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VALLEY VIEWS



By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Support during scary times

Last Sunday's Veterans Day Parade was dedicated to Pleasanton Military Families, with founders Chris Miller and Pat Frizzell and current president Kim Beatty serving as grand marshals.

Miller organized Pleasanton Military Families as a support group during the Gulf War in 1991, and he and Frizzell started it up again in 2003 when we went to war in the Mideast following the attacks of 9/11. At that time, reservists were called up to active duty and young people enlisted, leaving families to cope with uncertainty and fears as well as wanting to help their troops.

Several times a year, members have gathered for "packouts," to assemble care packages (food, toiletries, books, games, etc.) to mail to troops overseas. And when military members return, they are thrown a party in front of their home, complete with music, city officials and the Warriors' Watch Riders motorcycle brigade.

The organization grew quickly, received its 501(c)3 nonprofit status, and held big fundraisers to pay for mailing the care packages, which cost around \$20 each. At Miller's request, we began to mail the Pleasanton Weekly to the PMF's list of those serving in the Mideast.

Now, I wondered, with the U.S. military out of Afghanistan and our combat operations in Iraq winding down, what is happening with the group? A phone call to president Kim Beatty brought me up to date.

Kim's son Alex, a Foothill High grad, joined the U.S. Marine Corps toward the end of 2009 and was stationed at Camp Pendleton in a unit that had just returned from a deployment.

"I was at Safeway one day and ran into someone I knew," Kim recalled. "Her son was in the Marine Corps and she had a business card for PMF. She said, 'You've got to contact these people.'"

Kim, her husband and daughter went to the Christmas meeting and found it informative — and fun.

"When your kid or spouse go into the military there is no handbook about it, what to know and what to expect," Kim said. "You even have to learn the talk: What's this 'MOS'?" (It's "military occupational specialties.")

But it was about more than learning the lingo. She saw that everyone

at the party was in high spirits.

"OK, if they're all happy, it will get better," Kim remembered realizing. "And it certainly did."

Currently PMF has about 250 families on the mailing list but a core group of about 20 is "pretty tight," she told me, and they reach out to take new military families under their wing. But things are winding down.

"We used to have monthly support group meetings but they have gone by the wayside because of COVID," Kim said. "We still do three packouts a year, in March, June and November."

Just a handful of local troops are deployed now, she noted, but they are averaging about 200 care packages per packout, sending some to special forces units.

PMF's last homecoming celebration was in January.

"He was very surprised," Kim said. "These kids are very humble — they don't think they've done anything special."

A few years ago, she volunteered to emcee the homecomings.

"Their family will surround them at the end, and I give them the mic and they say their thank-yous," she said. "What is so cool is that 99% of them are so articulate."

Now PMF is struggling for new members, Kim said.

"Have we run our mission?" she asked. "We have met on that topic. We kind of keep putting it out there. It's sad, but it's not a bad thing that we've run our mission."

"They started out as this little group, and I think they met every week," she added, "It was bad back then, so scary."

Kim said her son Alex, discharged in 2013, used his G.I. Bill to attend Northwest Lineman College and works in the field of electrical lines and systems where he enjoys the camaraderie of his co-workers much as he did in the Marines.

And she continues with PMF, which was there for her when she needed it.

"It's the greatest group of friends that a person could hope for," she said. ■

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

Residents lined Main Street in Pleasanton to watch as dozens of veteran organizations, local leaders and community groups took part in the festive Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, which returned to downtown last Sunday after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXII, Number 42



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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What are your working conditions like these days, and how is that working out for you?



Juli Carter *Legal assistant*

I have a hybrid situation where I work 60% in the office and 40% at home. Being at the office is just great, but getting there and back really sucks. The daily commute makes me acutely aware of the amount of time I waste in that regard every day. But at the same time, it makes me appreciate how not-awful my current situation is because I don't have to do that every workday.



Sierra Randall *Special education teacher*

At the beginning of COVID we were all entirely remote, and that was really tough. We were then hybrid for awhile, which also was very difficult. We are now fully back in our classrooms in person, and that is great. Overall things feel largely normal, and it is so wonderful for teachers and students to all be back together again, physically, in the same place.



David Delgadillo *Chemist*

As someone who works under a fume hood, I had no choice but to be working at my place of business the whole time. I spent so much time working all by myself at my place of business, being so envious of my friends and also my co-workers who had the luxury of working from home. Now many people are back at work and we have our camaraderie and real interaction back.



Zach Peffer *College student/server*

I am a full-time remote student and a part-time server physically at my place of business. Doing school from home has been OK, but it has been really helpful being able to get out into the community. I think it would be much more difficult to be a college student, entirely remotely, if I weren't able to have the human contact that I have through work.



Jonathan Thames *Lawyer*

Right now I'm working three days in the office and two days at home. Honestly, I liked working entirely remotely during the height of COVID because I felt like I was more productive working from home. But I am happily adjusting to spending a significant amount of time in the office again because I think it is so critical for collaboration and training purposes.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Goodguys car show

The Goodguys Rod and Custom Association is holding its 31st Autumn Get-Together at the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend.

More than 2,500 American-made or -powered hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars and trucks of all years will fill the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Other attractions and activities will include the Indoor Muscle Car Show, Veterans Day celebrations, Goodguys Auto-Cross, Burn Out Competition, Swap Meet and Cars 4 Sale Corral, Kids Zone and Nitro Thunderfest Dragster Exhibition.

The event runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday (Nov. 13-14). For tickets and more information, visit www.good-guys.com.

Prayer Breakfast

The annual Tri-Valley Prayer Breakfast is returning in-person this year, with organizer City-Serve of the Tri-Valley presenting the morning event on Nov. 22 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on Johnson Drive in Pleasanton.

"Attendees will enjoy breakfast, prayer, music and a special message from guest speaker Dr. John Jackson, president of William Jessup University-Rocklin Campus," the nonprofit said. The ninth annual Prayer Breakfast is part of CityServe's "Season of Serving" this fall and winter. Visit cityservecares.org to learn more.

Turkey Drop

The sixth annual Mony Nop Turkey Drop, organized by local Realtor Mony Nop to benefit Tri-Valley Haven, will be back next Sunday (Nov. 21) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Livermore City Hall at 1052 S. Livermore Ave.

Supporting local families in need this holiday season, the Turkey Drop aims to help "make sure that all families will get a turkey at Thanksgiving," Tri-Valley Haven officials said.

On the event day, residents can drop off a frozen turkey, gift card or cash donation. Contributions can also be made at the Grocery Outlet on Railroad Avenue in Livermore this month. For more information, visit www.trivalleyhaven.org. ■

Correction

Last week's photo item "Tom Petty tribute band at Firehouse" listed an incorrect date for the concert. The Big Jangle Band's show at the Firehouse Arts Center will be held on Nov. 20. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

Pleasanton Unified, teachers union reps reach tentative agreement in negotiations

Deal headed to APT members for ratification vote next week, then to school board Nov. 18

By JULIA BAUM

Less than a month after a strike was authorized by its members, the Association of Pleasanton Teachers has reached a "tentative agreement" with the Pleasanton Unified School District in the two sides' ongoing contract negotiations.

Superintendent David Haglund said he was "pleased to inform" the PUSD community about the development in a message on Monday.

"We are grateful to the participants of both negotiation teams for their focused efforts to bring this settlement together," Haglund said. He did not detail specific terms included in the proposed tentative agreement.

APT President Michelle VerKuilen did not respond to requests for comment as of press time Tuesday. Members of the union recently held several rallies outside the district administration office during meetings of the Board of Trustees to share their message.

According to Haglund, the agreement will be brought to APT members for ratification during the next week, then presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval at the district's regular meeting on Nov. 18.

In mid-October, more than 98% of PUSD's collective bargaining unit members who participated in internal balloting voted to allow a strike once state-mandated impasse procedures have been "exhausted".

An impasse between APT and PUSD was declared in September, around the same time the California Teachers Association (CTA) also requested to enter fact-finding.

The district did not provide any details about the newly proposed agreement, citing the need to wait for the union's ratification vote. Before the impasse was declared, PUSD had proposed a two-year compensation package (2020-2022) that they said is equivalent to a 5% compensation increase.

When the strike authorization vote was first announced last month, union representatives said PUSD was "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."

The teachers union also said health benefits are not included in certificated salaries, and that their members "are currently paying an average of \$14,000 or more a year to provide medical insurance for themselves and their families," with costs expected to rise up to 23.75%, depending on the plan, by next year.

Members have also pushed for smaller classes and class loads, individualized support for special education students, and offering "competitive compensation" to retain and recruit more educators. ■



ALLISON + PARTNERS

The property that housed the now-defunct Livermore Valley Charter School just north of the Airway Boulevard freeway interchange has been converted to an office park occupied by 13 individual businesses.

Former site of Livermore charter school converted to office park; units sell for \$29M

Startups, notary, childcare center among new occupants

By CIERRA BAILEY

Montevina Business Park — formerly the site of Livermore Valley Charter School — has been sold to 13 individual owners for a total of \$29 million.

Livermore Valley Charter School and Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory high school shuttered their doors on June 13, 2017, after the company that operated the schools, Tri-Valley Learning Corporation, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Upon completion of the academic term and following the clo-

sure of both schools, the LVJUSD Board of Education revoked both of the company's charters, and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission brought charges against two Tri-Valley Learning Corporation officials for violation of federal securities law, according to LVJUSD.

The entire campus vacated by the charter school, which is located at 3142 Constitution Drive in Livermore, is now occupied by owner-users of varying industries and services including unions, startups, a notary, a childcare cen-

ter, a music school and an emergency services training facility.

Colliers, a diversified professional services and investment management company, completed the sale of the 88,200 square-foot commercial site earlier this year, the firm said in a statement on Monday.

Redwood Property Investors — an Oakland-based real estate investment, development and operating company — retained Colliers' senior vice presidents Larry Easterly and Benjamin Harrison

Council reviews climate goals

Climate Action Plan 2.0 outlines range of actions for future

By JULIA BAUM

Two sets of primary and secondary actions recommended for addressing climate change in Pleasanton were presented to the Pleasanton City Council last week, giving residents an updated look at the city's proposed Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0.

Recommendations in CAP 2.0 include a set of 15 primary actions, and 10 secondary actions. City leaders, staff and stakeholders have suggested more than 150 actions since the draft's initial review last year, when work on the document began.

The final version of CAP 2.0 will include an itemization of the city's goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other local-level actions to combat climate change.

Staff said the most significant change based on outreach was existing building electrification, of which "concerns were raised regarding existing building electrification mandates" during that time.

"Given the concerns regarding regulatory aspects of this action that were daylighted throughout the outreach process, the action was modified to remove the regulatory components of this action," staff said. "The action

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Supervisor Chan dies after being hit by car while walking dog

Bay Area leaders pay tribute to 'trailblazer' of county and state politics

"North star," "trailblazer," and "one of our strongest leaders" are some of the terms Bay Area elected officials used to describe Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, who died after being struck by a car last week in Alameda.



Wilma Chan

Police responded just after 8 a.m. Nov. 3 to Shoreline Drive and Grand Street after someone reported the collision. Chan had been walking

her dog Maggie when the collision occurred.

Chan, who had also served in the State Assembly earlier in her political career, suffered a head injury and was taken to Highland Hospital where she died at 2:30 p.m., her office said in a statement. She was 72.

"This is such a devastating loss," State Sen. Nancy Skinner (D-Oakland), said in a statement.

"Wilma Chan was an absolute trailblazer and a decades-long champion for those in need," Skinner said. "She was not only the first Asian American elected to the Alameda County Board

of Supervisors, but she was also the first woman and the first Asian American to serve as State Assembly Majority Leader."

"She was passionate about expanding health care and protecting Californians, especially families of color, from environmental toxins," Skinner said. "She was also instrumental in saving San Leandro Hospital, an essential East Bay institution, from closure."

Fellow Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, whose district includes Pleasanton, shared thoughts about his late colleague in his weekly

e-newsletter.

"Over the past four decades Wilma and I were at times close collaborators in the unincorporated areas of Alameda County, at times opponents on some County issues, but the deep admiration and respect I held and will always hold for her remained a common thread between us," Miley wrote.

"She was a fierce advocate for those who many times had no voice, an accomplished and beloved elected official, and a tireless visionary in shaping policy in our County and paving the way for many Asian American

and Pacific Islander electeds to follow in her footsteps," he continued, adding:

"It is no exaggeration to say we have lost a legend and will grieve this loss for some time to come. May her name always be synonymous with fearless progress and the power of one."

Supervisor David Haubert, who represents Dublin and Livermore in District 1, wrote on Twitter, "I am deeply saddened by the tragic loss of my colleague, Alameda County

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Dolan to serve as interim city manager for Pleasanton

Recruitment for permanent leader could take up to six months

By **JULIA BAUM**

Pleasanton assistant city manager Brian Dolan is poised to be appointed interim city manager starting next month while a recruitment effort is underway to find a permanent replacement for outgoing City Manager Nelson Fialho, who is set to retire



Brian Dolan

after Thanksgiving, city officials announced last week.

After 31 years of public service, Fialho — who oversaw a spectrum of city functions and worked for five mayors and 19 council members during his 25 years with the city — will step down from his job on Nov. 30.

Pending contract approval by the council, Dolan is expected to serve as interim city manager during the transition period, effective Dec. 1, according to officials.

Dolan was previously the city director of community development for seven years, overseeing planning, building, code enforcement and engineering activities across the city, as well as working on the fourth cycle Housing Element, implementing the Staples Ranch Specific Plan, and initial planning of the Workday headquarters development.

In a statement to the Weekly, Dolan said, "I'm looking forward to working with the council, the staff and the

community as interim city manager to continue to address the issues at hand and further implementation of city workplan priorities."

After interviewing several executive recruiting firms, the Pleasanton City Council selected Avery Associates, which "will work with the council to identify and present a slate of strong candidates for the council to interview," officials said in a statement on Nov. 3.

Officials said, "The firm will focus

on finding an excellent match for the organization and the community" during the search for Fialho's replacement, which is expected to take between four to six months. A starting date for the new city manager is anticipated in early 2022.

Dolan's contract terms as interim city manager is expected to be included in next Tuesday's council meeting agenda, officials said. The staff report had not been released as of press time. ■



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New vaccine requirement for first responders

County health order provides out with weekly test, masks

By JULIA BAUM

First responders and medical transport workers in Alameda County will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before Christmas, after the county's health officer issued a new order on Tuesday.

By Dec. 21, all law enforcement and firefighters in Alameda County, those who provide 9-1-1 ambulance or non-emergency medical transport, and people who enter high-risk

health care facilities must be fully vaccinated.

Those not vaccinated by then must continue to wear face masks while around patients or residents and undergo weekly testing for COVID-19. A booster shot is not required to be fully vaccinated right now. Employers can also require workers to be fully vaccinated and not provide a test and mask option for them.

In a statement, the Alameda County Public Health Department said, "Due to the nature of their professions, these workers are at high-risk for spreading COVID-19 to patients in their care, to older and medically vulnerable residents, and to staff at these health care settings."

"COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be safe and effective at preventing severe illness and death," officials said. "While a fully vaccinated

person may contract the virus that causes COVID-19, vaccinated persons are less likely to be infected and those who do test positive for COVID are infectious for a shorter time, reducing the chances that a vaccinated person will spread the virus to others."

County officials are "strongly" encouraging "every eligible person to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible, especially with the winter and

holiday gatherings approaching."

COVID-19 vaccine boosters are recommended for residents 65 and older, and people who are medically vulnerable or at high-risk for exposure or severe illness. Flu and COVID-19 vaccines can be administered at the same time, officials said. They also noted that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine was recently approved for use in children 5 to 11 years old. ■

Council backs city law requiring guns to be locked up

Pleasanton ordinance also aims to fill gap in state law

The Pleasanton City Council last week unanimously approved an ordinance requiring the city's gun owners to either store them in a locked container or keep an engaged trigger lock on their firearms.

The ordinance "seeks to curb access to firearms by children and other persons who may be at risk of harming themselves or others," according to a staff report.

It also cites a 2016 study published in the American Journal of

Public Health saying an estimated 54% of gun owners don't lock up all their guns or store them trigger-locked, unloaded, and separate from ammunition.

Council members said the ordinance fills a gap in state law by not limiting guns to be locked up only in homes where children, or someone specifically prohibited from possessing firearms, live.

Councilmember Valerie Arkin said the ordinance was "an important

thing to do."

"I think the safety of our residents is of the utmost importance," Arkin said. "It's about the most important thing we can do, and anything we can do to ensure the safety of our small children, and teenagers and adults alike, it's something worth doing."

Councilmember Jack Balch said he was concerned the ordinance duplicated state law, but voted for it anyway.

"I strongly believe that if you are a gun owner, you have a duty and a burden to our community, to exercise responsible gun ownership, including safely securing your firearms," Balch said.

Mayor Karla Brown said she was proud Pleasanton was taking the extra step.

"The current state law does not apply to gun owners who do not have children," Brown said. "We frequently know people who don't have chil-

dren, but on occasion have children come to visit. And when they come to visit, sometimes these hazards occur."

The staff report also said in 2020 across the U.S., there were 369 unintentional shootings by children, resulting in 142 deaths and 242 injuries.

Other Bay Area cities have enacted similar ordinances, including Dublin, Palo Alto, San Jose, and Redwood City. ■

—Tony Hicks, BCN Foundation

Family, activists hold vigil for Laudemer Arboleda on anniversary of his death in police shooting

Mother reflects on Arboleda's life, reacts to Danville officer's recent assault conviction

By JEANITA LYMAN

More than 100 supporters from throughout the town and Bay Area gathered with the family of Laudemer Arboleda outside the Danville Library to mark the third anniversary of his death last week.

"The life of Laudemer Arboleda doesn't belong to Officer (Andrew) Hall," said Jeannie Atienza, mother of the 33-year-old Filipino American man from Newark who died in a police-involved shooting in Danville on Nov. 3, 2018 that a jury 10 days ago deemed to be criminal assault by Deputy Hall. "It belongs to God. He had no right to do that."

"He was my youngest one, my companion and my baby," Atienza said.

Reflecting on her son's life, Atienza said that at 3 years old Arboleda was pronounced dead from complications due to meningitis but revived by doctors.

"My doctor told me that you might have a problem with him later on," Atienza said. "But he was never violent. Very gentle, very thoughtful."

Arboleda's sister, Jennifer Leong, said her brother was diagnosed with paranoia, but that despite numerous signs that something was wrong, every effort to find him appropriate help came up short.

"The mental health system failed us," Leong said. "We begged everyone for help, for anything. It failed us. We

had a social worker. It failed us."

Atienza and Leong said that the family had tried to contact police in the past to help Arboleda, after being directed to do so through other services.

"We said he's not in the right mind, they said as long as he's not hurting anyone or threatening anyone ... it just failed us tremendously," Leong said.

On that fateful Saturday in November 2018, police did respond to a call regarding Arboleda — from a Danville resident who'd seen him walking in town and thought he appeared suspicious. The encounter ultimately led to a slow-speed vehicle pursuit with police and his death from nine bullets fired by Hall on the edge of downtown.

Atienza said her son was always shy, and had been known for running away from strangers as a child.

"My neighbor would say, 'How come your son would run away when I saw him?'" Atienza said. "He was scared. That's why he ran away. And that's what happened when he was being chased by the police."

Atienza said she did not have any patience for arguments from the defense attorneys for Hall, the Contra Costa County sheriff's deputy assigned to the Danville Police Department who was convicted of assault with a firearm in Arboleda's death on Oct. 26 during a widely publicized



JEANITA LYMAN

Jeannie Atienza holds a trifold dedicated to her son at a vigil outside the Danville library on Nov. 3, the third anniversary of his death.

trial.

"It's not self defense," Atienza said. "It's common sense — 10 rounds of bullets, and a semi-automatic pistol. You know it's not self defense."

"Officer Hall seemed like he had it in mind that he was going to teach the other officers how to handle a situation like that," added Atienza's brother-in-law, Greg Miller.

The same jury deadlocked on the charge of voluntary manslaughter against Hall, whose attorneys contended the fatal shooting was justifiable self-defense.

"They should know how to de-escalate the situation, not just kill to end the pursuit," Atienza said.

Despite Hall's felony assault conviction and a \$4.9 million civil

settlement reached with the county government last week, Atienza also remained firm that she did not agree with the final verdict, in which a mistrial was declared on the manslaughter count.

"I hope that Andrew Hall will be put in jail," Atienza said. "There's no closure until justice is served, and it will be less painful to know that justice is served. But as of now, it's not being served."

Atienza and her family said that they would continue to push the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office to pursue a retrial of Hall's manslaughter charge in January, and to advocate that he not be allowed to continue working in law enforcement in any capacity.

Arboleda's supporters said they were pleased that charges were finally brought against Hall, in April of this year. However, they noted that it was bittersweet — in that the decision was announced the day after the murder conviction of now-former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin for on-duty killing George Floyd, which led to increased scrutiny of police violence throughout the country and worldwide, yet nearly three years after they'd first begun struggling to bring a case against Hall.

In addition, Hall went on to be involved in a shooting incident leading to the death of another man in Danville with a history of mental health troubles, Tyrell Wilson, in March of this year.

Longtime Danville resident Veronica Benjamin said that she had first learned about the Arboleda shooting when preparing to speak at a Black Lives Matter event in Danville last year, and was reawakened to the problem of police violence when she heard about Wilson's death.

"I totally got caught up in my life, until Tyrell, because I used to see Tyrell every day," said Benjamin, co-founder of Conscious Contra Costa, which helped organize Wednesday's vigil for Arboleda. "He was around every single day at the bus stop in the morning."

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Final Plan Bay Area 2050 initiatives adopted by oversight agencies

‘A commitment to do hard things, not just think about them’

The Bay Area is one step closer to achieving its \$1.4 trillion strategy to improve housing, transportation, economic and environmental concerns as two oversight agencies approved the final roadmap of Plan Bay Area 2050 late last month.

The plan, laid out in 35 different strategies, hopes to improve the quality of life in the Bay Area's nine counties with five principles in mind: affordability, connectivity, diversity, health and vibrancy.

Per Senate Bill 375, oversight agencies Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission are responsible for crafting a long-form plan to adequately meet a larger population's needs, which includes proper housing, infrastructure improvements and job opportunities, along with solutions to mitigate climate concerns.

It took almost four years in the making and over 20,000 community member contributions, but the forerunning agencies agreed to move onto its next step in the process, which they call the Implementation Plan.

“Building and preserving affordable housing. Adapting to sea level rise. Getting more people closer to their jobs and more jobs closer to the people. Sharing prosperity equitably. All of these are big lifts,” MTC Chair and Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza wrote in a statement after the

Oct. 21 vote. “But the new plan can serve as a north star for the Bay Area's journey to 2050.”

The implementation plan is what will transform this goal sheet into action, according to the MTC. Over the next five years, the two agencies will work to complete 80 actions with the help of relevant organizations and local policymakers.

“The Implementation Plan is a commitment to do hard things, not just think about them,” said ABAG-MTC Executive Director Therese McMillan in a statement. “Even if these steps have to be taken incrementally, they will lead us to a more equitable and resilient Bay Area.”

These actions build on the previous Plan Bay Area 2040 long-term plan, backed by assessments on pre-existing local authorities, financial resources, political support and capacity. Some near-future steps include adopting new pilot programs for affordable housing strategies, hiring more workers in infrastructure and transportation industries, investing in freeway congestion studies and further implementing and protecting conservation areas.

As the project calls on an additional \$780 billion in revenue to implement its goals, the MTC and ABAG plan to work with their partners to source funds from local, regional, state and federal levels. It also means the plan needs to build on existing agencies

and programs that mirror the 30-year plan before all the financial means are secured.

“Plan Bay Area 2050 reflects a shared vision that can't be implemented by any single agency,” said ABAG Executive Board President and Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin in a statement. “To bring all these strategies to fruition will require ABAG and MTC to strengthen our existing partnerships and to form new ones — not just with our cities and counties and the state government, but also with the federal government, businesses and nonprofits.”

MTC representative John Goodwin said that though the 2050 plan has more concrete areas of focus and short-term goals than previous plans, the agencies recognized that they can't do the work on their own.

And in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which MTC and ABAG say posed new, long-term effects on the region's prosperity on all fronts, resiliency is key in the project.

“We're going to have to work with a lot of partners — public and private alike,” Goodwin said in a statement. “The Implementation Plan candidly identifies where MTC and/or ABAG already have the capability to take action, where we have partial capacity, and where our influence is limited and our partners' roles necessarily will have to be bigger.” ■

—Olivia Wynkoop, BCN Foundation

WILMA CHAN

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Supervisor Wilma Chan. Her dedication to serving our community and helping others for over 30 years will never be forgotten. I am grateful to have had the opportunity work with her. May she Rest In Peace.”

Chan advocated on behalf of children, families, and seniors and advocated for affordable housing and health care for the uninsured, her office said. She represented District

3, which includes Alameda, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward Acres and parts of Oakland.

This was her second tenure on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

She became the first Asian American person ever elected to the board when she won her seat in 1994, serving until 2000 when voters elevated the Democrat to the State Assembly — where she sat for three terms until 2006.

Chan decided to pursue her old

position on the Board of Supervisors, winning election to the seat in 2010 and retaining it again in 2014 and 2018.

“Supervisor Chan was a north star for so many important issues that served the vulnerable in our community,” Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said in a statement. “She was a champion, for example, of All In Alameda County,” which helps to alleviate poverty.

Berkeley City Councilman Rigel Robinson said on social media, “Traffic violence took one of our strongest leaders today. May her memory drive us to fight ever harder for a healthier, safer future.”

Alameda police said the driver of the vehicle that struck Chan on Nov. 3 stayed at the scene and cooperated with the investigation. No other details were being released by police or the city, including the driver's name with the investigation still ongoing.

Surviving Chan are two children and two grandchildren. They wish to thank the first responders and medical staff who cared for their mother and grandmother, and the family is requesting privacy at this time, according to Chan's office. ■

Editor's note: Story by Keith Burbank of the Bay City News Service, with Weekly editor Jeremy Walsh contributing.



SWALWELL'S OFFICE

Swalwells welcome new son, Hank

Harold “Hank” Warren Swalwell, the third child of U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) and wife Brittany, was born on Nov. 2 at 8:18 p.m. (Eastern), weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches. “Brittany and I are overjoyed to announce the birth of our son,” the congressman said in a statement the next day. “Hank and Brittany are both doing very well, while Nelson and Cricket are eager to welcome baby brother and outnumber Mom and Dad to form a governing coalition for the household.”

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now focuses on grid resilience, evaluation of existing buildings, municipal building electrification, voluntary and incentive-based community building electrification, outreach and education, and tracking progress toward electrification in Pleasanton.”

Though electrification throughout the entire city was supported, Councilmember Jack Balch said he wanted to ensure “grid reliability so that we’re not encouraging residents to put in gas-powered, propane-powered or natural gas-powered backup generators.”

“We need to continue to educate our public that an HVAC unit that uses heat pumps is not going to provide immediate heat,” Balch said.

Mayor Karla Brown agreed that it was “really important with how consistent is that grid.”

“I know I’m certainly thinking as a person how much reliance do I want on electricity when I can’t maybe cook food or I couldn’t keep my house or

have hot water if everything’s electric,” Brown said. “We need to have electricity or you can’t power anything in your home if we’re off our natural gas reliability requirements.”

During the public hearing, resident Sharon Piekarski said “we have only a very short window to prevent total catastrophe.” Citing transportation as the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the city, Piekarski said “encouraging alternative means of getting around is very important to achieve reduction goals.”

“That means it’s vitally important to provide safe, convenient, active transportation options by implementing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, the trans master plan and continuing to implement the city’s complete streets program,” Piekarski added.

Former councilmember Becky Dennis spoke about how housing, open space and transportation are just some of the local decisions that will be affected by climate change.

“All of those things are part of climate action and they can all be ac-

counted for in the plan,” Dennis said.

“Climate action and the management of emissions and the sequestration of carbon is really our growth management strategy for the future, and anything that the city of Pleasanton does to not only improve our quality of life through that process but monetize our success in that process will serve us really well. I have a feeling this issue is only going to get bigger, not smaller,” she added.

Dennis also asked if the city is “planning to have any standards and requirements for people who are bringing new land-uses to our city, whatever they are, for mitigating their emissions so that we don’t end up with more emissions than we have today.”

OFFICES

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and late vice president John Hone in August 2019 to market and sell the property’s 13 freestanding, individually parceled buildings of varying sizes between 3,600-13,200 square feet

The team staged sales beginning Aug. 30, 2019 and throughout the pandemic, reporting the sale of the final building on July 19, 2021.

“Redwood Property Investors came upon a rare opportunity to purchase the former charter school site and transform it into a highly attractive asset suited for office users,” Easterly said in the statement.

“The fact that all 13 buildings have changed hands almost two years to the day after it was initially purchased and during a period in which office sales activity slowed considerably is extremely gratifying,” he added.

Harrison told Livermore Vine in an interview that pre-pandemic, they had hoped to sell all of the parcels within one year.

“By around January or February (of 2020) we had sold five of the buildings, so within six months we were fastly approaching half of the buildings being sold,” he said. “We had good momentum and good pace

“It seems to me that there’s a dynamic there that we could use to also pay for some of those things that aren’t on the main list right now, but actually could find us partners for even exceeding our goals in the future,” Dennis added.

Jocelyn Combs, a former representative on the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, said “There’s nothing radical in the plan, just good commonsense proposals,” and told the council that “this is your opportunity to lead us aggressively with greenhouse gas emission reductions for our city.”

“In my letter to you, I suggested having staff as recommended by the committee take on more action items, front load the plan and sell carbon

and then as you can imagine with the shutdown, it just caused a lot of unease amongst the buyers.”

Harrison said that in addition to low interest rates, he thinks one of the reasons they were able to ultimately continue selling during the pandemic was the appeal for companies to own their property and have more autonomy over their business with respect to masking and other pandemic-related protocols.

The development initially included 16 buildings originally built in 2007. Two of the buildings were purchased as offices for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) and the other by a school. Redwood Property Investors purchased the remaining 13 buildings and pursued an individualized sales strategy.

Reid Settlemeier, managing director of Redwood Property Investors, attributed the company’s ability to successfully transform the property from a school to a business park to their in-house project management capabilities, according to the statement.

Harrison noted that prior to becoming a school site, the development was initially intended to be an office park when it was first built. “It actually came full circle because it

credits, do more research, mandate more, and suggest less,” Combs said.

Combs added, “The infrastructure is done, the next frontier is our climate and environment. Be the climate action council for us, but mostly for the future.”

Other proposed actions in the CAP 2.0 include developing a zero-emissions vehicle infrastructure plan, requiring bike parking and encouraging solar energy for new development, and establishing a food recycling program in order to decrease organic materials in landfills as well as reduce methane emissions.

City staff aim to bring the final CAP 2.0 document forward for final council approval early next year, according to the city website. ■

was designed for what it became,” he said.

As part of the most recent transformation, Redwood Property Investors’ in-house construction team completed light construction, such as overhauling former gymnasium and play areas to create parking requirements, preserving existing landscaping and concrete, and enhancing shared outdoor spaces. ■



THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

HIGHLIGHTS

On March 3, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and has issued Executive Order N-29-20 and approved AB 361 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The virtual meetings will be streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>

City Council
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Public Hearing: Adopt a resolution levying the Downtown Pleasanton Business Improvement District Assessment for 2022
- Continued from November 2, 2021 – Provide Policy Direction to Implement an Alternative Mental Health Response Pilot Program
- Continued from November 2, 2021 – Approve Memorandum of Understanding for School Resource Officers between Pleasanton Unified School District and the City of Pleasanton
- Case P21-1015 – Introduce an ordinance: (1) approving amendments to Chapters 18.32, 18.84, 18.88, and 19.16, and (2) creating chapter 18.101 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to implement Senate Bill 9 regarding two-unit housing developments and urban lot splits in single-family residential zones; and consider adoption of a resolution modifying the master fee schedule to incorporate new application fees

Economic Vitality Committee
Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

- Workforce Development Discussion
- Selection of EVC Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022

Housing Commission
Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Approval of Annual Operating Budget for Ridgeview Commons for 2021
- Review a list of potential sites under consideration for future rezoning for residential development & inclusion in the environmental analysis as part of the Sites Inventory for the 2023-2031 (6th Cycle) Housing Element Update

Parks and Recreation
Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Review location options for pickleball courts in Pleasanton
- Review location options for a near-term and long-term cricket field at a Pleasanton park
- Recommend City Council approve fee increases for the Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park Operator, Lifetime Activities, Inc., effective January 1, 2022
- Review and comment on the Library and Recreation Department Quarterly report for July - September 2021

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Although Benjamin said she let Wilson, who was unhoused, have his space and never had a conversation with him, news of his death hit close to home, when she heard that a Black man carrying shopping bags had been shot during an altercation with police in Danville.

“My father and Tyrell kind of look similar, like very, very generally, and my father often shops with a paper shopping bag,” Benjamin said.

Wilson’s death spurred Benjamin into continuing racial justice activism that she had only just become savvy to the year before, during the 2020 Black Lives Matter event in which she’d learned about Arboleda’s death while preparing to speak to the crowd after organizers invited people

of color who’d grown up in Danville to share their experiences.

“It was a transformative moment, because I did not realize how much trauma I carried, having been brought up here as a brown person,” Benjamin said. “Because I studied philosophy. I’ve been reading existentialists since I was 12. And so I just thought ... alienation is part of the human condition. It is. But there’s like that extra layer ... There’s other reasons to feel alienated, especially in this town.”

Benjamin said she asked a crowd of roughly 150 people that day in June 2020 how many had heard about Arboleda’s death and perhaps five people had raised their hands.

Benjamin, as well as Arboleda’s family, said they also want to see charges brought against Hall for Wilson’s death. The DA’s office is still investigating that case. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Driver dies in crash with light pole on West Las Positas

A driver was killed after losing control of her car and crashing into a light pole along West Las Positas Boulevard last week, according to Pleasanton police.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau on Sunday confirmed the identity of the decedent as Melanie Mout, 23, of Pleasanton.

The incident occurred around 10:30 p.m. Nov. 4 when a silver Toyota Avalon traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on West Las Positas Boulevard clipped the curb of the center median at a bend in the road east of Hopyard Road, flipped onto its driver's side and hit a light pole, according to Pleasanton police Capt. Kurt Schlehuber.

Officers arrived to find that the pole crushed the roof of the car into the passenger compartment, and they then discovered a lone female occupant deceased inside the vehicle, Schlehuber said.

One witness remained at the scene and spoke with investigators. Schlehuber said it has not been determined whether drug or alcohol impairment was a factor in the crash.

Portions of West Las Positas Boulevard, between Hopyard Road and Coronado Lane, remained closed until early afternoon Friday as a result of the wreck.

Anyone with information related to the fatal crash can contact the Pleasanton Police Department's



JEREMY WALSH

Flowers serve as memorial for victim in fatal crash on West Las Positas Blvd.

traffic unit at 925-931-5100.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- A 22-year-old Oakland man was arrested at Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton last week on suspicion of at least two robberies in the Bay Area, San Mateo County sheriff's officials said.

Fajon Green was arrested following robberies in the city of San Ramon and at a golf course in unincorporated San Mateo County.

A second suspect is outstanding, according to sheriff's officials, who allege the two are part of a robbery crew.

Green and another person allegedly stole a Rolex watch and a wallet at gunpoint from a person at Crystal Springs Golf Course at 6650 Golf Course Drive before fleeing in a silver Infiniti sedan on Nov. 4, sheriff's officials said.

The robbery in San Ramon occurred later that same morning and then Alameda County sheriff's deputies soon spotted the suspects at the Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton.

Both suspects allegedly ran when deputies tried to speak with them. Green was apprehended in the Macy's store and the other suspect got away, sheriff's officials said.

San Mateo County sheriff's officials allege Green had several Rolex watches and a Glock pistol with him. Deputies learned after interviewing Green that he and the other suspect were allegedly involved in an armed robbery on Nov. 3 in San Mateo, sheriff's officials said.

The robbery in San Ramon involved a gun and was reported just after 11 a.m. on Baker Way, San Ramon police said Friday. Two suspects stole cellphones, jewelry, a purse, and wallet, according to police.

Capt. Denton Carlson said property from the robbery was in Green and the other suspect's vehicle at the Stoneridge Shopping Center.

No one was injured at the golf course, in San Ramon or at the mall, Carlson and sheriff's officials said. Green was taken to San Mateo County Jail.

—Keith Burbank, BCN

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 6

Theft

- 10:58 a.m., 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; catalytic converter theft
- 11:19 a.m., 7600 block of 7600 Stoneridge Mall Drive; auto theft
- 4:01 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:46 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Warrant arrest

- 1:55 p.m. on the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Nov. 5

Theft

- 9:59 a.m., 6600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 12:32 p.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive
- 6:48 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Embezzlement

- 4:54 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Burglary

- 7:25 p.m. on the 1000 block of Gray Fox Circle

Nov. 4

Theft

- 7:56 a.m., 900 block of Rose Avenue; auto theft
- 8:12 a.m. on the 1600 block of East Gate Way

- 1:24 p.m., 1500 block of Brookline Loop; theft from auto

- 2:09 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 3:45 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Fraud

- 4:02 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Nov. 3

Theft

- 12:41 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 4:29 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court
- 7:32 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 8:56 p.m., 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road; auto theft

Vandalism

- 3:48 p.m. on the 4500 block of Lin Gate Street
- 8:02 p.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue

Robbery

- 8:41 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Stoneridge Mall Road

Nov. 2

Theft

- 8:04 a.m., 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 8:50 a.m. on the 3700 block of Ashwood Drive
- 9:49 a.m. on the 6000 block of Sunol Boulevard
- 12:59 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 1:11 p.m., 3400 block of Old Foothill Road; theft from auto

- 1:15 p.m., 4200 block of Barbara Court; auto theft
- 3:28 p.m., 8500 block of Clubhouse Drive; theft from auto

- 4:48 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

- 7:46 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

- 8:16 a.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive
- 1:09 p.m. on the 3400 block of Old Foothill Road
- 1:54 p.m. on the 3400 block of Old Foothill Road
- 5:24 p.m. on the 6600 block of Owens Drive

Drug violation

- 9:16 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Criminal threats

- 10:10 a.m. on the 4300 block of Foothill Road

Graffiti

- 12:16 p.m. at West Lagoon Road and Laguna Creek Lane

Nov. 1

Graffiti

- 1:04 p.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Warrant arrest

- 2:09 p.m. at Bernal and Pleasanton avenues
- 2:40 p.m. at Rosewood and Owens drives

- A driver died on Interstate 680 in Dublin after clipping a big-rig and spinning across the freeway and being struck by another vehicle last Friday morning, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau on Sunday publicly identified the decedent as 60-year-old Dublin resident Jon Reiman.

The fatal collision, which occurred at approximately 5:50 a.m. Friday, caused significant backups along both sides of I-680 during the morning commute as crews worked to investigate the circumstances and clean up the wreckage on the southbound side.

The situation unfolded on I-680 just south of the Alcosta Boulevard interchange when a dark gray Honda Civic traveling southbound sideswiped a big-rig in the No. 4 lane, according to CHP-Dublin Officer Tyler Hahn.

"The initial collision caused the

driver of the Honda to lose control, cross all lanes of traffic and collide with the center divider wall, before coming to rest sideways across the No. 1 lane," Hahn said. "The big-rig continued south, seemingly unaware that a collision occurred."

Moments later, a white Ford F150 truck struck the Civic, causing injuries that were ultimately fatal for the driver of the Civic — later identified as Reiman. The pickup truck overturned as a result of the crash with the Civic, and the driver sustained moderate injuries, according to Hahn.

Hahn said DUI is not suspected in the fatal collision.

Authorities closed the three left lanes of southbound I-680 through the area for the investigation, and a Sig-Alert was issued due to traffic impacts on both sides of the freeway. All lanes were reopened by 9:30 a.m. Friday. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Richard Stuart Roman

October 4, 1941 – October 29, 2021

Dr. Richard S. Roman, a long-time Pleasanton Oral Surgeon, passed away October 29, surrounded by his family.

Dr. Roman was born in St. Maries, ID October 4, 1941, the only child of Margaret and Richard Roman. He spent his early years in Boise, ID. At age 13, his father, who was a Civil Engineer, moved the family to San Luis Obispo to work for Cal Trans.

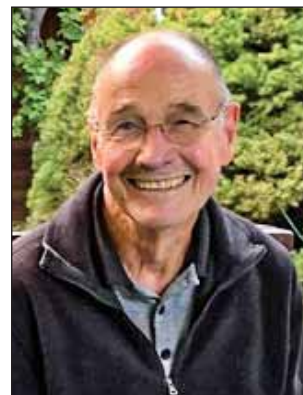
Richard graduated from San Luis Obispo High School in 1959. He continued his education at UCLA and transferred to UCSB where he completed his undergraduate degree. He continued on to Dental School at UCSF and graduated in 1967.

He then joined the US Army as a Captain and married Beverley before reporting for duty in Fort Dix, NJ. They spent a wonderful 53 years together. Their daughter, Kimberly was born while the two were in Fort Dix. Richard was stationed in Korea and Texas before returning with his family to San Francisco to start his Oral Surgery Residency at UCSF. Their son, Eric, was born during this time in San Francisco.

In 1973 Richard and his family moved to Pleasanton, CA where they would set roots. Richard opened an Oral Surgery practice in town. He loved his patients and took great pride in providing excellent individualized care. He was forced to sell the practice in 2006 to fight his first battle with cancer. After winning the battle, he would occasionally work for the group to whom he sold his practice.

Richard was a quiet gentle person who's smile was genuine and infectious. You could find him most days in his workshop happily woodworking or reading a book. Richard will be greatly missed by his wife, Beverley Roman, daughter, Kimberly Roman (Roman Nelson), son, Eric Roman (Caroline Dunn), and grandchildren Bailey, Nathan and Charlie.

At his request, a service will not be held. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Cancer Society or Hope Hospice are greatly appreciated.





SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR THEIR SERVICE



Downtown streets filled for return of Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony

PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

Residents lined Main Street in Pleasanton to watch as dozens of veteran organizations, local leaders and community groups took part in the festive Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, which returned to downtown last Sunday after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The 2021 parade was dedicated to Pleasanton Military Families, with organization founder Chris Miller, president Kim Beatty and past-president Pat Frizzell serving as grand marshals (shown at left, second from top). "It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and patriots, anxious to come to Pleasanton's downtown and attend a parade that celebrates those whom have selflessly served our country," said Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown (shown at right, third from top). The annual parade is traditionally held one weekend before Veterans Day to allow local veterans to attend ceremonies elsewhere in the Tri-Valley or Bay Area on the actual holiday, which was yesterday.





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Italian exhibit is update of traditional art form



Sophia Loren by Vanessa D'Andrea.



Walt Disney by Alessia Filippi.



Marilyn Monroe by Ilaria Nonino.

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI
An exciting new exhibit of mosaic art from Italy, “50 Faces,” has opened at the Bankhead Theater Gallery. On display are portraits of famous people that combine traditional materials (marble and enamel) with others taken from everyday life (stone, glass, plastic, wood, jewelry and cloth) to give inten-

sity to the mosaics. “The pieces are a joy to see,” said Anne Giancola, visual arts manager of the Bankhead Theater Gallery. “So much detail and creativity in these familiar images done in a classic art form.”

The opening reception, “Coffee & Cannoli,” will take place from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. this Saturday; it is free and open to the public.

The innovative exhibit comes from the Scuola Mosaicisti del Friuli, which was founded in 1922 in the small town of Spilimbergo in northeast Italy to teach and preserve the tradition of mosaic art.

The “50 Faces” includes winners of the Mosaic Young Talent competition and features icons of art, culture and music such as Marilyn Monroe, Sophia Loren

and Morgan Freeman. The collection also has business moguls such as Steve Jobs and Walt Disney; music greats such as David Bowie and Elvis Presley; modern actors like Angelina Jolie, Samuel L. Jackson, Leonardo DiCaprio and more.

“50 Faces’ is a unique blend of art, technique, tradition and culture,” curator Guglielmo Zanette

explained. “It is an exquisite innovation in the contemporary art scene.”

The exhibit runs through Jan. 6. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m., Thursdays to Sundays, plus available for Bankhead Theater patrons to enjoy during performances. The Bankhead is located at 2400 First St. in Livermore. Visit www.LivermoreArts.org. ■

Crime and sci-fi stories make for a good read

Local author uses diverse background to develop characters, plots

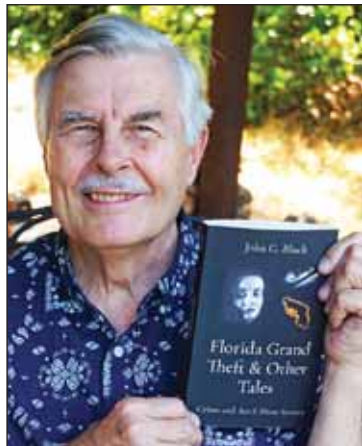
By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Livermore writer John G. Bluck has released his latest short story volume, “Florida Grand Theft & Other Tales,” with the same gutsy characters that pleased fans in his previous works.

This volume, available in paperback and e-book, begins with seven crime stories followed by nine of science fiction with the genres sometimes overlapping.

“It’s only natural that I would write in both the crime-mystery and science fiction genres,” Bluck said. “At the beginning of my career I worked in Washington, D.C., as a television daytime crime cinematographer. After that I worked 30 years for NASA.”

Bluck retired from NASA in 2008 as a public affairs officer at Moffett Field commuting on ACE train, which gave him time to write — and people-watch.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Livermore author John G. Bluck with his latest book, “Florida Grand Theft & Other Tales.”

“I get my ideas a number of ways, many through observation, just watching people,” he said. “I think you need to have a Walter Mitty mind to come up with ideas — it

takes a bit of daydreaming to come up with things.”

Although he’d been working on some of the stories for as long as 15 years, others he wrote during the pandemic as he mused on the changing world. One story, “Big Brother’s Bracelets,” directly relates to the aftermath of COVID-19.

He noted that some things in his futuristic stories are already becoming reality, saying testing done on artificial intelligence “robots” has shown that when put into competition against each other they will begin to cheat to win.

Many of the stories are set in the Tri-Valley but others are in places Bluck has lived or visited, such as when a computer hacker escapes to Naples, Italy, a trip he remembers fondly.

Bluck often writes first-person as a woman.

“I’ve heard there are a lot more

women readers,” he commented with a laugh. “And I have two daughters and a wife. I figure, what the heck, we’re all human beings.”

He has been using a book on psychology to help develop his characters, he said.

“I try to create different kinds of people and put them in the same area and let them loose,” Bluck said. “I plan or plot my stories to a certain extent but I like to let my characters go wild.”

Bluck said he garners a lot of support from the Tri-Valley Writers club.

“After I retired I went and I loved it,” he said. “They are really a lot of fun.”

Plus they help each other by sharing their writing and giving advice.

“Several of the writers were policemen and they seem to like my books,” Bluck said. “They like my crime and mystery better — they might be more real to them.”

In Bluck’s other book of short stories, “Venus Warning & Other Tales,” the title story he wrote 20 years ago cautions about climate change.

“I wanted people to know the dangers of global warming,” he said. “I really think one of the biggest problems with the world is population explosion. Too many people use more and more resources. And with global warming, we have vast migrations of people.”

Bluck also is the author of the mystery novella, “The Knight Prowler,” which explores a fictional murder in Livermore, and a mystery novel, “Death in the Holler,” set in Kentucky where his daughter lives.

His next project is another full-length book, tentatively titled, “Murder at NASA.”

“I think that would be a great location, and I’m just chomping at the bit to start working on that one,” Bluck said. ■

‘Messiah’ to launch holiday season

Orchestra welcomes special soloists for concert production

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Pacific Chamber Orchestra is launching the holiday season Thanksgiving weekend with Handel’s “Messiah” with performances at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton and the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

“In a PCO tradition, the audience will be invited to join in and lift their voices in a sing-along reprise of the beloved ‘Hallelujah’ chorus,” conductor Lawrence Kohl said.

The concert production will feature soprano Hope Briggs, mezzo-soprano Kindra Scharich, tenor Jonathan Smucker and bass Kirk Eichelberger with chorus master Dwight Stone.

Briggs was featured on PBS in the documentary film, “Voices for

Freedom, the Hyers Sisters’ Legacy,” and is acclaimed for her “lusciously intoned” voice. Scharich has sung more than 35 opera roles from Monteverdi to Philip Glass, and is known for her “exuberant vitality” and “deep-rooted pathos.”

Tucker, a member of the voice faculty at San Jose State University, is known for his roles with operas in the area. And Eichelberger, praised for his “resonant bass and riveting stage presence,” has performed throughout North America.

Pacific Chamber Orchestra chorus is made up of members from different choral groups throughout the region.

“This combination of talents creates a magical experience,” said chorister Donna Edwards, who has

performed in choruses around the world.

Raquel Holt, a board member of Livermore Valley Opera, who has sung the “Messiah” with Pacific Chamber Orchestra at least six times, noted, “Singing with members of other choral groups creates an instant ‘village’ because of common interest and purpose.”

The musicians of the Pacific Chamber Orchestra perform in Bay Area symphonies and orchestras as well as being recording artists, touring internationally in chamber music groups and as concerto soloists.

Handel’s “Messiah” was originally presented as an Easter offering in 1742, but since then the first part has become a Christmas holiday tradition around the world.

“However, there is a full story

to tell,” Kohl explained, “so I have added some gorgeous numbers from the second and third parts such as ‘Their Sound Is Gone Out,’ which we do as a quartet of the soloists, as otherwise they do not sing together.”

Solo arias will include the baritone “Why do Nations Rage So Furiously Together?” and “The Trumpet Shall Sound,” as well as the soprano “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth.” Choruses are

“Worthy Is the Lamb” and the climatic “Amen.”

“Messiah” performances are at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton; and at 3 p.m. Nov. 28, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore. Purchase tickets at pacificchamberorchestra.org. Tickets for the Livermore performance may also be purchased by calling 373-6800 or at the box office. ■

Stories and history

Speakers to explore combining personal narratives with local history

Dublin historian Steve Minniear is teaming up with writer and English professor Jim Ott for a presentation at the next Tri-Valley Writers meeting about the best ways to assimilate personal stories into the fabric of an area’s history.

In their presentation, “Integrating Stories Into a Broader Appreciation of History,” the two will focus on the powerful experiences of local



Steve Minniear

veterans. Ott, an English professor at Las Positas College, has been instrumental in helping its student veterans tell their stories, to help with their healing as well as framing the historical landscape of the times.

The meeting, which is open to the public, is at 2 p.m. next Saturday (Nov. 20) at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. RSVP at reservations@trivalleywriters.org by Wednesday (Nov. 17), and pay at www.trivalleywriters.org. Members pay \$14; nonmembers, \$18; student members ages 14-22, \$6; student non-

members, \$10

Minniear is the author of “Dublin, California: A Brief History” and co-author of “Dublin and the Tri-Valley: The World War II Years,” a pictorial history. He is a board member of the Dublin Historical Society, and a commissioner on Dublin’s Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission.

The California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about the craft at monthly meetings. For more information, visit www.trivalleywriters.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



TYLER BOYE

Classical guitarist returns

Del Valle Fine Arts is presenting Grammy award-winning classical guitarist Jason Vieaux in a solo concert at the Bankhead Theater at 7:30 p.m. next Saturday (Nov. 20), returning for the first time since 2016. The program will include a new solo work composed for him by legendary jazz guitarist Pat Metheny titled “Four Paths of Light,” and Vieaux also will preview his album “Bach Volume 2,” being released this spring. During the pandemic, Vieaux composed more than a dozen works for the classical guitar, including “Home,” which he will be performing. Tickets are \$16-\$52. Visit livermorearts.org or call 373-6800. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St. in Livermore.



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Amador girls' water polo starts off strong in section playoffs

Also: Matchups set for NCS football postseason

The memorable season for the Amador Valley High girls' water polo team has continued in the postseason as the Dons knocked off Redwood 11-4 in the first round of the North Coast Section playoffs.

Amador finished East Bay Athletic League play with a perfect 7-0 mark, clinching the first EBAL title for the school in water polo. Their overall record helped them to the third seed in the Open Division playoffs and a No. 8 ranking nationally — also a first for the school.

The Dons were led by senior captain Lauren Reilly and junior captain Erin Brown. With 64 goals, 31 assists, 33 steals and 11 field blocks, Reilly's all-around play earned her EBAL's Player of the Year Award.

"I'm so excited about how far we've come this season," Reilly said. "We're friends in and out of the pool, and

I think our chemistry reflects that when we play together."

The potent offense came from the combination of seniors Hannah Walder, Amy Heath and Emily Medinas and junior Evelyn McLaughlin — Walder (41 goals/28 assists), Heath (40 goals/39 assists), Medinas (20 goals/19 assists) and McLaughlin (67 goals/14 assists).

McLaughlin (1st team), Walder (2nd team) and Heath (honorable mention) earned all-EBAL honors.

The Amador defense was stellar as well, allowing only an average of four goals a game.

Brown was sensational in the goal, allowing only 103 goals on 466 shots with 267 saves in 24 games. She also earned 1st team EBAL honors.

"This year has been one for the books, and I am incredibly proud to be a part of it," Brown said. "Every

single person has worked so hard to be the best we can be, and it's definitely paid off."

Other great play on defense came from Kelly Coutinho (20 steals, 11 field blocks) and junior Kate Harris (21 steals, 14 blocks).

"I'm so proud of what the girls have accomplished this season," coach Tim Reilly said. "They're achieving the goals we set and doing it with unselfish play. The chemistry they have as a unit is special and when they get going, they're hard to stop. It's been a magical season for Amador. A lot of firsts for our water polo program and we're not done yet. We have a few more goals to reach."

NCS football pairings set

Ten of the 11 EBAL football teams have advanced into the NCS playoffs, which begin Friday night.

As expected, De La Salle gained the top seed in the Open/D-I brackets. The Spartans are joined by Clayton Valley (No. 3), Monte Vista (4), California (5) and Amador Valley (7) in the division.

In the D-II field the EBAL is represented by San Ramon Valley (1), Foothill (3), Dublin (5), Granada (7) and Livermore (8).

De La Salle will host James Logan (8) in the first round, Amador is at Pittsburg (2), Clayton Valley will host Antioch (6), and California is at

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The Amador Valley varsity girls' water polo squad.

Monte Vista. All games are on Friday and scheduled to kickoff at 7 p.m.

In the D-II tournament, San Ramon Valley will host Livermore, Dublin is at Campolindo (4), and Granada travels to Rancho Cotati (2) in 7 p.m. games on Friday night. Foothill will host San Leandro (6) on Saturday night at 7 p.m.

As usual, there is something wacky when it comes to the brackets. In any 8-team bracket, should the seeds play out, the semifinals would feature the 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3 matchups.

That holds true in the D-II playoffs, but in the Open/D-I brackets it is set up, should the seeds play out, top-seeded De La Salle would play No. 2 Pittsburg in the semifinals, with No. 3 Clayton Valley facing No. 4 Monte

Vista in the semis.

Every year teams want to avoid De La Salle until the finals in NCS and it appeared Pittsburg and Amador Valley did just that with the No. 2 and No. 7 seeds, respectively.

Then again this is NCS. As is usually the case, NCS will offer some reason as to why this is happening, but there is no good reason. If you are going to blow up the seedings, why seed the teams at all?

Teams fight hard to get their seeds, but when the seed is meaningless, it is perplexing. ■

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Wondo announces retirement

Tri-Valley native hangs it up after scoring 171st goal, extending own MLS record

BY JEREMY WALSH

Danville native Chris Wondolowski, the all-time leading goal-scorer in Major League Soccer history, bid farewell to his professional playing career on his own terms Sunday evening.

The longtime San Jose Earthquakes forward announced his retirement to the home crowd following his team's season finale — in which he extended his MLS record with a 171st and final goal in the first half of the Quakes' 1-1 draw against FC Dallas.

"Thank you guys. It's been an amazing run ... I can't thank you guys enough. You guys mean the world," he said to family, teammates and fans during a special presentation on the field after the final whistle.

Wondolowski, 38, grew up in Danville and starred at De La Salle before gaining prominence collegiately at Chico State. He played 14 of his 17 MLS seasons with the hometown Earthquakes, a profes-

sional career that also included appearances for the U.S. Men's National Team.

An emotional Wondolowski spoke to the PayPal Park crowd for nearly two minutes in revealing his retirement after Sunday's game.

"That's what I'm going to miss. The locker room, the practices, the battles," he said to his teammates before turning his attention to his family. "I got to thank my family. I have everyone here. We have probably more people than we can count. Many Wondolowskis."

"The cool thing is I get to do this in front of my hometown team. I have teammates here from (Danville) Mustangs, I have teammates here from De La Salle. Chico, I know you're here," Wondolowski added.

"Thank you for being a part of it



Chris Wondolowski

with me, pushing me on, and I can't thank you guys enough. This organization is going to do big things, and I can't wait for it," he said to the fans.

Drafted by the Earthquakes, he played one season in San Jose in 2005 and then with the Houston Dynamo from 2006 to 2009 after the original Earthquakes franchise relocated to Houston. After San Jose re-established an Earthquakes team, Wondolowski was traded back to San Jose in 2009 — and would spend the rest of his MLS career in the Bay Area.

He cemented his MLS legacy in May 2019 when he broke the league record for goals scored.

Wondolowski scored five goals in 2021, which saw him primarily come off the bench as a substitute. The Quakes finished the season in 10th position in the Western Conference with 41 points and a record of 10-13-11.

He and wife Lindsey recently announced she is expecting their third child in the new year. ■



SF GIANTS

Crawford earns 4th Gold Glove

San Francisco Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford, a 2005 Foothill High alum, won his fourth career Gold Glove for his defensive prowess when the 2021 awards were announced on Sunday. The 34-year-old Pleasanton native had a resurgent, All-Star year for the Giants whose 107 regular season wins led all of Major League Baseball. Crawford previously received the Gold Glove for National League shortstop in 2015, 2016 and 2017; he is now tied with J.T. Snow for third in Giants history for Gold Glove wins, behind only Willie Mays and Barry Bonds.

Theater

MAMMA MIA! AT THE BANKHEAD Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Presents Mamma Mia!, the ultimate feel-good show filled with ABBA's familiar and beloved music. Nov. 12-14 and 19-21. Tickets \$21-\$39. Visit livermorearts.org.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM AT TAO HOUSE Tao House fellowships are given to persons focused on the performing arts for whom a space of time to work without distraction would be beneficial. Fellows benefit from working in the solitude and quiet of Tao House. Applications due Nov. 15. Visit eugeneoneill.org.

SPARC PRESENTS FLATTEN THE CURVE BY DIANA BURBANO SPARC's original play commission for Science@Play, Flatten the Curve, follows a diverse team of scientists working together to solve our current global crisis. Nov. 19-20, Tickets \$25. Visit sparctheater.org/scienceplay.

Music

JASON VIEUX Del Valle Fine Arts Presents Grammy award winning classical guitarist, Jason Vieux. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 20. Tickets \$16-\$52. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE BIG JANGLE: TOM PETTY TRIBUTE BAND The Big Jangle Band is a San Francisco Bay Area Band dedicated to playing all things Tom Petty. 8 p.m., Nov. 20. Visit firehousearts.org.

Comedy

THE SECOND CITY 2021 The Second City is here to break all the comedy rules they made famous in this all-new, all-hilarious revue, starring the next generation of comedy superstars. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15. Tickets \$20-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

Films

CLASSIC FILM MUSICALS AT THE BANKHEAD "Anchors Aweigh" is the next classic film musical at the Bankhead Theater, starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra as two young Navy sailors on leave in glitzy Los Angeles. 7 p.m., Nov. 17. Tickets \$5. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibits

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE SHOW OPENING "Above It All" is the theme for Pleasanton Art League's annual art show with 55 artists exhibiting styles of work from realism to abstraction. A reception will be held 3-5 p.m., Nov. 13 at the Harrington Gallery, 4444 Railroad Ave. Visit firehousearts.org.

LEGO ARTISTS CELEBRATE CALIFORNIA AT MUSEUM ON MAIN Pleasanton's Museum on Main announces the opening of Brickworks: LEGO Artists Celebrate California and the Tri-Valley showcasing the work of ten Northern California LEGO artists. Now through Jan. 8.

ITALIAN MOSAIC AT THE BANKHEAD THEATER The Bankhead presents, The 50 Faces Collection Italian Mosaic, an exhibit of contemporary mosaic artwork from the Scuola Mosaicisti

del Friuli in Italy. The public is invited to experience this free remarkable exhibit Thursdays to Sundays, 1-5 p.m., now thru Jan 6.

Talks

POETRY READING Q & A Film director Jeff M. Giordano and star of the documentary The God Given Talent: The Creative Life of Charles Curtis Blackwell, will be in-person for a poetry reading, discussion and Q&A at the Livermore Public Library. This event will be held outside 2-3 p.m., Nov. 13. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS HOST LOCAL HISTORIAN Dublin historian Steve Minniear and Las Positas professor and Tedx presenter Jim Ott focus on the powerful experiences of local veterans to demonstrate how getting personal emotions on the page can be a conduit for healing. RSVP by Nov. 17; event Nov. 20. Visit trivalleywriters.org.

Fairs

GOODGUYS AUTUMN GET TOGETHER AT THE FAIRGROUNDS Celebrate Veteran's Day Weekend with the Goodguys. Explore over 2,500 American made or powered hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars and trucks of all makes and models, including a Vette's for Vets parade. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 13-14. Visit good-guys.com/agt.

PACIFIC PEARL HOSTS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION Pacific Pearl in Pleasanton invites the community to a free Holiday Celebration to meet Santa Claus and take family photos. Holiday musical entertainment and more. 2-4 p.m., Nov. 14. Visit shoppacificpearl.com.

Volunteers

TRAIL BUILDING AT SYCAMORE GROVE Join LARPD Rangers to prep the brand new 2 mile trail on the Patterson Ranch property. Nov. 20, 27, 28. Visit larpd.org.

Seniors

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE Start holiday shopping with a visit to the Holiday Craft Boutique at the Dublin Senior Center. Choose from a wide selection of handcrafted items and gifts. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 13. 7600 Amador Valley Blvd.

WEBINAR: MEDICARE, AN OVERVIEW AND UPDATE This free Webinar through Hope Hospice will discuss Medicare, the federal health insurance program for people age 65+, and for those with disabilities. A guest presenter from Alameda County's Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program will share information about coverage. 10-11:30 a.m., Nov. 18. Visit hopehospice.com.

PLEASANTON RIDES Keeping seniors on the move, Pleasanton Rides serves eligible seniors with transportation needs throughout Pleasanton and select destinations in the Tri-Valley. For reservations and information call 925-398-1045.

Veterans

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES-PACK OUT Care package items are needed for the next Pleasanton Military Families Pack-Out. If interested in volunteering, the event is 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Nov. 20 at the Veterans Hall. For more information visit pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

VA MOBILE MEDICAL TEAM The Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Healthcare System's Mobile Medical Team will provide examinations, consultations, referrals and flu shots for registered veterans. Drop-in, no appointments needed. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 22. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

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Annabelle is a 2-month-old adoptable angel. Adored by her foster animal associates, she is agreeable and appreciates some soft, affectionate attention as one approaches. You'll approve of your new arrangement to be accompanied by Annabelle! Email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process.

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Aug. 9-13 for Pleasanton.

Pleasanton

- 4614 2nd Street** Kramer Living Trust to Kirk Living Trust for \$1,875,000
- 1715 Beachwood Way** Q. Chen to S. & S. Pitchaimuthu for \$1,825,000
- 1461 Calle Enrique** Kb Survivors Trust to A. & A. Roy for \$820,000
- 7615 Canyon Meadow Circle #E** J. Wu to R. Agbanlog for \$510,000
- 5979 Corte Arboles** T. & P. Aea to N. Chaudhary for \$1,200,000
- 5982 Corte Arboles** H. & J. Lee to L. & R. Naanos for \$1,200,000
- 2247 Delucchi Drive** Esquivel-Valenzuela Trust to D. & E. Lay for \$1,300,000
- 11 Fairway Lane** Barbarba Trust to Patte Trust for \$2,425,000
- 1901 Fiorio Circle** D. & D. Moirao to P. & R. Gupta for \$1,225,000
- 4673 Gatetree Circle** Z. & D. Steele to J. & J. Zhou for \$1,710,000
- 1458 Groth Circle** Bush Living Trust to S. & K. Tom for \$1,125,000
- 3330 Harpers Ferry Court** M. & B. Rank to Kanneganti Trust for \$1,500,000
- 6570 Inglewood Drive** T. Chan to C. & A. Pathak for \$1,379,000
- 469 Kottinger Drive** Leima Living Trust to Sanjay Trust for \$2,800,000
- 238 Mavis Drive** S. & S. Jakate to X. & J. Mai for \$940,000
- 4649 Mirador Drive** Martens Living Trust to S. & S. Govindaswamy for \$1,850,000

- 7436 Muirwood Court** Harmon Living Trust to S. & B. Nagarajan for \$1,450,000
- 3495 Pickens Lane** Dahlhauser Living Trust to S. & S. Chintapatala for \$1,250,000
- 1377 Piemonte Drive** Survivors Trust to H. & A. He for \$2,865,000
- 3732 Raboli Street** Blacklab LLC to Z. & C. Ussey for \$4,350,000
- 8053 Regency Drive** Palange Family Trust to Jain Living Trust for \$2,870,000
- 1517 Ridgewood Road** Waymire Family Trust to Gautham Trust for \$1,795,000
- 1024 Rutledge Place** Coleman Trust to U. & M. Tamvada for \$2,380,000

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.

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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Pleasanton

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Tri-Valley Real Estate



JUST LISTED

7894 Flagstone Dr.

Welcome to this stylish 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath home located in the highly desirable Muirwood neighborhood. This fabulous home is elevated by cathedral ceilings, expansive windows and gleaming hardwood floors. Enjoy a gourmet Kitchen with granite countertops, gas range stove and custom cabinetry. This stunning floor plan features a formal Living Room, Dining Room, Family Room, two fireplaces and Kitchen on the main floor.

Listed at \$1,599,000



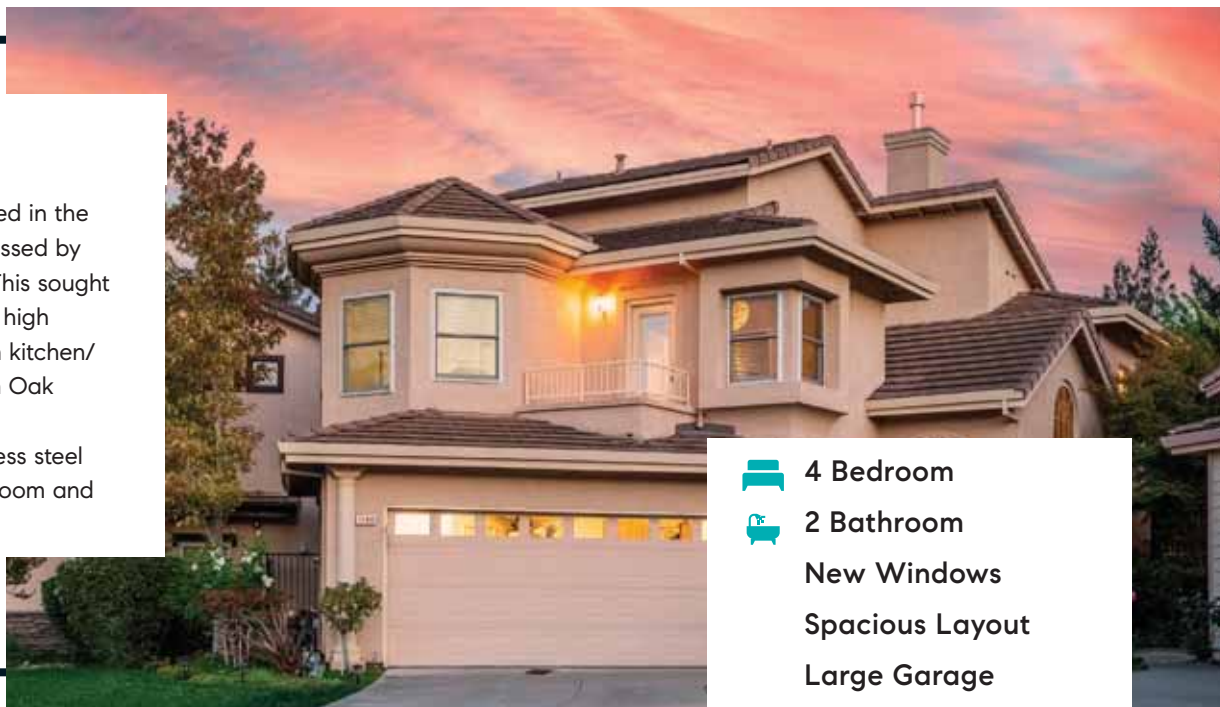
- 3 Bedroom
- 2.5 Bathroom
- Two Fireplaces
- Gourmet Kitchen
- Great Floorplan

PENDING WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS

8160 Moller Ranch Dr.

This stunning, highly-desirable Moller Ranch home nestled in the hills of West Pleasanton. This neighborhood is encompassed by incredible views overlooking Mt. Diablo and city lights. This sought after home will take your breath away with its dramatic high ceilings and impeccable upgrades. Enjoy the large open kitchen/family room, brand new Anderson Windows, and French Oak hardwood floors. The main level highlights an expansive upgraded open kitchen featuring newer cabinets, stainless steel appliances, beautiful granite countertops, a lofty living room and spacious dining area.

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- 4 Bedroom
- 2 Bathroom
- New Windows
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5253 Meadowwood Court, Pleasanton

Listed at \$1,599,000
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5226 Crestline Way, Pleasanton

Listed at \$1,499,000
Pending With Multiple Offers

3643 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton

Sold for \$1,830,000

810 Chateli Court, Pleasanton

Sold for \$1,710,000
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7801 Flagstone Drive, Pleasanton

Sold for \$1,750,000



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4905 HILLCREST WAY, PLEASANTON
4 BS | 3 BA | 2759 SF
SOLD FOR \$2,450,000
(REPRESENTED BUYER)

ROSE PARK



JUST CLOSED

1564 POPPYBANK COURT, PLEASANTON
4 BD | 3 BA | 1900 SF
SOLD FOR \$1,350,000

IRONWOOD



SOLD

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

PLEASANTON OAK PARK



SOLD

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

ROSE PARK



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1558 POPPYBANK COURT, PLEASANTON
4 BD | 3 BA | 1,900 SF
SOLD FOR \$1,280,000

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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
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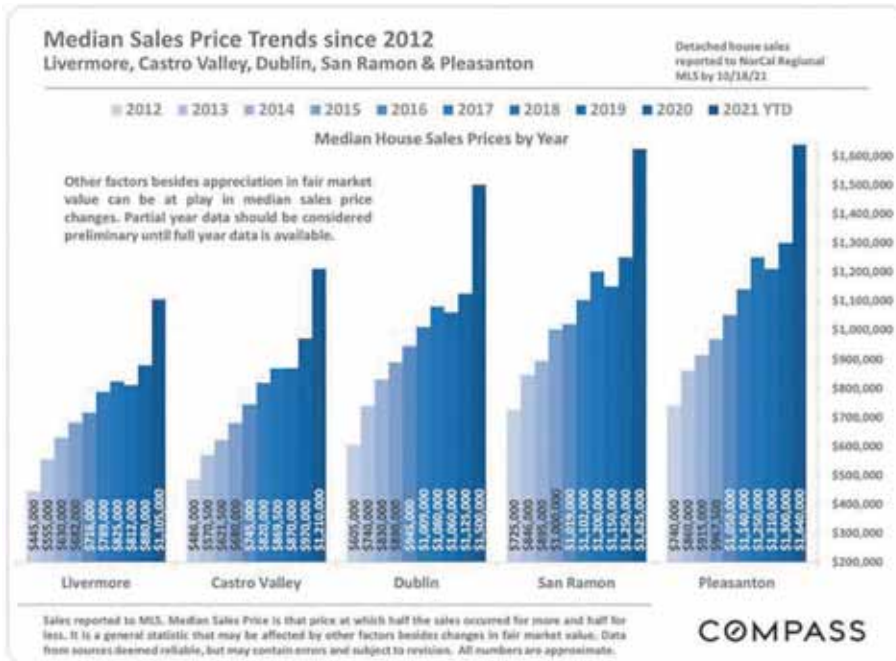
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17396 Grand Island
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PLEASANTON



4242 Bevilacqua Court
4BD, 3 BA | 2,253 SqFt.
Representing buyers & sellers
SOLD \$1,940,000

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1369 Briones Court
Ironwood Estates
5 BD, 4 BA | 4,205 SqFt.
SOLD \$2,915,000

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4735 McHenry Gate
4 BD, 3.5 BA | 2,487 SqFt.
Listed at \$1,510,000
SOLD \$1,750,000

DUBLIN



11302 Rolling Hills Drive
4 BD, 2.5 BA | 2,511 SqFt.
SOLD \$1,550,000

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4550 Gatetree Circle
4 BD, 2 BA | 1,808 SqFt.
Listed at \$1,515,000
SOLD \$1,815,000

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