years and feel we are the temporary owners, the caregivers of the house," she said. "The house will live well beyond us."

The Pleasanton Heritage Association helps potential buyers understand the municipal codes. If repairs or improvements are needed, it can provide owners

with proven resources and local architects experienced in vintage and historic home renovation.

"Each owner has a city planning staff versed in the process of adding onto or modifying these homes while preserving their integrity," Garbarino said.

"We're really the temporary caregivers of historic homes that we know we'll pass on to the next generations," she added. "We like to retain the uniqueness and small-town quality of Pleasanton, which is why so many travel groups have designated us a destination city."

2021 PLEASANTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD WINNERS

690 DIVISION ST.

This split-level home was constructed in 1940, by Edwin and Amy Orloff, co-owners of the Hansen and Orloff dairy of Pleasanton. The residence is a well-preserved example of an Early Ranch style home. The property features brick cladding, stucco finish and imitation red clay tile roofing. The current owners are Alan and Christine Robinette.

4318 SECOND ST.

A single-story Bungalow with Craftsman details, this home was built in 1928 by Joseph and Mary Joseph. Joseph was a teamster for the Spring Valley Irrigation Co. The property features

many characteristics of the Bungalow style including a low-pitched hipped roof and a square columned porch on solid balustrade stucco cladding. The current owners are Michael and Rebecca Duret.

670 ST. JOHN ST.

This single-story Spanish Colonial Revival was constructed in 1930 by Manuel and Marian Rose. Manuel was a laborer in one of the local gravel pits. The property features cross-cable roofing, red clay tile roofing, arched window and door openings, and stucco cladding. The current owner is Susan Garman.

471 ST. MARY ST.

A two-story Colonial Revival Style originally built on Rose Avenue between 1898 and 1900, this home was moved to its current location in 1978, after the creation of Peters Avenue. The home served as a rectory for the newly formed Catholic Community and the St. Augustine's Parish. The property features a wrap-around attached porch, column supports with hipped roofing and bay windows, and a series of single-story additions. The current owners are John Karsner and Judith Pals.

4653 THIRD ST.

This single-story, end-gable Bungalow with Craftsman detailing was constructed in 1915. Ole and Christine Oleson (Olesen) were the first owners. Ole worked as a cabinetmaker and dealer and operated Olesen's Furniture Store on Main Street. The property features a partial-length front porch with a gable roof and square posts. The current owner is Phoebe Suu. ■

'WE'RE REALLY THE TEMPORARY CAREGIVERS OF HISTORIC HOMES THAT WE KNOW WE'LL PASS ON TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS.'

Linda Garbarino,
PHA president

The Pleasanton houses that won this year's awards are (from top): 690 Division St., 4318 Second St., 670 St. John St., 471 St. Mary St. and 4653 Third St. Photos by Brian Borg and George Garbarino.

LPC presents: 'Peter and the Starcatcher'

Cast, audience to journey back into live theater together

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Theater Arts Department at Las Positas College is presenting the Tony Award-winning play, "Peter and the Starcatcher," during the next two weekends.

Based on the best-selling novels by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, the play upends the well-known old story of an orphan boy who became Peter Pan, the fabled youngster who never grows up.

"It feels like a story of make-believe in a grandparent's attic, full of fantasy and drama and absolute possibility," director Titian Lish said. "I was reminded that actors were once called players, theaters once called playhouses, and so after the suspension of make-believe of the last year and a half, it felt necessary to return to a sense of play."

From marauding pirates and jungle tyrants to unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes, "Peter and the Starcatcher" playfully explores the depths of greed and despair and the bonds of friendship, duty and love. The journey of a young orphan and his mates shipped off from Victorian England to a distant island quickly becomes a thrilling adventure when a precocious young Starcatcher-in-training named Molly discovers the boys and realizes the ship's cargo is a powerful celestial substance.



AARON BURG

Jared Sigman (Bill Slank) and Mathew Glynn (Black Stache), mixing combat and creative insults, rehearse a sword fight.

Lish said she was struck by the "magical quality and sense of play" in "Peter and the Starcatcher."

"I hope that the audience finds the magic in the production, and in themselves, as we journey back into live theater together," she said.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 5-7 at the Barbara F Mertes Center for the Arts indoor main stage on Las Positas College campus, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Twenty students-actors portray the more than 100 characters who bring the story to life: Matt Bessiere, Nikki Bonato, Marissa Ferreira, Colin FitzMaurice, Stephanie Ann Foster, Megan Geiger, Danny

Georgiev, Mathew Glynn, Eduardo Gonzalez, Jasmine Guerrero, Alexandria Lish, James Perry, Gabby Pinto, Tucker Price, Lysander Sahagun, Logan Schluntz, Jared Sigman, Xander Struckmann and Jonathan Weiss.

Anthony Lopez serves as stage manager; John Kelly, technical director; Karl Haller, stage technician; Mike Rinaldi, lighting technician; Devin Gregory, scenic designer; and Jennifer Gogh, costume designer.

Tickets range from \$10-\$20 and can be purchased at laspositascollege.edu. Audiences will be socially distanced in assigned seating locations, and masks are required. All members of the cast are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. ■

Bankhead providing laughs for Halloween weekend

'Daily Show' writers on stage; 'Young Frankenstein' movie on screen

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Bankhead Theater will finish October with a laugh-filled weekend.

The Daily Show Writers Comedy Tour will present four of its funniest writers at 8 p.m., next Saturday (Oct. 30). The next day on Halloween, the Bankhead film series will bring family fun to the big screen with a 3 p.m. matinee of "Young Frankenstein," Mel Brooks' comedic take on this classic horror story.

From failed dating lives and the complexity of cat ownership to today's politics, the "Daily Show" writers will share jokes that make Americans laugh on the Daily, which won 24 Emmy Awards.

The writers include Kat Radley, who was featured in 2018 in Glamour Magazine and the Hollywood Reporter as one of the top female writers in late night. Her jokes can be heard on Sirius XM Radio, Pandora, Spotify and her debut iTunes album, "The Important Thing Is That I'm Pretty." She has headlined SF Sketchfest and the Women in Comedy Festival in Boston.

Joe Opio, a Uganda native, also is

a trained lawyer and accountant. An observational satirist, his standup has been seen on three continents from South Africa through Switzerland, and in the biggest comedy clubs in New York. He has written over 360 episodes of the "Daily Show."

Randal Otis is a writer, comedian and actor who has performed around the country, including the New York Comedy Festival. He was featured on VICE, and has written for the Huffington Post including "Scientists Discover Another Thing You're Too Stupid To Understand."

Josh Johnson is a stand-up, writer and performer from Louisiana by way of Chicago. He is currently a writer on the "Daily Show with Trevor Noah," and as a stand-up, he has performed at clubs, colleges and festivals around the world.

The Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore, continues to keep COVID safety protocols in place with enhanced air circulation, no touch ticketing, and masks required in the theater. Until further notice, proof of vaccination will also be required for entry.



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Top: Joe Opio. Above: Kat Radley.

Tickets for the Daily Show Writers Comedy Tour range from \$20-\$78 (\$20 for students and military personnel). Tickets and more information are available at www.LivermoreArts.org, by calling 373-6800, or at the box office windows.

Tickets for "Young Frankenstein" are \$5. ■



JEFF ZAVATTERO

Isabelle Morales is a member of the Creatures of Impulse teen improv troupe, which will give audiences "Nightmares" next week at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Creatures of Impulse to give 'Nightmares'

Teen improv troupe staging Halloween special at the Firehouse Theater

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Creatures of Impulse, Pleasanton's award-winning teen improv troupe, opens its 14th season at the Firehouse Arts Center next week with four shows of "Nightmares."

The troupe invites participants to "gather around the (figurative) campfire" as audience suggestions inspire them to create custom-made ghost stories live on stage, promising new twists on their popular Halloween-inspired classic.

"Come and see your very own 'dark and stormy night' come to life," said Jeff Zavattero, recreation coordinator for the city. "Every show is different, and we get lots of fans who come to two or more performances."

"Nightmares" is a long-form, story-based improv with a fully

improvised unique play developed at each performance. Zavattero noted that long-form improv such as this gives audiences a different perspective than performances consisting of one-liners designed to go for laughs.

"We hope to create compelling stories and characters with audience suggestions, and then take them along for the journey," he said.

The shows are at 7:30 p.m., next Thursday (Oct. 28) and Friday (Oct. 29); and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 30). General admission tickets are \$10 for each show and can be purchased at the door; online at www.firehousearts.org; or by calling 931-4848.

Admission is \$2 at the door for a preview performance at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday (Oct. 26). ■

Wine auction raises \$275,000

Proceeds to improve lives of under-served children

The 27th annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction drew 275 guests for a festive afternoon of winetasting and fundraising Sept. 25 that yielded \$275,000 for Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation to improve the quality of life for under-served local children.

In the spirit of safety, the event was held entirely outdoors this year in a garden party format that saw attendees wearing hats — for shade and for glamour — as they perused items to be auctioned, 17 winemakers poured their best wines, and Matt Finders and Friends played jazz.

The live auction raised \$81,000 with items including a Winemaker Jam Session and BBQ at the home of Larry and Margie Dino of Cuda Ridge Wines with fellow winemakers Dane Stark of Page Mill Winery, Mark Clarin of McGrail Vineyards and Karl Wente of Wente Vineyards. Another top lot was called "Party Like It's 1949!" that

included a private barn dance at a ranch in the Sierra foothills, with a catered lunch, live bluegrass music, a dance caller and Black Tie limousine transportation for 40 guests.

The fund-a-need benefiting Livermore Shakespeare's new program for seventh-grade students raised more than \$80,000. Actors performed two songs, and Livermore Shakespeare director Katie Marcel provided an overview of the new program, which seeks to help seventh-graders express themselves at school.

The other beneficiaries of this year's event are CALICO, achieving justice for abused children; Exceptional Needs Network, summer camps for children with special needs; QUEST, science education; and Reins in Motion, equestrian therapy for children with special needs.

For more information, visit www.lvwf.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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GUEST OPINION

BY ANGELA RAMIREZ HOLMES AND STEVE LAMAR

Zone 7 encourages Tri-Valley to step up water conservation efforts

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) announced the monthly water conservation figures for August this week. Statewide, Californians used 5% less water than during the same month last year, up from 1.8% savings in July.

Zone 7 Water Agency and the Association of California Water Agencies take the drought and Gov. Gavin Newsom's call for 15% voluntary water conservation very seriously. We strongly support the governor's approach to statewide conservation that allows water managers to match local water supply conditions with conservation requests or mandates.

In March, months before Newsom's statewide call for conservation, Zone 7 asked its customers to voluntarily conserve 10%, and in July increased the request to 15% to align with the governor's call. On Sept. 1, the Zone 7 Board of Directors implemented 15% man-



datory conservation as water savings consistently failed to meet the target throughout the summer months. Zone 7's water retailers have followed suit, implementing local drought measures to meet that target.

According to the data released by the SWCRB, water use in the Bay Area was reduced by 9.9% in August. Zone 7's internal data shows the Tri-Valley reduced its water use by 6% in August.

Zone 7, like water agencies across the state, is counting on our community to answer the call for conservation during these last warm months of the year when outdoor

water use is still high and significant water savings can be had. Outdoor irrigation is 60-70% of a household's water use, and with water use restrictions newly implemented by our water retailers, we are hopeful that residents treat the drought with the seriousness it deserves.

At the same time, we recognize that conservation isn't the only tool to address the drought. To weather short-term droughts, Zone 7 has made significant investments in local and out-of-area groundwater storage. This enables Zone 7 to proactively store water from wet years to have it available in dry years. However, in prolonged periods of drought, these resources aren't enough, and conservation is a must.

Approximately 70% of the Tri-Valley's water is purchased and imported through the State Water Project (SWP). Due to the extremely low storage in the SWP system, Zone 7 only received 5% of its

water allocation this year. If drought conditions persist, Zone 7 expects to receive very limited deliveries from the SWP in 2022.

To support the community with conservation efforts, Zone 7 has a Water Wise Wendy conservation campaign to help residents with outdoor water-saving tips. In July, reimbursement amounts for two rebate programs were increased and this month a new drought webpage was added to provide easy access to resources on local water use restrictions and drought information.

Much work remains for all Californians in seeing our state through this historic drought. Conservation is an important component, and Zone 7 is optimistic that the Tri-Valley residents will heed the call in the remaining months of 2021. ■

Editor's note: Angela Ramirez Holmes is the president of the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors. Steve LaMar is president of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

LETTERS

Remembering Mr. Butler

Dear Editor,

I became aware of Mr. Bob Butler's passing reading Jeremy Walsh's column in the Oct. 15, 2021, Pleasanton Weekly. I began working with Mr. Butler in 1988 when I was hired as the city of Pleasanton's assistant city manager, and I continued a working relationship with him until he left the City Council. I also had an occasional business relationship with him after that time.

Mr. Butler exemplified the role of a successful and dedicated elected public official focused on educating himself not only on the issue at hand but a wide range of local and regional policy matters. He was effective in learning the facts, evaluating alternatives and making decisions in a timely manner.

His decision-making process was never premeditated, spiteful, "life or death" or dictated by a specific ideology that taints facts and omits reason. He was consistently focused on balancing the many interests and issues that would make Pleasanton better for its residents, businesses and city employees.

It also cannot be understated that he was a fine musician who gave much to the community through his musical talents.

Thank you for remembering Mr. Butler.

—Steven Bocian

15% water reduction mandate

I join others who have said there needs to be consideration for those of us who cut back by at least 15% during the last drought and have stayed at that level.

My household took out both front and back lawns replacing them with drought-tolerant plants. These plants are on timed drips that run only once a week ... if that often.

There is a bucket at every faucet in the house to collect water that would otherwise go down the drain. This is used to water plants not on the drip system. We have reduced the number of showers we take, and even then only let the water run just at the beginning and end of the shower. We don't wash the car.

Being asked to cut back another 15% along with residents who have not done any of these things does not seem fair. One mandate does not fit all.

—Trudi Hartley

Protect our democracy

A recent surge of statewide voter suppression bills and ongoing at-

tempts to erode fair and secure elections requires federal action. Congress must act now to implement national standards for federal elections to protect our democracy.

The "Freedom to Vote Act" would protect people's right to vote, end partisan gerrymandering and help to eliminate the undue influence of dark money in our elections.

—Patti Kenney

Bob Butler 'left a mark' on Pleasanton

In 1976 I met Bob Butler when he was on the Planning Commission. I wanted to open a small business selling only redwood; the property on Sunol Boulevard was a vacant parcel.

I told Bob I could buy a 9'x12' to drop on the ground and pay to use the restroom at an adjoining garden nursery. I could only afford \$300 a month in rent, so it was a 9,000 sf vacant parcel. Bob was singularly a supporter, others on the commission wondered, but Bob said let him try.

I dropped the building on bare ground dug a trench for electrical hookups and with my wife and 1-year-old child hoped for the best.

Bob and I occasionally ran into each other over the years. I always mentioned that without his support my dream wouldn't have happened; he always chuckled, then asked how

I was doing. Bob is someone that "left a mark"! Gonna miss him.

—Tom Richert, via Town Square

Biden must do more to end filibuster

Since the 2020 presidential election, state Republicans have passed 33 voter suppression laws in 19 states across the country. And there will be more coming out of GOP-held state legislatures before the end of the year unless Congress acts swiftly to protect our voting rights.

So far, I have seen more talk than action in the way President Biden has handled our voting rights crisis. He's advocated for voting rights legislation and asked Congress to take action, but he's failed to do one very obvious thing that would change this fight: unequivocally support ending the filibuster.

The Jim Crow filibuster is the thing standing in the way of passing once in a generation legislation like the "Freedom to Vote Act" and the "John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act." If Biden actually wants the Senate to pass those bills, he needs to use his influence as president to get the Senate to abolish the filibuster.

Anything less is a failure to meet this crisis.

—Katarina Amadora



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Amador Valley inducts inaugural class for new Wall of Fame

Piscotty, Fisher, Mohatt, Grauer among first honorees for Dons' program

It was great to get a call last week that Amador Valley High School was finally starting an Athletic Hall of Fame, with the inaugural class being announced Oct. 15 before the Amador-Monte Vista football game.

One of the oldest high schools in the East Bay Athletic League had not put together Hall of Fame to honor the legion of great athletes that had

come through the school.

That is not the case any longer.

The unveiling of what will be known as the AV Athletics Wall of Fame, which is located right outside the entrance to the Dons' stadium, was long overdue.

The first class of inductees is: Johanna Grauer (softball), Mike Geib (soccer coach), Laurie Whiteland

(community/fundraising), Kevin Crow (soccer), Don Anger (tennis coach), Ken and Carol Mano (community/Special Olympics), Dan Gabor (track), Skip Mohatt (basketball coach), Stephen Piscotty (baseball) and Mia Fisher (basketball).

All very deserving for either their exploits in their respective sports, or their work behind the scenes to benefit the school.

Crow I had the pleasure of being a teammate of since we were 11, and Geib was our coach at Amador when we finished as the top-ranked team in the nation in 1979.

Grauer was one of those softball players that absolutely controlled the outcome of a game.

Mohatt was Amador basketball for years, making the Dons one of the top teams in Northern California for many years. Highly respected in the coaching ranks, his teams came to play every night.

Piscotty — well, his ability speaks for itself with his success at Stanford and for the St. Louis Cardinals and the Oakland A's, currently.

Gabor was like a little brother to me, and it was incredible to be at the CIF State meet covering the race when he won his 800-meter title. Gone way too early when TWA Flight 800 went down.

Fisher, one of the best athletes I ever covered, was responsible for the Dons girls' team drawing as big of crowds as the boys' team during her run. Just an amazing athlete, and person.

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Top: From left: Amador alum Stephen Piscotty, who plays on the Oakland A's, joins coach Lou Cesario and AV Boosters Club president Ben Breazeale. **Above:** From left: Former Dons' basketball star Mia Fisher with Cesario and Breazeale at the induction.

Anger on the court in his backyard, and he was a wealth of knowledge. Like Mohatt and Geib, he was a heck of a teacher as well.

There is a huge hoard of deserving athletes/community members for the Dons, and I look forward to seeing some great athletes/people inducted.

Living in Pleasanton since 1967, being a 1979 Amador graduate and having been covering the EBAL since 1985 in one capacity or another, I have had the joy of watching some incredible athletes compete.

It's great for them to get their due.

Foothill volleyball

The Falcons picked up another pair of wins, moving one step closer to an EBAL title.

In their first match of the week, Foothill beat Carondelet by a 25-14, 25-21, 25-17 final.

Highlights came from Grayce Olson (24 kills, 8 service points), Katie Salonga (34 assists, 10 digs), Paige Bennett (8 kills, 11 digs, 8 service points) and Sruti Jonnalagadda (5 kills, 3 blocks).

Next up came a thriller, as Foothill battled to a 15-25, 23-25, 25-13, 25-15, 15-11 win over San Ramon Valley.

The team was led by Olson (29 kills, 14 digs), Salonga (42 assists, 12 service points), Bennett (12 kills, 17

digs) and Jo Modica (6 kills, 12 digs).

The pair of wins moved Foothill to 26-2 overall, and 15-1 in league play.

Old-school football

Foothill's 24-0 win over Livermore on Oct. 15 was a throwback to the golden days of high school football and it had nothing to do with anything on the field.

The game was played at Foothill and featured not only Foothill's band, but Livermore's band as they made the trip over to Pleasanton.

In the first half, the two bands went back and forth creating an old-school atmosphere like games I remember going to as a kid.

After Foothill's band performed at halftime, they exited as usual, leaving only the visiting team's band. And the Cowboys didn't disappoint, playing throughout the second half, keeping the festive feeling going.

Props must go out to the Cowboys' band for sticking it out throughout the game, which was refreshing to see, especially when you are used to seeing your band leave at halftime regularly. ■

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

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GHOSTS OF DUBLIN Brace yourself for an evening of spooky fun with a flashlight tour through the Dublin Historic Cemetery. See ghostly images of long dead pioneers in Old St. Raymond Church and peek inside the Kolb House. Event is recommended for ages 8 and up. 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 22-23. Visit dublin.ca.gov/1872/Ghosts-of-Dublin.

KIDZ TOWN HALLOWEEN HAY DAY Kidz Town Halloween Hay Day is held in historic Downtown Livermore, with children's activities, a costume contest, truck-or-treat and makers market. For children 5th grade and younger. 1-5 p.m., Oct. 30. Visit livermoredowntown.com.

MOVIE IN THE PARK Watch Hocus Pocus under the stars at the Robert Livermore Community Park, 4444 East Ave. Bring a chair, blanket and snacks. 6:30 p.m., Oct. 30. Free. For more information call 373-5700.

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN AT THE BANKHEAD The Family Film Series at the Bankhead Presents the film, Young Frankenstein, rated PG. This Mel Brooks' parody turns the classic horror story on its head. 3 p.m., Oct. 31. Tickets \$5.

G&M FARMS PUMPKIN PATCH & CORN MAZE The G & M Farms Pumpkin Patch in Livermore is so fun it was featured twice on the David Letterman Show. Bring the whole family. Oct. 1-31, closed Monday & Tuesday. Visit gmfarms.com. Tickets \$7-\$10. 487 East Airway Blvd.

JOAN'S FARM & PUMPKIN PATCH Joan's Farm & Pumpkin Patch in Livermore is open now through Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., closed on Monday's. Offering hay bale maze, picnic areas, pumpkin bowling and more. The Snack Shack offers hot dogs and pumpkin pie. 4351 Mines Rd. Visit joansfarm.com.

PIRATES OF EMERSON The Bay Area's Halloween tradition Pirates of Emerson returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Get ready to scream at this walk-through haunted attraction. 7:05-11 p.m., now through Oct. 31. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Music

"BACK TO BROADWAY" A SALUTE TO THE RETURN OF MUSICAL THEATRE Join David Burnham & Friends at the Firehouse Arts Center for an evening looking back and forward to The Broadway Musical. Burnham was last seen on Broadway in the mega-hit musical, "Wicked". 8 p.m., Oct. 23. 4444 Railroad Ave. Visit visitrivalley.com/events.

FREE POPS CONCERT The Livermore Amador Symphony and Element 116, a Livermore teen jazz band, invite music lovers to bring picnics and blankets to

enjoy a free Pops Concert on the lawn in front of the Bankhead Theater. 3 p.m., Oct. 23. 2400 1st St.

CIRQUE MECHANICS: BIRDHOUSE FACTORY The Bankhead Theater Presents Cirque Mechanics: Birdhouse Factory, a factory where the workers are acrobats and the machines are circus props. 8 p.m., Oct. 23. Tickets \$20-\$98. Visit livermorearts.org.

TRIBUTE TO BENNY GOODMAN AT CARNEGIE HALL Re-live a Magical Night Benny Goodman and his legendary band performed at Carnegie Hall and redefined the meaning of popular music. 3 p.m., Oct. 24. Tickets \$20-\$75. Visit livermoreperformingarts.org.

BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET AT THE BANKHEAD Branford Marsalis brings new energy and new audiences to jazz, expanding his talents and his horizons as a musician, composer, bandleader and educator. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 25. Visit livermorearts.org.

ALL THAT JAZZ The Firehouse Arts Center presents two-time Grammy award winner Mads Tolling, saxophonist Greg Johnson and multiple platinum record winner Frank Martin coming together to perform new arrangements and classic favorites. 8 p.m., Nov. 6. Visit firehousearts.org.

DAVID VICTOR'S SUPERGROUP SF David Victor's Supergroup SF features the greatest hits of the iconic San Francisco Bay Area music scene. Proceeds from this show at the Bankhead Theater benefit Harmony & Healing, a live music charity, which serves recovering patients and families. 8 p.m., Nov. 6. Visit livermorearts.org.

Theater

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER Las Positas College Theater Arts Department presents the Tony Award-winning play "Peter and the Starcatcher", the story of a miserable orphan boy who becomes Peter Pan. Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 5-7. Tickets \$10-\$20. Visit www.laspositascollege.edu/theater.

Comedy

COURTYARD COMEDY Courtyard Comedy at the Bankhead presents Brian Maggi, a Bay Area comedy staple, host and creator of Adulterd. 5:30 p.m., Oct. 22. Tickets \$20. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE DAILY SHOW WRITERS COMEDY TOUR The longest-running program on Comedy Central, join four of the funniest Daily Show writers as they share more of the jokes that make Americans laugh. 8 p.m., Oct. 30. Bankhead Theater, tickets \$20-\$78. Visit livermorearts.org.

Family

TRAIN OF LIGHTS NOW ON SALE Take the whole family on an enchanting holiday excursion through Niles Canyon filled with music, cheer and refreshments aboard antique coaches and open cars featuring holiday lights and decorations inside and out. Visit ncry.org/ride/train-of-lights.

SCIENCE AND MAGIC SHOW The Livermore Public Library is hosting a Science and Magic show where attendees experience a live, in-person show that explores the science behind the tricks. This is a free outdoor event, 1 p.m., Nov. 6. Visit livermorelibrary.net. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Exhibits

EIGHTS TAKES: CALIFORNIA IMPRESSIONISM The Harrington Art Gallery presents, "Eight Takes: California Impressionism", with nationally known Northern California impressionist artists. Now through Oct. 30. Visit firehousearts.org.

SCARY ART SHOW IN DUBLIN F. CO. Gallery in Dublin is hosting a Scary Art Show now through Oct. 31. 7038 Village Pkwy.

Talks

NATGEO LIVE: AMI VITALE "WILD HOPE" Photographer and filmmaker Ami Vitale shares her personal odyssey from documenting the heartbreaking realities of war to witnessing the inspiring power of an individual to make a difference. Her award-winning work illuminates the unsung heroes and communities working to protect our wildlife and find harmony in our natural world. 7 p.m., Nov. 3. Visit natgeo.blackhawkmuseum.org/

Fundraisers

ROTARY CHILI COOKOFF Enjoy a fun-filled day of local music, wine, beer, arts and crafts and the best chili in town. Rotary of Livermore is hosting their first annual Chili Cook Off at Carnegie Park. Admission is free and all ages are welcome. Funds raised will support local community grant programs. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 23.

WINE & WAGS Livermore Valley wineries are partnering with animal rescue organizations to promote dog adoptions with Wine & Wags. More than 20 local wineries have partnered with 13 Bay Area animal rescues to host a day of wine tasting, dog adoptions and fun activities for man and his best friend. Advance tickets \$30. 12-4:30 p.m., Oct. 30. Visit lwine.org/events.

Book Sale

HALLOWEEN BOOK SALE Join Friends of the Pleasanton Library for a one day book sale with book sets, DVDs and CDs in pristine condition. Kids

PET OF THE WEEK



PHOTO CREDIT

Meet Pongo

Pongo is one playful pup! Estimated to be between 1-4 years old, he is a persistent snuggler whose personality is perky. He is popular with other pet pals and is a promising permanent addition to your pad. Learn more about Pongo at valleyhumane.org. Email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process.

and their families are invited to wear Halloween costumes and enjoy a "fun zone" during the book sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 30, outside the Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Fairs

ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR The rescheduled 2021 Alameda County Fair is back with all the Fair favorites and will comply with all State and local health requirements. Guests will be required to pre-purchase tickets online for specific dates and attendance will be limited. Oct. 22-31. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR The 4th annual Holiday Craft Fair at the Pleasanton Hacienda Mobile Home Park Clubhouse. All products are hand/home made by juried crafts people. Masks required. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 23. 3231 Vineyard Ave.

LIVERMORE HOLIDAY VILLAGE Livermore Downtown is seeking artists, crafters and makers selling holiday gift items as Carnegie Park is transformed into a magical holiday village, 4-8 p.m., Dec. 3. If interested contact events@livermoredowntown.com.

Government

TRI-VALLEY MAYORS' SUMMIT The 2021 Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit luncheon will be held in the wine country offering great food and networking opportunities. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 28. Tickets \$75. Visit livermorechamber.org.

VIRTUAL STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS WITH REBECCA BAUER-KAHAN Presented by the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, join Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan for this State of the District address where she'll discuss budget highlights that focus on recovery and resiliency for all sectors of the community, bills in her legislative package that are now law and updates that spotlight Assembly District 16. 1-2 p.m., Nov. 4. Visit sanramon.org.

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION The Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next teleconference

meeting is 7 p.m., Oct. 27. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular Board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. Meetings of the board will be virtual via Zoom until further notice. The next meeting is 6 p.m., Oct. 28. Visit pleasantonUSD.net.

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., Oct. 25. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

Scholarships

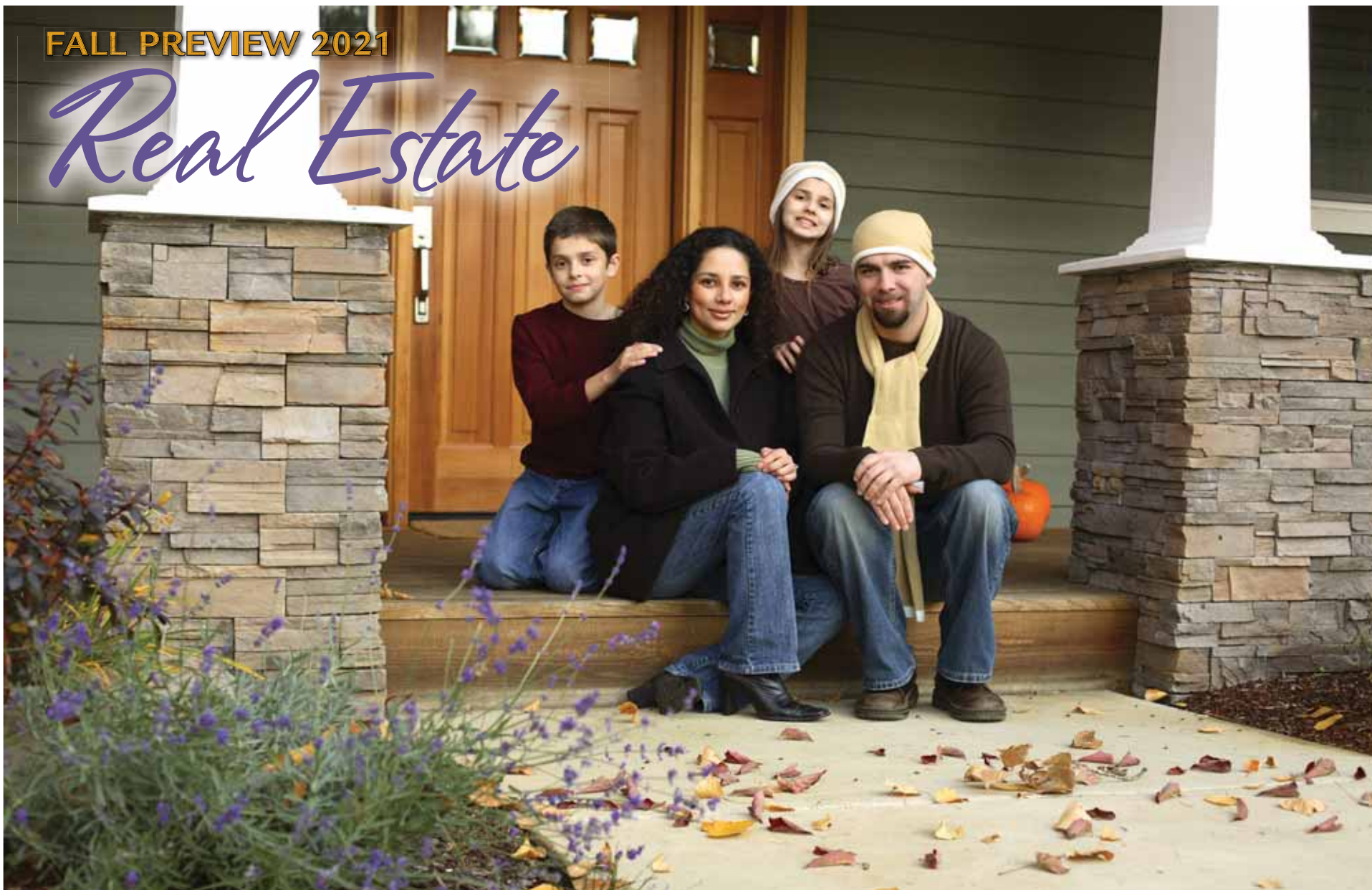
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6298, Voice Of Democracy Essay Contest is open to middle and high school students with an opportunity to express themselves regarding democratic and patriotic themed topics. Applications are due by midnight October 31, 2021. Visit pleasantonvfw.org.

Seniors

PLEASANTON RIDES FOR SENIORS Serving eligible Pleasanton seniors with transportation needs throughout Pleasanton and select destinations in the Tri-Valley. Pleasanton Rides is a door-to-door service. Contact 398-1045.

VIRTUAL SMARTPHONE TRAINING Attend a free online smartphone training and learn how to operate the basic functions of a smartphone. This is a two-part training offered multiple times each month. Call 510-207-8609 or email: clin@ddtp.org.

WOODSHOP AT THE SENIOR CENTER Discover the joy of wood working and take advantage of the opportunity to use state-of-the art equipment. A woodshop monitor is available for assistance. 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Pleasanton Senior Center. \$5.75 resident; \$6.75 non-resident.



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Real Estate

Tri-Valley market shifting as 2021 comes to an end

Weary homebuyers may have more options during 2022

BY DAVID STARK

Wearry homebuyers, looking for a break, may have something to look forward to in Pleasanton during 2022.

Buyer behavior has shifted during the second half of 2021 and is likely to continue into next year said Tina Hand, 2021 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors.

“Homebuyers in general are finding less competition when they bid on properties,” Hand



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Tina Hand, 2021 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors.

said. “A lot of buyers still have some fatigue; they’ve been in the market a long time and they’ve been outbid a lot.”

She explained that historically high sales prices have taken their toll and there are simply fewer buyers in the market. Hand said buyers, “are still waiting for prices to come down more even though we have seen price adjustments.”

The number of pending sales in Pleasanton peaked at 87 during April then stabilized during May, June and July. During August, pending sales dropped to 57 and then 54 during September. This trend indicates flagging buyer enthusiasm also reflected in sales prices.

From August to September, the median sales price for a single-family home in Pleasanton dropped from \$1.79 million to \$1.56 million. This change was only one of the few times during 2021 that sales prices decreased month-to-month.

Hand said buyers are backing off and sellers aren’t used to that. Asked how sellers are responding, Hand said, “I think they are a bit surprised that they aren’t getting

the prices we were seeing even as recently as August and the beginning of September. They haven’t quite woken to the fact that the market is shifting.”

“Sellers had been getting 15 or 20 multiple bids going \$200,000 to \$400,000 over the asking price,

and that’s not happening,” she said.

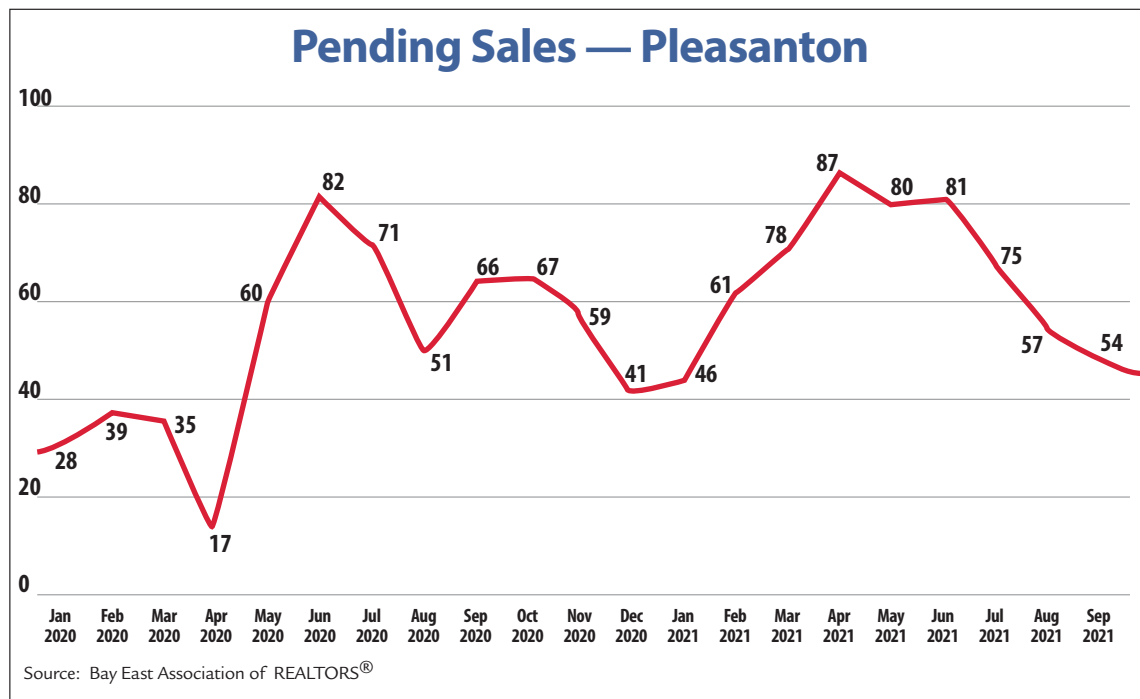
Hand said changes in the overall cost of living are dampening buyer enthusiasm.

“People are starting to see fuel prices increase, food prices increase; I think that’s another fac-

tor in why people may be backing off a little bit,” she added. “We’ve got inflation going on and I think that scares people. Especially first-time homebuyers are a little skittish and going to wait to see

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Pending Sales — Pleasanton



Walnut Grove ~ an Island Oasis on the "Delta"

- 3,634 sq.ft. of living space
- 3 Bdr plus a bonus room
- 15,638 lot
- detached 3 car garage with potential apartment above the garage
- 86 Ft of Waterfront access

Presented at **\$1,650,000**

17322 Grand Island Rd

Paradise Found just outside the San Francisco Bay and

Sacramento areas. As you cross the small bridge, you are welcomed onto the **private island**, where the busy-ness of life seems to melt away. Imagine a place where boating, spectacular sunset views, and fishing become your new normal. This custom home overlooks the Sacramento River with 85 feet of waterfront property. This home will become your shelter, your oasis, your home-office, and your favorite place to be. If been thinking about making a change to a simpler way of being, this just might be the nudge you've been waiting for.



Pleasanton

1369 Briones Court

5 BD, 4.5 BA + bonus room | 4,005 SqFt.

SOLD at \$2,915,000

It was my pleasure to represent the Seller's in the sale of their home. They were able to sell quickly securing confidence to close on their new home.



Pleasanton

4550 Gatetree Circle

4 BD, 2 BA | 1,808 SqFt.

Presented at: \$1,515,000

Sold for: \$1,815,000

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



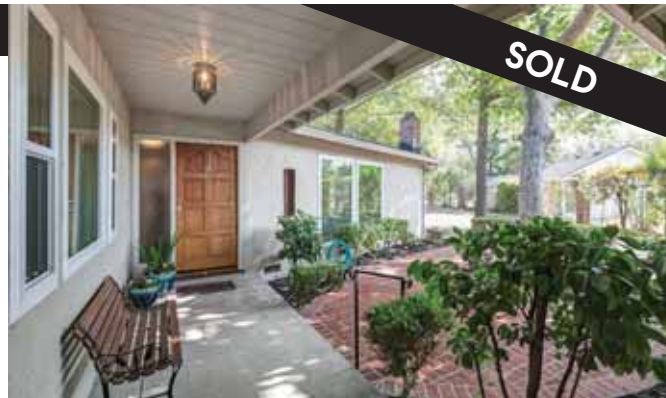
Danville

391 Glen Arms Drive

3 BD, 3 BA | 2,104 +/- SqFt | 25,850 +/- SqFt lot.

SOLD at \$1,476,000

This property, located near the heart of Danville's downtown area, backs to a creek, mature trees surround the home with a setting of utter tranquility. A classic breezeway entry welcomes you with a lovely shade tree & a brick courtyard. The home offered a generous side yard access with a detached garage.



We only had one choice for an agent when we started the search to buy our first home: Kris Moxley! Pretty much everyone we know who has purchased or sold a home in the Tri-Valley went through Kris and she came highly recommended! Kris was patient with our questions and attentive to our needs. Her confidence and experience gave us peace of mind, especially when it came to putting in an offer. We were also grateful to have her with us for the house inspections so that she could share her wisdom with us. Kris remained in touch with us long after we closed on our house, offering to field any questions that arose in our first year of home ownership. Most memorably, however, were all of the personal touches she provided along the way. We highly recommend Kris to anyone looking to buy their first home in the Tri-Valley!

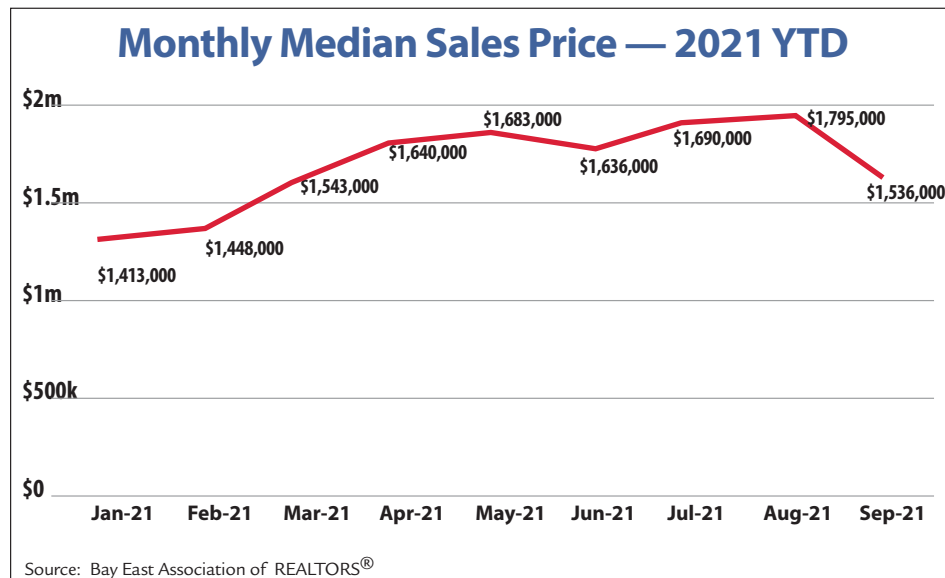
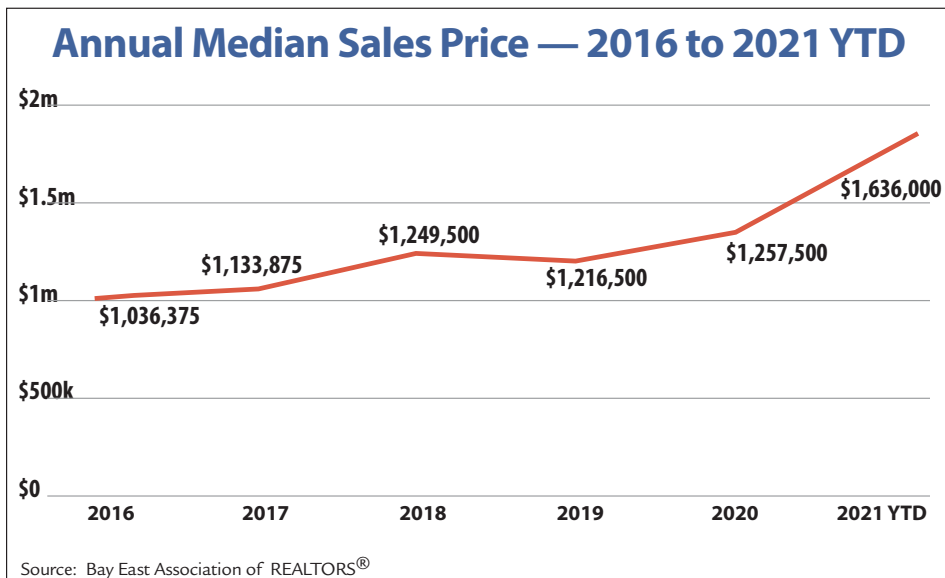
– Patrick and Alicia

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what happens.

While the month-to-month price changes from August to September are surprising, they don't yet point to a larger shift in home sales prices. The median sales price for a home in Pleasanton during 2020 was a little more than \$1.25 million. From January through August 2021, the median sales price was more than \$1.6 million.

Hand said, "There's talk about a 'housing bubble' but the factors just aren't there; this is not 2008. What happened then is not going to happen in 2021."

Looking ahead, Hand said buyers should

be positive, with potentially more options. "More inventory coming on the market helps homebuyers who are moving up, or moving down or first-time homebuyers — whatever the case may be."

Asked when the 2022 real estate season will begin, Hand predicted, "I'm going to bet we see it begin the very end of December or by the middle of January. With the positive news that the '1031 exchanges' will be around, that will make a difference with both residential and commercial real estate." ■

Editor's note: David Stark is the chief of public affairs and communications officer for the Bay East Association of Realtors, based in Pleasanton.

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (July 26-30)

Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$510,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,300,000
Average sales reported: \$1,425,000

Livermore (July 26-30)

Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: \$600,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,800,000
Average sales reported: \$1,119,500

Dublin (July 26-30)

Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$468,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,100,000
Average sales reported: \$1,112,500

San Ramon (Sept. 13-17)

Total sales reported: 29
Lowest sale reported: \$575,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,750,000
Average sales reported: \$1,399,000

Source: California REsource

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Pleasanton

1140 Hopkins Way

4 bedrooms/3.5 baths | 3016 SF/9779 SF Lot

Welcome to the coveted neighborhood of Ventana Hills. This 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath "Carmel" model is gorgeously updated throughout. This home boasts a remodeled eat in, gourmet kitchen with granite island, custom cabinets and stainless-steel appliances. Wait til you see the Thermador gas range and hood, perfect for cooking up large meals for family and friends. The home has 2 suites, primary on the street level and second suite upstairs. Both have updated bathrooms, a walk in shower in the primary and double sinks. Flooring includes hardwood flooring, new carpet and tile in kitchen and bathrooms. Perfect private lot that has a view of the Pleasanton Ridge, with a pool, with solar and a built-in outdoor Bull gas BBQ. The home includes plantation shutters, dazzling light fixtures in entry and dining areas, fresh interior paint through most rooms. Ventana Hills is located near the 680 freeway for easy access, Mission Hills Park, shopping and downtown Pleasanton is within walking distance.

Offered at \$2,249,000

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PENDING

7508 FLAGSTONE DRIVE, PLEASANTON

3 BD | 2 BA | 1,877 SF

OFFERED AT \$1,674,000

PLEASANTON OAK PARK



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)**

ROSE PARK



PENDING

1564 POPPYBANK COURT, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 3 BA | 1900 SF

OFFERED AT \$1,239,000

LITTLE VALLEY



SOLD

3501 LITTLE VALLEY ROAD, SUNOL

3 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,020 SF

SOLD FOR \$2,200,000

ROSE PARK



SOLD

1558 POPPYBANK COURT, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 3 BA | 1,900 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,280,000

VINTAGE HILLS



SOLD

529 MALBEC COURT, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,050 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,560,000

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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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 26-30 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Sept. 13-17 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 6473 Alvard Way** Gunampally Family Trust to S. & R. Veeramani for \$1,400,000
- 5459 Black Avenue #1** M. & M. Masajlo to J. & S. Leela for \$740,000
- 6871 Calle Altamira** Olebe Family Trust to M. & S. Kundu for \$1,702,000
- 3054 Camino Del Cino** A. & J. Brabender to N. & S. Hariharan for \$1,730,000
- 873 Chateau Heights Court** Gadkari Family Trust to Aravind Family Trust for \$2,914,000
- 2508 Corte Rivera** A. Perez-Barrios to Y. & S. Somani for \$1,635,000
- 7822 Creekside Drive** A. Hanyu-Deutmeyer to M. & V. Kini for \$1,020,000
- 3202 Curtis Circle** L. & S. Crepeau to Puppala Family Trust for \$2,550,000
- 2104 Eilene Drive** Juilanmore LLC to Y. & K. Fu for \$1,450,000
- 3705 Gettysburg Court** R. Gallagher to R. Desai for \$975,000.00
- 6548 Hansen Drive** Rao Family Trust to A. & R. Venkata for \$1,665,000
- 4168 Jensen Street** Pires Trust to S. Kaur for \$950,000
- 969 Kottinger Drive** Reynolds Living Trust to Point Green Home Solutions LLC for \$1,200,000
- 2958 Liberty Drive** Konapozhil Family Trust to K. Kaja for \$1,075,000
- 5428 Montalvo Court** Mataras Family Trust to R. & A. Subramanian for \$1,100,000
- 4266 Muirwood Drive** I. Silveira to Redwood Holdings LLC for \$1,255,000
- 3433 Norton Way #14** C. Keyser to P. Li for \$530,000
- 2248 Oakland Avenue** Fraga Trust to J. & Y. Kim for \$1,400,000
- 1889 Paseo Del Cajon** Bethune Trust to V. & R. Kulkarni for \$1,615,000

- 5621 Paseo Navarro J. & W.** Reilly to T. & A. Chopra for \$1,890,000
- 1869 Plumeria Court** M. Alotoom to S. & K. Hyung for \$1,350,000
- 1558 Poppybank Court** R. & R. Li to A. & V. Kalkunte for \$1,280,000
- 5681 San Jose Drive** Frt Trust to A. & V. Venkatesan for \$2,280,000
- 2216 Segundo Court #2** S. Henneman to L. & N. Cassel for \$510,000
- 4545 Tahoe Court L. & D.** Corbett to L. & P. Manjunath for \$1,685,000
- 2512 Tapestry Way** S. Vallinayagam to S. & G. Misra for \$1,630,000
- 3169 Tonopah Court** N. Korada to X. & T. Sun for \$735,000
- 4366 Valley Avenue #D3** L. Li to I. & T. Andreescu for \$946,000
- 1714 Valley Avenue** Hirotaka Trust to M. & A. Deshmukh for \$1,690,000
- 6179 Via De Los Cerros** Shah Trust to Y. & H. Liu for \$1,880,000
- 738 Vineyard Terrace** Matheson Trust to K. & J. Fillmore for \$3,300,000
- 1347 Vintner Way** L. King to A. & N. Ueno for \$1,740,000

Livermore

- 4267 Amherst Way** D. Therres to A. & K. Krishnamoorthy for \$1,015,000
- 389 Basswood Common #12** J. Cimino to S. & S. Bradford for \$805,000
- 1161 Butte Court** E. Valentine to Cornerstone Cap Invs LLC for \$780,000
- 2637 Calistoga Court** Stafford Trust to E. & N. Stuempfig for \$1,900,000
- 1689 Calle Del Rey** J. Alviso to T. Siddiqui for \$825,000
- 2275 Chateau Way** Mercier Trust to J. Norvell for \$1,325,000
- 1396 Chelsea Way** Randolph Living Trust to Rescue Home Now LLC for \$1,100,000

- 1590 Cheryl Drive** C. Wu to L. & T. Russo for \$1,480,000
- 2477 Chestnut Street** A. & B. Weeck to N. & R. Chauhan for \$750,000
- 4012 Compton Court** J. Norvell to C. & R. Beard for \$830,000
- 260 Covellite Lane** A. & R. Oberg to Y. & Z. Zhang for \$1,180,000
- 1791 Creek Road** Hallahan Trust to K. & R. Kimball for \$1,620,000
- 1658 Dawn Street** K. Mapes to T. & K. Manyasthien for \$1,114,000
- 892 Del Norte Drive** Laffoon Living Trust to A. & W. Danko for \$1,580,000
- 419 El Caminito** S. & G. Sullivan to Bigley Family Trust for \$1,001,000
- 1146 Essex Street** J. & R. Moore to Zhang Family Trust for \$1,125,000
- 6416 Forget Me Not** M. & S. Blake to M. Golden for \$645,000
- 6314 Forget Me Not** A. & G. Lopez to F. & J. Atuegbu for \$600,000
- 2887 Hoya Common** M. & J. Towne to E. & O. Mora for \$1,150,000
- 1596 Justine Court** M. & M. Mac to Tunnicliffe Living Trust for \$1,700,000
- 385 Kensington Common** L. & S. Cromwell to T. & L. Brunettin for \$870,000
- 2210 Leccino Court** R. & L. Hudson to A. Sidhu for \$2,800,000
- 2910 Lucca Circle** Ray Living Trust to M. & S. Sheldrick for \$1,800,000
- 2278 Normandy Circle** E. & S. Beard to A. & M. Spiller for \$2,050,000
- 549 Regulus Road** Goldsmith Trust to M. & S. Wasee for \$1,800,000
- 294 Scherman Way** Lechner Family Trust to M. & A. Mitragotri for \$1,301,500
- 205 Stratus Common** S. Venna to L. & S. Bukka for \$912,000
- 748 Tranquility Circle #4** R. Stanko to Libby Family Trust for \$970,000

- 1390 Winding Stream Drive** K. & C. Blevins to L. & M. Stapenhorst for \$1,102,000
- 675 Yorkshire Court** T. & B. Ragusa to K. & A. Banerjee for \$1,475,000

Dublin

- 2725 Alliston Loop** S. Walia to A. & N. Kasireddy for \$1,630,000
- 5313 Asterwood Drive** R. Jose to Monina Living Trust for \$631,000
- 5372 Campus Drive** V. Shrikrishna to S. & A. Deshmukh for \$1,081,000
- 3335 Central Parkway** S. Seaton to A. & P. Konatham for \$1,280,000
- 2527 Cipriani** E. Chang to D. & P. Jariwala for \$1,780,000
- 4337 Clarinbridge Circle** J. Boyd to A. & V. Agrawal for \$847,000
- 4200 Clarinbridge Circle** Lee Family Trust to Macneil Trust for \$640,000
- 7354 Dover Lane** T. & A. Fleming to L. Faiz for \$1,150,000
- 3420 Finnian Way #314** J. Wei to A. & S. Chowdhury for \$722,000
- 7856 Gate Way** M. Krishnaraj to P. & P. Bansal for \$865,000
- 4343 Healdsburg Way** S. Rama to N. & V. Dasika for \$1,360,000
- 6026 Hillbrook Place** G. Dixit to A. & A. Ranjan for \$1,320,000
- 5867 Kingsmill Terrace** Doig Family Trust to J. Pang for \$3,100,000
- 7477 Limerick Avenue** Sms Trust to M. Fordham for \$1,125,000

Source: California REsource

Editor's note: The full list of Home Sales reported in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon during this period can be found with the online version of this story at PleasantonWeekly.com.

"The Garden House Model" in Pleasanton Valley

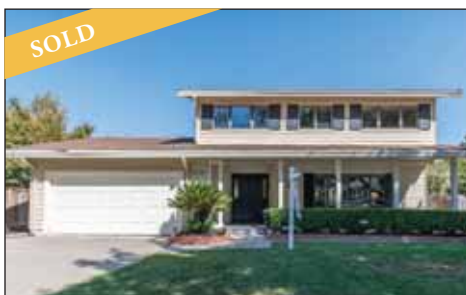


SALE PENDING
VISIT 1546RIDGEWOODROAD.COM FOR MORE PHOTOS AND INFORMATION.
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1546 Ridgewood Road Pleasanton

4 BR and 2 BA (2 BR and 1 BA down stairs), large lot with spa, side yard access, storage shed, patio for entertaining, and room for whatever your vision may be. The front porch offers an area to sit and have a cup of coffee or glass of wine. Walk to all school levels, local parks, shopping, post office and Downtown Pleasanton.

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1733 Baywood Court Pleasanton

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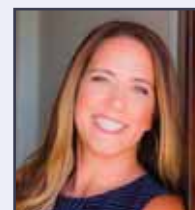


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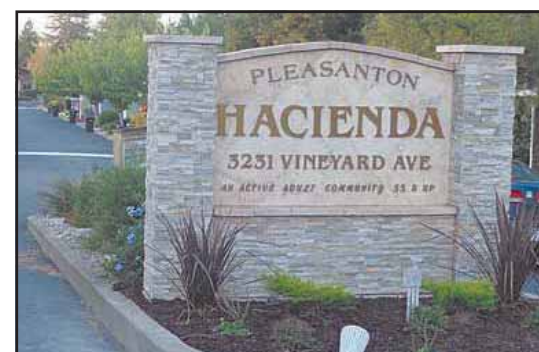
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About Hacienda Park:

Pleasanton Hacienda is an Active Adult Community in the heart of Pleasanton, California. It is a mobile home park with 149 spaces. It is considered an affordable alternative for people who are looking for a quiet hometown feel. The clubhouse is a hub for activity and there's always someone to chat with.

You'll enjoy the wooded landscape with its towering redwood trees and tranquil walking paths. Behind each home is a path that meanders throughout the park.

Pleasanton Hacienda Mobile Home Park is a wonderful choice for you if you are over 55 and are looking for a nice, quiet, friendly community to call home.



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