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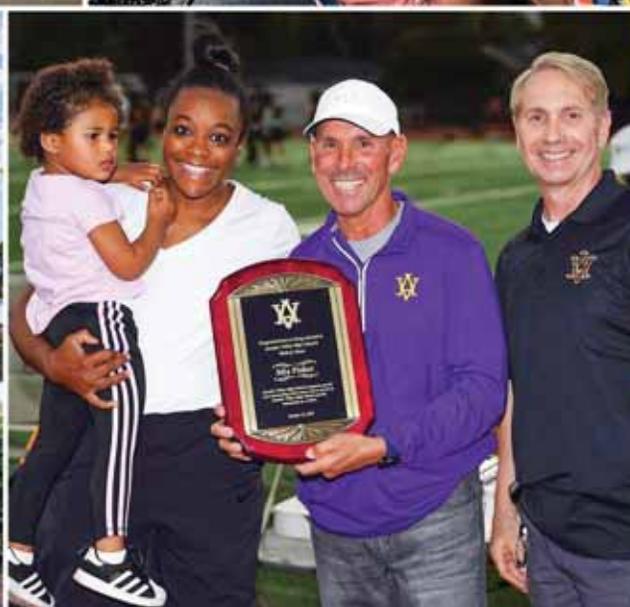
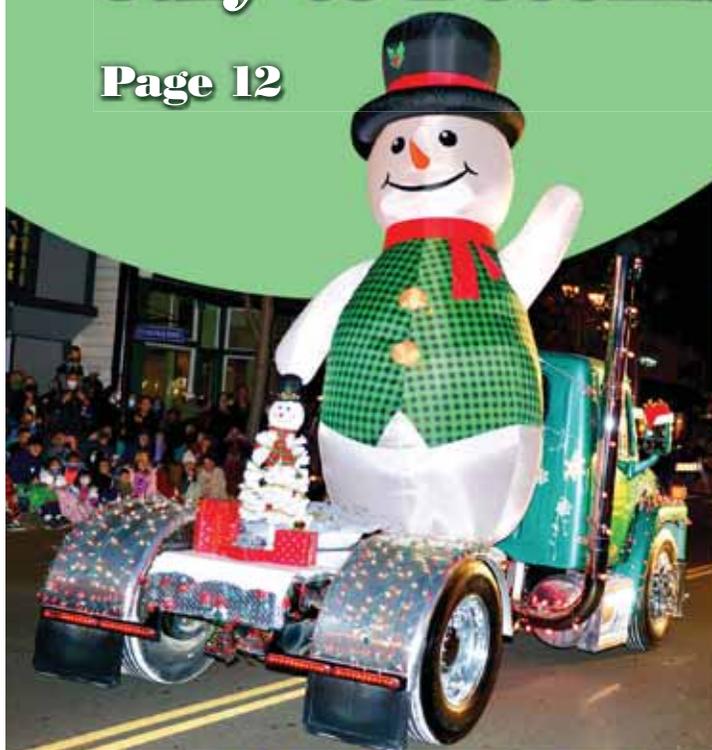
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BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Violins of Hope proclaim: Life is good

When master violinmaker Amnon Weinstein of Tel Aviv decided to share his collection of instruments that survived the Holocaust, to be played in concerts around the world, he named his organization Violins of Hope.

"All instruments were symbols of hope and a way to say: remember me, remember us," his website states. "Life is good, celebrate it for those who perished, for those who survived. For all people."

Amnon, who was born in Palestine in 1938, and his son Avshalom have restored dozens of violins, violas and cellos that belonged to



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Violin at bottom left the German Reich with a Jewish child during the Kindertransport in 1938-40.

Jews before and during World War II. Many of the instruments came from survivors or their families with a poignant story. Some have an embedded Star of David indicating they were played by the often self-taught klezmers.

My son who lives in Berlin has a piano built in the early 1900s by Stern Berlin with a Star of David in the logo above the keyboard. He was unsuccessful in learning anything about its history since, he was told, Berlin had hundreds of piano manufacturers in this era.

It was common for Jewish children in Europe at the time to play the violin, so many of the Violins of Hope were inexpensive, made for beginners. But the Weinstains turn them into quality instruments deserving of concert halls.

Two weeks ago I was privileged to attend a Violins of Hope concert in Southern California hosted by the Jewish Collaborative of Orange County and Chamber Music OC, held in its large performance space

in a Lake Forest business park.

The instruments were also displayed and we could inspect and touch them. A small violin had left Germany with a child in the Kindertransport program, which evacuated some 10,000 Jewish children from the German Reich before the borders were sealed in 1940.

One of the organizers placed a violin in my hands and took a photo. I was moved, thinking of its owner similarly holding it, and I hoped it had been a comfort when the nightmare began.

I learned about the concert and attended it with my friend Ilana, who grew up in Latvia and lost almost her entire family to the Holocaust. Ilana's story brings the Holocaust home to me as personal tales always do, and sitting by her side added emotion to the evening.

The music was by Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Shostakovich, Schumann and Dvorak. Plus one especially meditative work, "Quatuor pour la fin du Temps," composed by Olivier Messiaen when a prisoner at the German camp at Gorkitz in Silesia in 1940-41; it premiered at the camp before fellow inmates and German officers.

Violins of Hope will be in the Tri-Valley in early 2023, sponsored by the East Bay Holocaust Education Center and the Bankhead Theater. They anticipate having 16 to 20 violins and cellos and hope to present three concerts by the Livermore-Amador Symphony, to include educational segments.

"We also plan to have free one-hour educational and musical programs which we will bring to middle schools and high schools in the Tri-Valley," said EBHEC president Larry Lugin in an email. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime event that we hope will be educational, memorable and inspirational for all the thousands of students, teachers and others in our community experiencing it."

It was a once-in-a-lifetime event for me. These instruments represent two things I find incredibly moving: history with its frequent suffering and stumbling march forward; and music with its ability to bring joy in unbearable times and to unite disparate people.

Thank you, Violins of Hope — and thank you, Ilana. ■

About the Cover

We're back with the second half of our annual retrospective. Reflect on all the big news in the Tri-Valley from July through December in our Year in Review: Part II, inside from Pages 12-18. File photos. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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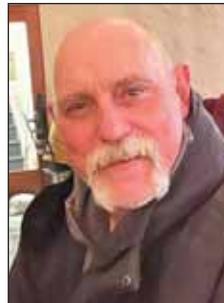
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What are your New Year's resolutions this year?



Victor Saffradian
Engineer

I hate to disappoint, but New Year's resolutions really aren't my thing. They're not on my radar. I just don't give any thought to that.



Doug Murray
Soccer coach

My biggest resolution in the coming year is to be a better husband. It is always a goal of mine to be a better husband in the New Year than I was in the previous year.



Amanda Mason
Medical clerk

I don't make New Years resolutions because my mindset is "why wait until New Years?" Whenever I see my own shortcomings, I try to just fix and improve myself right away instead of waiting for an arbitrary date like Jan. 1 of every year.



Jeancarlo Padilla
Soccer coach

My resolutions for the New Year are to drink less and to prepare more meals at home. Meals I make on my own will be far more nutritious and healthy than anything I eat while out. Plus, eating my own meals at home is so much less expensive than eating out.



Ed Wilt
Arborist

I don't really make New Years resolutions. It's just not anything I really give any thought to.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

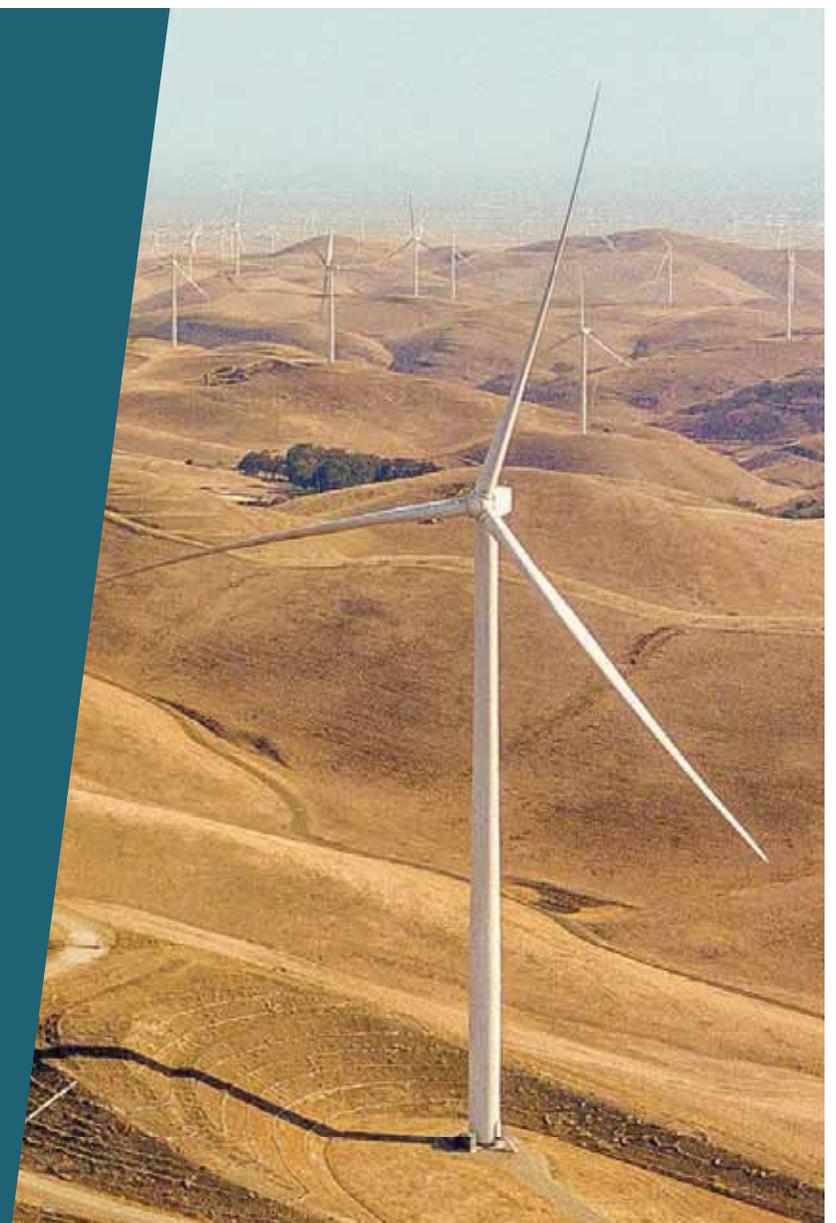
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Startup Tri-Valley job board

A new job board meant to help local startups and tech talent connect has been launched by Startup Tri-Valley.

Noting that startups face “unique problems” when hiring due to their “smaller size, specific skill sets required, and lack of name recognition,” Startup Tri-Valley runs “paid social media campaigns targeting high potential candidates,” said Executive Director Brandon Caldwell. “Once jobs are posted on our job board, we promote them through our social channels like our Startup Tri-Valley LinkedIn page and other outlets.”

To post a job opening on the jobs board, visit the Startup Tri-Valley website jobs page (<https://jobs.startuptrivalley.org/>), go to Employers and follow the instructions on how to create an employer account and post a job. Startups can also email jobs@startuptrivalley.org for help posting open positions.

Dublin housing survey

Dublin residents are being asked for feedback on the city's General Plan Housing Element Update through an online survey.

Per state law, the city of Dublin is currently updating its Housing Element for the 2023-31 planning period. The Housing Element law requires local governments to update their Housing Element every eight years, as part of demonstrating adequate planning for current and future housing needs, as determined by the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process.

Feedback from the survey will be used to develop policies and programs “that appropriately address the housing needs of current and future Dublin residents,” city officials said in a statement.

A “key step in the ongoing public outreach process,” the Housing Element Survey will be open through Feb. 28. To learn more about Dublin's Housing Element Update, visit www.dublin.ca.gov/2241/Housing-Element-Update.

Christmas tree recycling

Pleasanton Boy Scout Troop 941 is now registering local households for their annual Christmas Tree Pickup service project and fundraiser on Jan. 8.

Funds raised by the project will be used by troop members to pay for camping equipment and activities like summer camp and weekend outings.

The deadline to register for the annual Pleasanton Boy Scout Troop 941 Christmas Tree Pickup is Jan. 4. Register online at www.troop941.org.

Pleasanton's John Madden, legendary NFL coach, broadcaster, dies at age 85

Reflecting on an NFL Hall of Famer, national celebrity and hometown hero

By TIM HUNT

Legendary football coach and broadcaster John Madden died unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 28, at his Foothill Road home in Pleasanton. He was 85 and probably the best-known resident of the city.

Madden was a national celebrity who lived quietly in his hometown for decades when he wasn't traveling the country in his luxury bus, The Madden Cruiser. He invested in real estate in the downtowns of Pleasanton and Livermore, including building the luxury Rose Hotel on Main Street in Pleasanton. The family moved to Pleasanton in 1967 when Madden joined the Oakland Raiders coaching staff and maintained

a home here ever since.

“On behalf of the entire NFL family, we extend our condolences to Virginia, Mike, Joe and their families,” said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell in a statement from the National Football League. “We all know him as the Hall of Fame coach of the Oakland Raiders and broadcaster who worked for every major network, but more than anything, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.”

The statement continued:



John Madden

“Nobody loved football more than Coach. He was football. He was an incredible sounding board to me and so many others. There will never be another John Madden, and we will forever be indebted to him for all he did to make football and the NFL what it is today.”

Madden became head coach of the Oakland Raiders at the age of 32 and led the team to the playoffs eight of his 10 years. The Raiders lost American Football Conference championship games five times in seven years and fell in a divisional game to the Pittsburgh Steelers on the “Immaculate Reception.” The highlights of his coaching career include indelible moments such as Dave Casper's “Ghost to the Post”

in Baltimore, Clarence Davis' “Sea of Hands” catch to beat Miami and Casper's “Holy Roller” to defeat San Diego.

After years of frustration, the Raiders topped Pittsburgh to advance to the Super Bowl XI where they dominated the Minnesota Vikings 32-14 in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. He retired after 10 years with the best winning percentage in National Football League history. His 103 victories are the most of any Raider coach.

In the presentation at Madden's Hall of Fame induction in 2006, Raiders' owner Al Davis said Madden “coached the Raiders in a ‘golden era’ of NFL coaches, including Don

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Museum plans 2022 lecture series

‘Speakers’ range from Galileo to Julia Child to Albert Einstein

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum on Main is gearing up for its 2022 Ed Kinney Lecture Series although organizers are not sure whether it will be live or virtual.

“Last year we were just virtual but in January we were to start in person. That was the plan,” Director of Education Sarah Schaefer said. “We would also have a virtual component where we would record the show to be available on demand.”

Tickets went on sale Dec. 6 for museum members and Dec. 20 for the general public, and about half for the first show are sold, she said last week. But plans became less secure with the recent spread of the coronavirus omicron variant.

“We are concerned if in the next few weeks the city decided to go to lower capacity,” Schaefer said.

The lecture series presents “An Evening With ...” different characters throughout history. They are portrayed by speakers in the Chautauqua style, meaning they step into the role of the person for the presentation, to talk about themselves and then answer questions as the historical character would.

So far the lectures are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Firehouse Arts Center, with virtual performances on BigMarker Webinar Platform as follows:

• Jan. 18 — An Afternoon or



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jim Armstead as Galileo.

Evening with Galileo Galilei (virtual viewing to begin Jan. 25)

• Feb. 1 — Thomas Jefferson (Feb. 8)

• March 15 — Cesar Chavez (March 22)

• April 19 — Robert Frost (April 26)

• May 10 — Julia Child (May 17)

• June 14 — C.S. Lewis (June 21)

• July 19 — Erma Bombeck (July 26)

• Aug. 16 — Samuel Bellamy (Aug. 23)

• Sept. 20 — Billy Sunday (Sept. 27)

• Oct. 4 — Albert Einstein (Oct. 11)

In-person lectures are held at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$25 general admission; \$20 seniors and students; and \$15 members. Virtual admission is \$20 general admission; \$15 seniors and students; and \$10 members. Purchase tickets and get updates on the performances at www.museumonmain.org. ■

Permanent parklet program approved

By JULIA BAUM

The parklets currently lining Main Street in downtown Pleasanton will disappear when the new year arrives but are slated to return in spring, after the Pleasanton City Council unanimously approved a formal parklet program for local businesses at their final meeting this year.

Councilmember Julie Testa — who also served one last time as vice mayor for the year at the Dec. 21 council meeting — told the Weekly, “We're going to miss having it for a few weeks,” but she said that when the parklets return, they will “have a more polished look instead of the temporary look it's had because of the necessity of the pandemic.”

Operating throughout the pandemic and extended by council vote in July, the parklet program is scheduled to end on Jan. 7. The program “has allowed businesses to temporarily expand dining and other business activities outdoors into private parking lots, the sidewalk and public parking spaces” according to a city staff report.

Some downtown businesses have called the pop-ups “key to their survival over the past 18 months,” but staff noted there was “some criticism about the aesthetics of

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New redistricting maps split portions of Tri-Valley

New state assembly, congressional maps take effect in 2022 elections

By JEANITA LYMAN

Following last week's vote by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to approve final maps ahead of the Dec. 27 deadline and move to the next stage of the once-in-a-decade process, the Tri-Valley is set to be split into two state senate districts, with portions of eastern Dublin and Pleasanton also being split from the rest of the Tri-Valley under new state assembly maps.

On Dec. 20, the commission approved final maps for new districts throughout the state, following a months-long process that coincides with the release of updated census data every 10 years. The process is meant to account for shifts in population and demographics revealed by census data, and to adjust district lines accordingly in order to ensure fair representation of populations.

Changes under the new maps mean that Tri-Valley voters will be split between senate districts 9 and 5 starting with the 2024 senate race, and that some residents will vote within assembly district 20 in next year's election, rather than assembly district 16. In addition, next year's congressional race will see Mark DeSaulnier bid for re-election in the newly established congressional district 10, which will include all of

San Ramon and portions of northern Dublin in the new map.

The commission's announcement of the final maps, and the end of this stage of their 2020 proceedings, additionally emphasized that "all districts were drawn within the permissible population deviation."

Balancing this with efforts to keep communities of interest in the same districts whenever possible has characterized the commission's challenges, and as new lines slicing through portions of the Tri-Valley on the state senate and assembly maps demonstrate, the latter can't always be done.

"California senate districts are the largest legislative districts in the nation, so you're always going to get groupings and pairings of communities that may not seem like they go naturally together," said California Citizens Redistricting commissioner Russell Yee in a public meeting on Dec. 20.

Yee pointed to the Tri-Valley, and senate district 9, as an example of these challenges.

"You'll notice we actually do split the Tri-Valley also, so there were hard choices that were made here," Yee said. "We sure wish we could have just given everyone what they wanted — we actually did try — but this is what we ended up with and

we are confident that you can make it work."

Although the previous state senate maps put into use in 2010 mostly kept the Tri-Valley area as one, under senate district 7, the new senate map shows that not all communities of interest, such as the Tri-Valley, can be sustained under redistricting requirements and population changes. This is also true with smaller changes to the state assembly and congressional maps.

"We became kind of the chopping block, so to speak, in some of the conversations," said Dublin Councilmember Shawn Kumagai.

Kumagai added that while Dublin and other communities had tried to make the case for the Tri-Valley as a community of interest to the commission, various factors including county lines had posed a challenge.

Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich said that this was not the first time the Tri-Valley had been the subject of difficult decisions in the redistricting process, despite longstanding efforts between its towns and cities to function as a unified community.

He said that while the new maps, especially in the senate, present a dramatic change, he was optimistic about having strong representation for the Tri-Valley at the state and federal levels.

"While change is difficult, it also brings new opportunities to build stronger support for local control and regional funding needs," Arnerich said in an email. "The bottom-line is having two State Senators and two Congress members advocating for the Tri-Valley can be a great positive in shining more light on the Tri-Valley's five cities regional needs. I believe the Tri-Valley will be well represented by the multitude of state and federal representatives under the new redistricting maps."

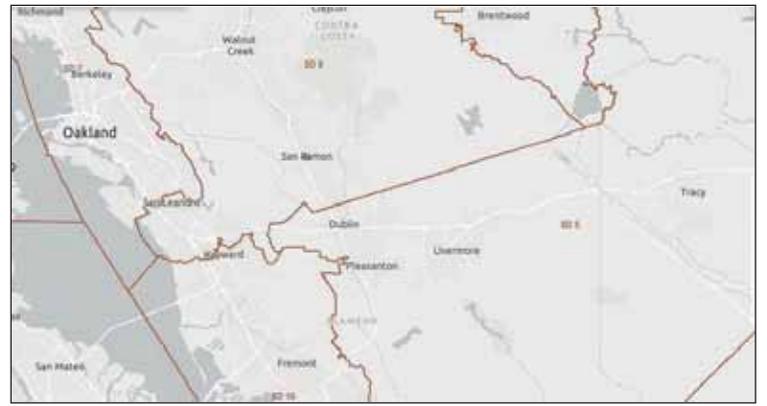
Kumagai said that while there is cause for concern with some of the new district boundaries, particularly those concentrated around Dublin, he was also optimistic that they would not present any immediate challenges to constituents on the ground.

"From a California Voting Rights Act Perspective, in theory, Dublin's influence has been diluted," Kumagai said. "That's why, in theory, you don't want to be split. In practice, it's not like that."

Assembly, congressional changes

While the new senate districts present the most dramatic change for the Tri-Valley under the new maps, eastern portions of Dublin and Pleasanton are also split from the rest of the area under new state assembly districts, despite most communities remaining together under assembly district 16.

"I am happy to see the Tri-Valley



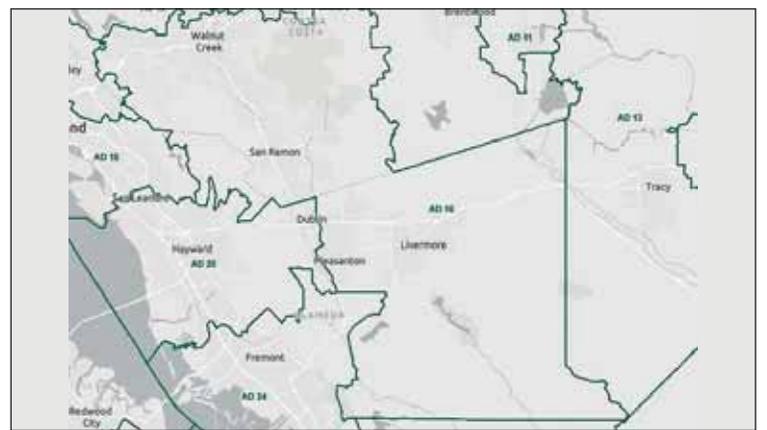
2020 CCRC

Under the new map approved for state senate districts, northern and southern portions of the Tri-Valley area will be split between two districts.



2020 CCRC

Under the new congressional districts map approved this week, San Ramon residents will vote for the same representative in congress in the coming election, along with some Dublin residents.



2020 CCRC

The new assembly district map doesn't show a dramatic shift from the current, except for portions of Dublin and San Ramon, which fall under AD 20 in the new map.

remain largely intact, and to continue representing the majorities of the Tri-valley cities," said state assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who was elected to represent AD 16 in 2018. "I am sad that I will no longer represent parts of Dublin and Pleasanton, but it will not change how hard I work to deliver for the community."

With state assembly and congressional races slated for next year, the finalizing of the new maps is a crucial step for candidates seeking to run for election or re-election in these races. The new assembly districts mean that Kumagai will now live within the new AD 20. With that district's incumbent, Bill Quirk, announcing that he will not seek re-election next year, Kumagai said that he plans to formally announce a run for that seat this week.

"I think the issues that are

impacting families across this district are largely the same," Kumagai said. "They want quality education, they want clean and safe communities, they want access to transportation ...and they want affordable housing."

The new congressional maps present additional changes for portions of southern San Ramon and northern Dublin, with boundaries shifting south and placing these areas within the new congressional district 10. Mark DeSaulnier, who represents district 11 under the old congressional maps, announced that he would run for re-election in the new CD 10 last week.

Following the final maps being sent to the secretary of state on Dec. 26, a spokesperson for that office said the next step was for them to inform and assign voters to new districts ahead of next year's election. ■

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Community group to host forum with Alameda County Sheriff candidates

Virtual event with Ahern, Sanchez, Walker set for Jan. 9

BY CIERRA BAILEY

The three candidates in the running to become Alameda County's next sheriff are set to debate key issues in a virtual forum next month hosted by community group Livermore Indivisible.

Among the contenders is incumbent Gregory Ahern, who has held his seat at the helm of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) since 2007. His challengers are ACSO Division Commander Yesenia Sanchez and veteran San Francisco Police Department Officer JoAnn Walker.

The forum is set for Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m. and is co-sponsored by Livermore Vine, Pleasanton Weekly, The Independent and Indivisible East Bay.

While Pleasanton and Livermore each have their own respective police departments, the ACSO provides patrol and investigative services to the city of Dublin and unincorporated areas of Alameda County.

Ahern, Sanchez and Walker each come with their own unique experiences and backgrounds in law enforcement.

An Alameda County native, Ahern



Gregory Ahern



Yesenia Sanchez



JoAnn Walker

was hired as a deputy sheriff for the ACSO in 1980. Over the years, he rose through the ranks to become assistant deputy sheriff in 2006 and the following year he was elected the 22nd sheriff of Alameda County, according to a statement from Livermore Indivisible announcing the upcoming forum, which describes each candidate's background.

Over the past 14 years as sheriff, Ahern has been involved in developing a number of programs, including the Youth and Family Services Bureau, Drug Education and Enforcement, Cold Case DNA Unit, D.U.I. Enforcement Unit and the Strategic Planning process for the future health of the sheriff's office.

He also initiated the Urban Shield tactical exercise, which provides a

training venue to several thousand first responders.

According to the ACSO website, Ahern oversees a current adjusted net budget of approximately \$185.7 million and over 1,500 employees, including in excess of 1,000 sworn personnel.

Other ACSO duties include operating the Coroner's Bureau, operating Santa Rita Jail and providing security to the Consolidated Superior Courts.

Sanchez — who is the highest ranking woman in the ACSO — oversees hundreds of staff members as well as an annual budget of \$272 million, according to the Livermore Indivisible statement.

Also an Alameda County native, Sanchez was born in Hayward and

currently resides in Livermore.

Sanchez assumed command of the Santa Rita Jail in early 2020 and since then has strived to prioritize the health and safety of the incarcerated during the Covid-19 pandemic.

She aims to "continue to work towards delivering law enforcement services with humanity and compassion, strengthening relationships with our communities and partnering with county and city leaders," according to the statement.

Walker first announced her campaign to run for sheriff to unseat Ahern back in January in a joint bid with civil rights attorney Pamela Price who is running for District Attorney to replace Nancy O'Malley whose set to retire when her current term expires in early 2023.

Walker is a 26-year law

enforcement veteran, educator and long-standing resident of Alameda County.

She is an award-winning volunteer suicide prevention crisis counselor, a 2016 recipient of the U.S. Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Community Policing and an adjunct professor at California State University East Bay.

Walker's long history with SFPD includes holding various roles within the department such as terrorism liaison officer, community relations unit liaison, station keeper, field training officer and peer support counselor, among others.

She has developed and conducted training for law enforcement professionals in various subjects including hate crimes, tactical communications and crisis support/suicide prevention.

Livermore Indivisible is accepting email submitted questions for the candidates through Jan. 5. Send questions and get registration information by emailing info@livermore-indivisible.org. ■

Pleasanton council gives Climate Action Plan 2.0 one final look

Final vote on environmental policy framework is scheduled in February

BY JULIA BAUM

Two years and some delay later, the city's Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0 received one last look and extensive feedback at the Pleasanton City Council's final meeting of 2021.

A draft version of the 73 page document — which outlines the city's next decade of environmental policy framework and addresses climate change through a number of suggested actions — was presented at the Dec. 21 council meeting. The city started updating the CAP 2.0 about two years ago but was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, then prioritized it in the city work plan earlier this year.

In an interview with the Weekly, Councilmember Jack Balch called the CAP 2.0 "very good," but said that "as we implement the actual ordinances, how we fine tune it on a daily basis for our residents" will ultimately determine its success.

"We can talk about electrification and incentives, but what will those be? It's going to take a lot of sectors to come together to achieve it," Balch said.

Balch added that the CAP 2.0 "is more aggressive right now than we possibly need to be for the graph, but it helps us continue the trend line for the next cycle beyond the

2030 plan. It gets us on track for 2045 neutrality." The city is ultimately aiming to reduce more than 4.1 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions by that point.

Some initial objectives outlined in the CAP update include reducing Pleasanton's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, creating a "realistic and implementable" plan "with evidence-based, actionable, and achievable local policies," and creating "a qualified CAP under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that complies with current regulations."

The draft list also includes "some substantive changes/direction" like requiring "covered projects" within the Pleasanton Municipal Code to install battery storage.

Councilmember Julie Testa, who served as vice mayor one last time that evening, said in an interview that the community needs to "fully embrace" CAP 2.0, "and I was asking that the city set by example, do everything we can within the city to implement the goals, and that would be every opportunity we have to add and improve solar, and to have our vehicles be low emission."

Specifically, Testa took issue earlier that evening with the city's purchase of five gas-powered vehicles

for the Pleasanton Police Department. Testa said she supports giving PPD "the very best vehicles, but I asked if there is a reason we're purchasing a fleet of five new vehicles when there is in the same model, a pursuit-rated version that is a hybrid."

Testa added, "We need to get away from the gas-powered and we're asking our community members to do that, we're asking our business members to do the same, and we need to model the same."

According to the city, adoption of CAP 2.0 will result in an estimated annual cost savings of \$587,000 to the community, depending on which policies are ultimately included in the plan.

Staff will make modifications to the document "as appropriate," before bringing a final version to the committee for review in late January. The final CAP 2.0 is scheduled for a council vote in February. ■

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This year's Holiday Fund recipients that will share in fund contributions are:

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- **Hope Hospice**
- **Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE)**
- **REACH**
- **Sunflower Hill**
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- **Open Heart Kitchen**

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Pleasanton council, school board switch up roles for 2022

Arkin appointed vice mayor; PUSD trustees choose their new leader

By JULIA BAUM

Several key Pleasanton leadership roles recently switched hands for 2022, ushering in various new board and commission assignments for both city and school district officials.

Mayor Karla Brown appointed Councilmember Valerie Arkin to be Pleasanton's vice mayor for 2022 on Tuesday, Dec. 21, along with a number of various board and commission assignments for other council members. Each year the mayor



Valerie Arkin

reviews and revises multiple assignments for City Council subcommittees as well as local and regional boards and commissions.

Arkin, who previously served 12 years on the Pleasanton school board before being elected to the council last November, will take over as vice mayor from Julie Testa. Currently on her first term, Testa was elected to the council in 2018 and has served as vice mayor since last January.

Before voting on the appointments, Testa said though "it's really important for all of us to have background and understanding of our different regional committees and commissions," she would like council members to rotate assignments more "so that we each get an opportunity to learn more about transportation issues, water issues."

"We should all be more well-rounded, and not having the opportunity to move on to some of those other positions — I mean two years would be lovely for everybody to get a little learning curve and participate — but I would really like an opportunity to participate in some of the other regional committees as well," Testa said.

The council approved all of the assignments unanimously.

Trustee Mark Miller was appointed the new president of the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees in a 3-2 vote at their Dec. 16 meeting. Miller has decided to not run for reelection next year and will instead serve as board president for the remainder of his term. Outgoing board president Joan Laursen also nominated Trustee Steve Maher, who was board president last year, to be vice president in 2022.

Laursen said she gave her

decision "a lot of thought" and decided that "the ability of a school district to make significant progress on behalf of the students and serving the students, really depends on stability and the governance team."

"There will be a brand new governance team next year," Laursen said. "The work of creating the bonding that needs to happen among the team members and that collaboration with the superintendent and the cabinet takes some guidance, it takes a steady hand, it takes some experience."

Laursen added, "I really feel after Trustee Miller served his term, I just believe that Steve Maher would be the person to take us forward into the next phase with the two new board members."

Trustee Kelly Mokashi, who was elected to her first term last year, said she understands "the value of having stability but also there are benefits of coaching and the leadership capacity of other trustees as well."

Miller was the only new trustee when he first joined the board and said the job of board president is to partly "be the mentor to the new board members," and that "I don't think I would've been ready to be VP at that point."

Also a board newcomer this year, Trustee Mary Jo Carreon said she was "disappointed" by the decision after going through extensive leadership training, and was "ready to take on more responsibility."

"I just felt like I was ready to step into vice-president because I have time, I have energy and I think that sometimes having someone new is beneficial, so I am a little disappointed," Carreon said.

Noting that each term as board president only lasts one year, Mokashi said, "Unless we change protocol next year, then potentially one of us won't have a chance to be president in our current term, and that is disappointing."

Laursen acknowledged that "the math doesn't work out" if a trustee gets to serve as president or vice president more than once during a four-year term.

"That's why it's the board's intent that everyone have the opportunity to serve," Laursen said. "But there's five members and a term is only four years, so in reality you have to run for more than one term for everybody to have that opportunity."

Laursen announced earlier this year that she does not plan to run for another board term in the Nov. 22 general election. ■

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Shula of the Miami Dolphins, Hank Stram of the Kansas City Chiefs, Tom Landry of the Dallas Cowboys, Chuck Noll of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Weeb Ewbank of the New York Jets, Bud Grant of the Minnesota Vikings and Sid Gillman of the San Diego Chargers. Each is a member of the Hall of Fame. Madden's combined career record against them: 36-16-2."

ESPN reporter Adam Schefter wrote on Twitter, "Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones: 'I am not aware of anyone who has made a more meaningful impact on the National Football League than John Madden, and I know of no one who loved the game more.'"

As significant as he was to the NFL as a coach, it was his broadcast career and his role as a pitchman that made him a household name in America. As related in the "All Madden" documentary that ran on Fox Christmas Day, Madden was reluctant to step into the broadcast booth, but it grew quickly on him.

Starting with CBS in 1979, he worked secondary games until he was promoted to the lead team with Pat Summerall in 1981. Together, they became the voice of the big NFL games. They called eight Super Bowls together (five for CBS and three for Fox). When CBS lost rights to the NFL to Fox, executives there targeted Madden to join the network because he would bring instant credibility. So he and Summerall moved to Fox as its lead announcer team.

Madden worked for Fox for seven years before moving to ABC sports to call Monday Night Football with Al Michaels. Then NBC sports came calling and the duo



MADDEN FAMILY

NFL great John Madden retired from broadcasting in 2009. Shown here with his sons Mike and Joe, Madden told the Pleasanton Weekly he wasn't slowing down. He was starting a new job advising NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

started calling Sunday Night Football in 2006. When he moved, he became the first broadcaster to work for all four networks.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his coaching career in 2006. He said in his acceptance speech that, "I never worked a day in my life ... I am the luckiest guy in the world."

Four years earlier he had received the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television award for his broadcasting excellence.

Madden, who Summerall noted was afraid of heights and very claustrophobic, initially traveled by train to his broadcasting assignments. In 1987, he moved to a luxury bus, the Madden Cruiser, converted for 24-hour travel and crisscrossed the United States in it.

An article on the Hall of Fame website noted: "Madden's broadcasting 'statistics': 22 Thanksgiving Day games, 11 Super Bowls, 16 Emmy Awards, the 1994 NSAA National Sportscaster of the Year award and the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award in 2002..."

"He was a Hall of Fame football coach. He was a gigantic television star. Why? Because the bit of advice that everybody gets that's easy to say but hard to follow: Be yourself," Bob Costas told NFL Films. "He was able to be himself ... and people loved him."

In 1988, EA Sports approached Madden about doing an electronic football game. That became a partnership that continues to this day with the annual release of Madden Football. In 1985, he started naming his All Madden Team, selecting pros who played the game the way he thought it should be played. His life-long friend, coach John Robinson (USC, Los Angeles Rams head coach) suggested the All Madden team.

Madden did commercials for Ace Hardware, Outback Steakhouse[36] Verizon Wireless, Rent-A-Center, Miller Lite, Toyota, Sirius Satellite Radio and "Tough Actin" Tinactin. The Miller Lite pitches blended in comedy and took full advantage of Madden's big personality.

For Bay Area people, they have had the opportunity to hear Madden

on the radio since his coaching days. He called in to KYA in the 1970s and then KSFO, KNBR and KCBS.

Madden grew up in the Bay Area, graduating from Jefferson High School in Daly City. He attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and played offensive tackle. His Cal Poly degree was in education and he put that to use as a coach, moving quickly from Alan Hancock Community College to San Diego State College under Don Coryell and then to the Raiders in 1967 as linebacker coach.

"I got hurt in my rookie year with the Philadelphia Eagles — a knee injury — and I couldn't play. While I was rehabbing, Norm Van Brocklin would be watching films and would explain what was happening. I ended up with a degree in teaching and my love for football meshed with teaching," he told a gaming industry magazine.

While at Cal Poly, he met Virginia Fields and they married in 1959. They celebrated their 63rd anniversary Dec. 26. They have two sons, Mike and Joe.

Madden loved football at any level. In the early 1970s, Madden pointed out that Amador Valley tailback Rick Kane was a dominating high school football player. Kane later played for the Detroit Lions and Washington Redskins.

John Madden owns a building in Hacienda Business Park that houses Goal Line Studios, run by his son Joe. He built it so he didn't have to travel to film commercials or other spots.

If you happened to eat at Vic's All Star Kitchen you could run into the family grabbing a meal after watching the grandkids in a sporting event and see Madden drive up in his F-150 Ford pickup truck.

Memorial service arrangements are pending. ■

PARKLETS

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these pop-ups within downtown, particularly their appearance, effect on adjacent business visibility and traffic safety."

While researching, staff identified "several key issues and considerations for the parklet program." While "most of the temporary pop-ups installed downtown today will not comply with this program," staff said that "some of the structures may comply with minor alterations."

To address design concerns, staff proposed a pre-approved parklet model that businesses could use. None of the parklets will be required to look the same, but will be expected to follow guidelines like using materials such as wood paneling and metal for overall design continuity.

A design professional will be hired to prepare standard specifications for the parklets, which are currently not allowed to occupy more than two parking spaces and/or 40 linear feet of curb frontage,

whichever is less. Because some parking spaces can be up to 24 feet long, the length of the parklet will be customizable.

"That means you could trim it down in front of businesses," Mayor Karla Brown said in an interview last Wednesday, with excess space potentially serving another purpose like bicycle parking.

Costs to prepare the program include hiring a design professional as well as reviewing, inspecting and monitoring the plan. The city may also incur ongoing maintenance costs associated with the parklets such as trimming nearby trees and street cleaning.

Per staff recommendation, some of the program costs could be recouped over time, should the council adopt an annual fee of \$1,000 per parking space occupied (with "the fee to be waived during the first year to help offset the costs of investing in the parklet itself"). Application fees for each parklet would also be collected by the city.

During council discussion, Brown asked if the annual fee is "going on in perpetuity."

"Are we expecting these parklets to be in Pleasanton forever or is there a time where the council in the future will look at this and say we really need those parking spaces back or it's just not working?" Brown said. "If you have this automatic fee renewal, is there that chance to take a look back and say, 'is this program working?'"

Associate planner Megan Campbell said along with the annual fee renewal "comes an opportunity to review whether it's working." There are currently no fines for not maintaining parklets but the city does have code enforcement at their disposal.

Campbell said, "I believe it begins with a conversation, not necessarily a fee, and seeing if we can work with them, and then...at a certain point, we can actually begin to have a fine if maintenance is not being upheld to our standards."

According to staff, the restaurant community was vocal during outreach about wanting to keep the temporary pop-ups installed until the formal parklet program is ready. Maurice Dissels, executive

chef and founder of Oyo restaurant, said during public comment, "I don't see why the city could not extend the parklet program, maybe in two week increments, until we get closer to having something in hand."

After some deferred street maintenance and cleaning by city operations, businesses will be able to submit a parklet plan starting March 1, with parklet installation beginning either later that month or in April.

Brown said the council may explore a city grant program to help businesses with the cost of installing parklets — a proposal also supported by Testa, who said "many businesses spent money on the temporary pop-ups and we don't want to burden them with huge startup costs." Testa and others said the pop-ups cost on average approximately \$10,000 each.

The total cost for implementing the parklet program including design services is estimated to be less than \$25,000, and will be included in the 2021-22 mid-year budget. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Pedestrian critically injured in collision on Hopyard Road

A pedestrian was hit by a vehicle on Hopyard Road near Hansen Drive at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

According to the Pleasanton Police Department, the vehicle was traveling northbound on Hopyard Road when it struck the pedestrian, who was walking eastbound across Hopyard Road, outside of a crosswalk.

The pedestrian was transported to Eden Hospital with critical injuries.

The Pleasanton Police Department Traffic Unit responded to the scene and are investigating the collision. The driver remained at the scene and is cooperating with the investigation.

"It has not been determined whether alcohol or drugs were a factor in the collision," said Traffic Sergeant Steve Ayers, "Due to the ongoing investigation, the identities of the driver and pedestrian are not being released at this time."

This is the fourth incident this

year in the area in which a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle. In February a pedestrian was struck and killed on Johnson Drive in Pleasanton. In June, a pedestrian was hit and killed on Dublin Boulevard in Dublin. And in September, a pedestrian walking on I-580 in Livermore was struck and killed.

Anyone with information related to the collision Monday is encouraged to contact the Pleasanton Police Department Traffic Unit at 925-931-5100.

—Gina Channell Wilcox

In other news

- Dublin police officers recently arrested four people suspected of stealing \$4,000 worth of merchandise from a local business.

The suspects were arrested on Dec. 19, and one "had 25 Xanax, 31 amphetamine, 12 Norco and several hundred ecstasy pills in her bra," Dublin Police Services said in a social media post the following day.

All of the suspects were booked on grand theft and drug charges at the Santa Rita Jail, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, before being released on zero bail. The suspects were also issued a

court date in February.

ACSO representatives said in a statement, "Zero bail continues to be a challenge because it allows people to continue to reoffend without getting them access to treatment, services and programs."

—Julia Baum

- Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a proposal Friday to allocate upwards of \$300 million over the next three years to curtail organized retail theft and violent crime across the state.

Speaking at the California Highway Patrol's Dublin office, Newsom pledged to infuse local law enforcement agencies and district attorney's offices with funding to crack down on retail, gun and drug crime.

The plan would make \$255 million in grants available to law enforcement agencies over three years, enabling them to expand the number of officers they station at retail locations and hone in on organized retail theft.

"We recognize this moment requires us to do more and to broaden and deepen our efforts throughout the state of California," Newsom said, referencing the retail theft operations in recent months

in the Bay Area.

Newsom's proposal would make permanent what is currently known as the Organized Retail Crime Task Force within the CHP. Since its inception in 2019, the task force has recovered nearly \$20 million in stolen goods.

The renamed Smash and Grab Enforcement Unit already operates in the Bay Area and Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties, and would expand to include Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valley under Newsom's proposal.

It would also provide \$20 million in grants to small businesses that have been affected by smash-and-grab

operations and organized theft.

State and local prosecutors and investigators would have access to nearly \$50 million in combined grants over three years to combat retail crime, with \$30 million allocated for district attorneys and \$18 million to support the creation of a dedicated investigative team within the state attorney general's office focusing on retail theft.

Newsom is expected to include the crime prevention funding in his 2022-2023 budget proposal to the state legislature, which he is set to fully unveil next month. ■

—Eli Walsh / BCN Foundation

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available

Dec. 24

DUI

- 1:24 a.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard/Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 1:27 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 3:00 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Robbery

- 2:03 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 9:10 p.m. on Santa Rita Road/Valley Avenue

Warrant arrest

- 10:28 p.m. on the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

Dec. 23

Theft

- 5:34 a.m. on the 1600 block of Calle Santa Anna; theft from auto

- 12:19 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft

- 12:30 p.m. on the 500 block of Tawny Road; auto theft

- 12:31 p.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 1:01 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

- 9:11 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

- 2:29 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

- 5:43 p.m. on Stoneridge Drive/Springdale Avenue

Alcohol Violation

- 6:23 p.m. on the 2200 block of Segundo Court

Dec. 22

Vandalism

- 9:05 a.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Theft

- 9:40 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

- 10:46 a.m. on the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; theft from auto

- 1:22 p.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 2:08 p.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive; auto theft

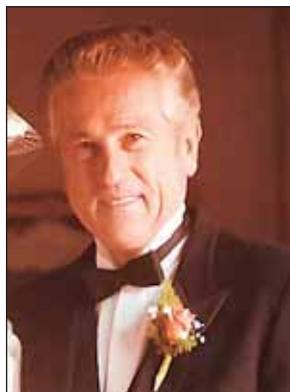
- 2:09 p.m. on the 7100 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

- 11:09 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

John J. Sevo, Sr.

December 19, 1925 – December 17, 2021

The dash between the dates represents a lifetime of love, laughter, happiness and joy. The memories we hold dear of a wonderful man that fought in World War II then came home to marry his sweetheart, Thelma, will forever be written onto our hearts. A loving husband of 70 years, a wonderful father, a fabulous grandfather, a great grandfather, a sweet father-in-law, devoted uncle and little brother. He will always be remembered and have a place in our hearts.



John was born in Oakland to Anthony and Anzula Sevo. He graduated from Castlemont High School and after returning from his Military service worked as a butcher for over 30 years. He also enjoyed a second career as a Jelly Belly Sales Representative with his friend of over 80 years, Domenic Purpura. John and Thelma moved to Pleasanton in 1967 where they raised their children John Sevo, Jr. (Candy) of Oakdale, Cheryl Beeson (David) of Pleasanton, and Randall Sevo (Heather) of Modesto. After retirement John enjoyed restoring old trucks, working on home and garden projects, and spending time with his grandchildren Chris Sullivan (Stacey), Michelle Sullivan (Liam), Tyler Sevo (Jessica), Brittney Weinerth (John), Andrew Beeson (Alexandra), Adam Beeson, Miranda Sevo, Eleanor Sevo and great grandchildren Wyatt, Sadie, Callum, Jackson and Evelyn. He is preceded in death by his sisters Lucille Augello, Mary Merrill, Anne Augello and sister-in-law, Betty Cooke.

A celebration of John's life will take place in 2022. In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice.

PAID OBITUARY

Susan Conway Mathews

March 18, 1942 – December 1, 2021

Susan Conway Mathews of Pleasanton, CA, passed away on December 1, 2021.

She was born Susan Jane Conway in Galesburg, IL, March 18, 1942, the second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Francis (Marjorie E. Silcox) Conway. She grew up in Clovis, New Mexico, and graduated from Hockaday School for Girls in Dallas, TX in 1959. She received a Bachelor's degree from Scripps College, Claremont, CA, in 1963, and a Master's in Human Resources and Organization Development from the University of San Francisco in 1989.



Susan had been a Bay Area resident since 1964. She was a former Vice President, Benefits and Payroll, at Bank of America, and former Director, Retirement Administration, and Director, Senior Management Compensation and Benefits, for the University of California, Office of the President. She and her husband, Tony Mathews, moved to Pleasanton in 1997. She was a 60-year member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and a current member of Chapter WB, Pleasanton.

Susan was a favorite of all her friends and family. She loved to laugh and easily made other people laugh with her creative and quirky sense of humor. She wanted to know as much as she could about the people she loved. She remembered details, was always accepting and encouraging, and went out of her way to be helpful. Her passing is a great sadness for all who knew her.

She is survived by stepdaughters Erin Ascher of Petaluma, and Kristin Hurocy of Riverbank; three grandchildren: Alex Ascher (Macey) of Turlock, Brooke Ascher, and Bella Ascher of Petaluma; one great-granddaughter, Lainey Ascher of Turlock.

Also surviving are her brother, John Conway (MJ Wetherhead) of Austin, TX; nephews Paul Comstock (Ree Hertzson) of Cottonwood, AZ, Stephen Comstock (Jean Deal) of Bethesda, MD, and Matthew Comstock (Jennifer) of Estes Park, CO, and niece Kerri Mathews Martinez of Discovery Bay, CA; grandnieces Madison Comstock, Sydney Comstock, Arianna Hertzson and Gabrielle Hertzson, and grandnephew Jack Comstock. She was predeceased in 2013 by Tony Mathews, her husband of 41 years, and in 1993 by her sister Anne Conway Comstock, of Houston, TX.

At Susan's request there will be no memorial service.

Contributions in her memory may be made payable to "P.E.O. Chapter WB", with her name in the memo line, and sent to:

Diane West, Treasurer, Chapter WB
2416 Golden Rain Road #1
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Contributions will benefit the Program for Continuing Education, a needs-based grant program. It provides one-time financial assistance to women who find it necessary to return to school, to complete a degree or certification that improves their marketable skills for employment to support themselves and/or their families.

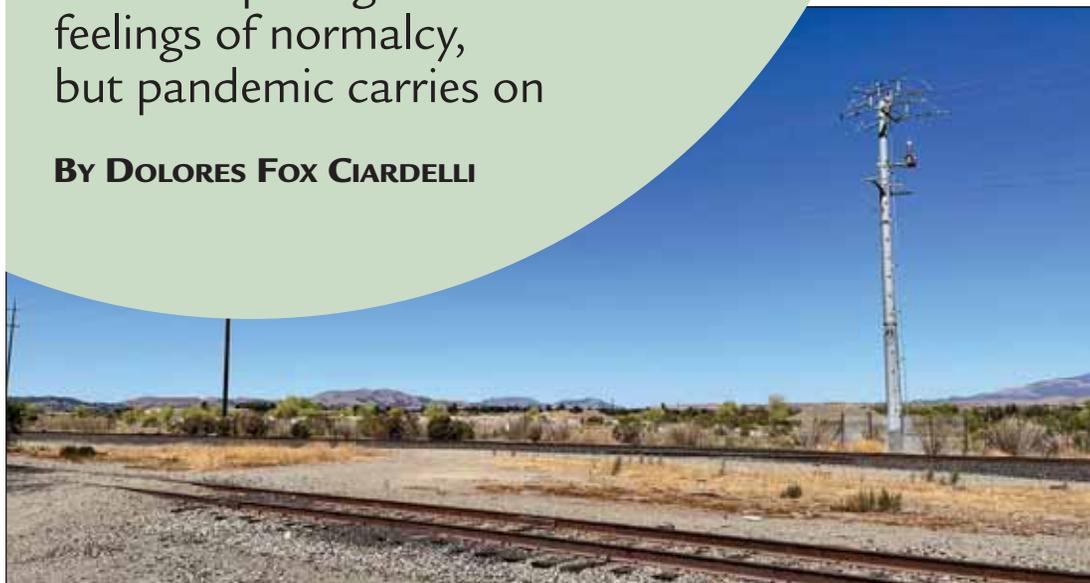
PAID OBITUARY

2021

Year in Review: July to December

More reopenings elicit feelings of normalcy, but pandemic carries on

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Clockwise at top, Hundreds of residents turned out to downtown Pleasanton for the 2021 Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony on Nov. 7. (Photo: Chuck Deckert). Dublin Elementary students and parents gathered in September to rally and demand that Dublin Unified School District invest more Measure J bond money into updating the aging campus. (Photo courtesy of Christina Mordoff). A ground-level view of the East Pleasanton site where Amazon acquired a swath of undeveloped land with plans to open a distribution warehouse in the future. (Photo: Jeremy Walsh).

Happy New Year! Hello to the future, and farewell to 2021, with a look back at the last six months.

The theme for the second half of the year seems to be “reopening” — from Museum on Main to schools to theaters as venues again welcomed patrons who’d been vaccinated and

were wearing masks.

The personal tragedy of a missing runner in the Pleasanton Ridge pulled the community together for a search that lasted three weeks and concluded with heartbreak. And we all held our breath as the Pleasanton Unified School District and the teachers union worked on a contract

acceptable to all after members of the Association of Pleasanton Teachers authorized a strike over their compensation package.

In December, the Pleasanton Holiday Parade returned on a clear pre-winter night, bringing magic into our lives and hope for the future. Onward to 2022!

JULY

- Pleasanton launches an online survey available all month to gather community input to draft the city’s upcoming Housing Element update.

- The sales tax in Alameda County increases by 1% effective upon implementation of two tax measures approved by voters last year, meaning the rate in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and Sunol is now 10.25%.

- Quest Science Center breaks ground for its new Quest Plaza in Stockmen’s Park in downtown Livermore, to serve as an open-air learning and community space.

- An early-summer brush fire around 9 p.m. is contained after

burning 16.4 acres. No structures were reported lost.

- Pleasanton’s Fourth of July event at Lions Wayside Park is canceled,

as is Livermore’s annual fireworks display.

- East Bay interfaith communities gather in the parking lot of the



Brandon Crawford won the 2021 NL Gold Glove for shortstop, the fourth time that the Pleasanton native won the defensive award.

Muslim Community Center-East Bay in Pleasanton to remember victims of COVID-19.

- Crews begin work on resealing more than 4.25 million square feet of streets in Pleasanton’s Summer Pavement Management Program.

- Fallout continues as activists and law enforcement alike denounce an Alameda County sheriff’s sergeant who played a Taylor Swift song during a conversation with activists to attempt to keep the video from being posted online.

- Pleasanton is selected for the 2021 Main Street America’s “special mark of distinction,” an honor given to fewer than 20% of U.S. cities.

- Debate erupts over whether the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce

should continue to select and train members of Leadership Pleasanton, which has been funded by the city.

- Livermore Valley Opera hosts Opera in the Vineyard at Retzlaff Vineyards, an event held for more than 20 years that was canceled last year.

- Families are invited to Valley Humane Society every Wednesday in July for free educational workshops, including making dog and cat toys.

- Dublin San Ramon Services District begins to divert 1-2 million gallons of sewage a day for three years from Central Contra Costa Sanitary District to the Pleasanton recycling plant for irrigation water for parks, school grounds and golf courses this summer.



MIKE SEDLAK

A benchmark for new apartment construction in the Tri-Valley during the current RHNA housing cycle, the city of Dublin appealed its 3,719-unit draft allocation for the next upcoming cycle. Dublin and three other Tri-Valley cities were unsuccessful in their appeals.



CIERRA BAILEY

A snapshot of the carnival midway on opening day at the 2021 Alameda County Fair. The low sun and cloudy sky was a common sight during the fair's special fall run.

- Livermore Shakespeare Festival reopens its downtown studio for a staged reading of Diane Samuel's "Kindertransport," a collaboration with the newly formed East Bay Holocaust Education Center.

- Livermore Valley wineries offer Taste Our Terroir with 11 food and wine events, mostly in person but with two virtual tastings.

- Valerie Arioto, a 2007 Foothill graduate, goes to the Olympics in Japan with Team USA to compete in softball.



Valerie Arioto

- Law enforcement and volunteers search Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park for a Berkeley man, Philip Kreycik, 37, whose wife reported him missing after the ultrarunner did not return home from a planned training run on that sun-scorched Saturday.

- Zone 7 Water Agency asks Tri-Valley residents to voluntarily cut back water use by 15% from last year's levels amid drought conditions this summer.

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

- Pleasanton officials commit to preserving the Century House on Santa Rita Road, a popular venue for events until it was deemed unsafe in 2012.

- Alameda County District Attorney's Office files misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter charge against Dublin resident Rafael Olano, 66, for allegedly failing to yield the

right of way before fatally striking pedestrian Amaduddin Said Rasuli, 66, of Dublin last month on Dublin Boulevard.

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

- Emergency search-and-rescue personnel locate the body of Joseph Prince Freeman one day after the 40-year-old became submerged underwater while struggling to swim in Lake Del Valle.

- City Council votes to extend Pleasanton's outdoor parklet program through the end of the year and directs staff to design plans for the private leasing of potentially permanent pop-up parklets in the downtown area.

- Danville Police Officer Andrew Hall will stand trial on voluntary manslaughter and assault with a firearm charges in the 2018 shooting death of Laudemer Arboleda, but a judge throws out the charge of assault with a semiautomatic weapon.

- Amador Valley High School breaks ground on construction for a new shade structure that will extend over the quad area on campus after the new group, We Are Pleasanton, raises \$225,000.

- New York Jets assistant coach Greg Knapp dies from injuries sustained five days earlier in San Ramon when a vehicle hit his bicycle while traveling on Dougherty Road. He was 58.



Greg Knapp

- Bay Area health officials urge residents to resume wearing a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status following an uptick in COVID-19 cases and a spread of the delta variant.

- After three decades of public service, Pleasanton resident and Stop-Waste Executive Director Wendy Sommer steps down from her long-time leadership role.

- Firehouse Arts Center offers its first live show with full capacity, starring trumpeter Jeff Bordes & His Caribbean Jazz All-Stars.



CIERRA BAILEY

Signs, flowers and other items made a memorial at Livermore High School as the community mourned the death of LHS student Hunter Diemert in a crash on Del Valle Road that also injured five other students in late August.

- Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) appoints Laura Antrim as its new executive director, following the recent retirement of Laura Mercier.

- Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center reopens with "Women Artists Show and Tell" featuring women in two critique groups in the Bay Area.

- Trade workers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) undergo a three-day strike after their workplace allegedly requires on-call hours without negotiations.

- Tri-Valley youths lead a virtual community forum to discuss police presence on school campuses and the future role of school resource officers.

- Livermore City Council agrees to move forward with a list of 10 recommendations presented by the city's Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee.

- Public health officials declare 1 million Alameda County residents — two-thirds of the population — are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

- Library exhibits artwork and

writing from the East Bay Holocaust Education Center 2021 High School Art and Writing Contest.

- Pleasanton Planning Commission recommends changes to the Downtown Specific Plan to require fully "active" business uses, such as retail or restaurants, in ground-floor units on Main Street in most circumstances.

- Tri-Valley REACH celebrates three decades of providing housing opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities.

- A group of local bikers complete "The Great American Ride," traveling on their motorcycles through 50 states in 50 days.

- LLNL supports name-change requests from researchers on past published papers, in support of diversity, equity and inclusion.

- Axis Bridge Mental Health Urgent Care becomes available for those experiencing an urgent mental health crisis.

- Local underdog rugby team, Pleasanton Cavaliers, brings home

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JEREMY WALSH

A Southern California developer has plans to construct a five-story building with 3,000 square feet of retail space and 37 affordable housing units on a vacant lot at 4884 Harrison St.



PUSD

PUSD Superintendent David Haglund visits with the second-grade class of Vintage Hills Elementary teacher Sophie Loughran-Smith on the first day of school Aug. 11.

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the trophy after a successful run by its team of under-18 girls at the North American Invitational 7s tournament in Salt Lake City.

- Antioch resident Jeffrey Roy Adelman, 32, is charged with gross vehicular manslaughter in connection with a daytime crash at the intersection of Crow Canyon and Bollinger Canyon roads that killed San Ramon resident and Arroyo High School teacher Susan Guinee nearly three months ago.

AUGUST

- After a three-week search that galvanized the Tri-Valley and gripped the entire Bay Area, the body of Berkeley runner Philip Kreycik, 37, is discovered about 250 feet off a game trail on Pleasanton Ridge. Authorities conclude that he likely died due to “some sort of medical issue, most likely related to heat exhaustion or heat exposure.”



Philip Kreycik

- Kaiser Permanente mandates that its employees nationwide get vaccinated against COVID-19 by the end of September.

- As COVID cases spike across the Bay Area, seven counties say residents will be required to wear masks in nearly all indoor settings.

- Executives with Chabot Federal Credit Union announce a proposed merger agreement has been reached for the Dublin-based financial services provider to be absorbed by University Credit Union later in year, pending member approval.

- Pleasanton Adult Sunday Soccer (PASS) celebrates its beginnings in 1971, after a group of dads were talking about how their kids got all the fun of playing.

- The family of Yu-Li Pan — a longtime Livermore resident who

died in February 2020 — donates \$106,130 to the Livermore Library in his honor.

- Harvest Festival returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds, part of a rebuilding year for festivals and events.

- Tri-Valley police departments hold National Night Out with neighborhood COVID-conscious parties visited by police and fire department personnel.

- Museum on Main resumes its monthly Wednesday morning reading times for preschoolers in-person, initially outside under a tent.

- Pleasanton and the parents of Jacob Bauer settle the lawsuit over his 2018 death in police custody for \$5.9 million and a private meeting with Pleasanton Police Department leadership to discuss policy changes around mental health responses.



Jacob Bauer

- Parsu Ram Mudaliar, 73, of Union City is charged with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter in connection with the collision that killed Pleasanton resident Mark Fiala, who was walking his dog across Stoneridge Drive nearly three months prior.

- Valley Humane Society plans to open a veterinary surgery center to offer pets non-emergency services regardless of families' financial constraints.

- Residents who walk near Pleasanton's dried creeks report seeing animals literally dying of thirst and ask city officials for help.

- Thomas Dean Lovett III, 26, of Dublin is killed when his pickup truck crashes into the Pet Food Express building on First Street in Livermore about 1 a.m. on a Saturday morning.

- Friendly Visiting Program in Pleasanton carries on its services

during the pandemic via telephone, calling homebound seniors each week.

- Arya Cyril and Esha Cyril, twin sisters and seniors at Quarry Lane School, win medals at the USA Racquetball 2021 National Junior Championships in Iowa.

- Weekend on Main will come to a close at the end of Labor Day weekend, after the Pleasanton City Council unanimously agrees to make way for other events and activities downtown like Concerts in the Park and holiday shopping.

- PUSD negotiators work on an agreement with the Association of Pleasanton Teachers at a mediation session right before Labor Day after the Public Employment Relations Board determines “the existence of an impasse.”

- Researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory discover a method to decontaminate N95 respirator masks without compromising their facial fit and ability to filter airborne particles.

- The Weekly learns Pleasanton police have closed their investigation into the February crash that killed pedestrian Michael B. Watson, 53, of Dublin without seeking criminal charges after determining Watson was at fault for walking unsafely in the roadway on Johnson Drive.

- Goodguys Rod and Custom Association car show returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds for the first time in nearly two years.

- Pacific Swimming publicly reprimands Steve Morsilli, longtime head coach for the Pleasanton Seahawks club, after video footage shows him throwing a plastic cone toward an underage competitor in the pool during a swim meet in May.

- PUSD students return to campuses, wearing masks, for the 2021-22 school year, filling the schools for the first time since March 2020.

- Harry Miller, one of four founding fathers of the Ballistic United Soccer Club in 1968, dies at age 86.

- Pleasanton native Lauryn Marie — who left last fall to attend college in Nashville, where she is majoring in songwriting and minoring in music business — has just released her second EP, “Lifetime,” a collection of five songs she wrote in her freshman year.

- Pleasanton appeals its assignment for the next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process cycle, contending the proposed allotments present too many obstacles.

- Dublin Unified School District Trustee William Kuo files a



ALAN GRETH

Amador Valley High in October unveiled its first-ever Hall of Fame class. Shown: Former Dons' basketball star Mia Fisher, who was an inductee this year, with Lou Cesario and AV Boosters Club president Ben Breazeale.

negligence claim against the district citing a lack of “basic safety protocols” after his wife and then-trustee Catherine Kuo was fatally pinned between two cars in March while volunteering at a food distribution event at Fallon Middle School.

- Newly increased fees should help keep the doors open at Horizon Early Education Center but an attendance boost is also needed to sustain the long-running Pleasanton Unified School District daycare program.

- Amador Valley is one of three football teams allowed to play on opening weekend after fires in Northern California force the postponement of some games.

- The Livermore community is left reeling after Livermore High School junior Hunter Diemert (15) is killed and five of his peers are injured — some critically — after the pickup they were riding in went down an embankment off Del Valle Road.

SEPTEMBER

- The 155th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games take place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Labor Day weekend after a year's hiatus.

- Livermore-Amador Symphony kicks off its 2021-22 season with a prelude party then a performance at the Brilliance at the Bankhead fundraising gala.

- Former Pleasanton Unified School District cabinet member Luz Cazares is appointed to serve on the Oakland school board.

- Livermore High class of 1950 graduate Isabelle Mary Henriques bequeaths \$100,000 to create a student scholarship in her honor.

- Hope 100 Golf Marathon returns to The Club at Castlewood after a one-year hiatus, to raise money for Hope Hospice.

- The new Goodness Village “tiny home” community in Livermore is



CIERRA BAILEY

Dennis Baker, who paints in oils and currently focuses on abstract figures, welcomed visitors to his studio in Livermore in November during the Tri Valley Artist Studio Tour, which featured 57 artists throughout the area.



HARIKA MADDALA/ BAY CITY NEWS

A federal magistrate judge preliminarily approved a settlement in September in the class action lawsuit over mental health care at Alameda County's Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.



HARIKA MADDALA/BAY CITY NEWS

Veronica Benjamin, co-founder of Conscious Contra Costa, hugs Lauremer Arboleda's mother, Jannie Atienza, outside the District Attorney's Office in Martinez on Oct. 26.

making strides to mitigate homelessness in the Tri-Valley by offering safe and affordable living spaces to previously unhoused residents.

- Friday Night Lights return for high school football, with Amador Valley opening the season at Milpitas, and Foothill starting out at home against Castro Valley.

- City Manager Nelson Fialho announces he is retiring in late November, after 17 years in his position and a total of 25 with Pleasanton.



Nelson Fialho

- 11-year-old Damarion Jenkins dies following a violent head-on car crash on Highway 84 in Sunol on Labor Day weekend — the last in a series of five fatal crashes in 10 days in the greater Tri-Valley. The death toll from the stretch would sadly increase on Nov. 14, when Damarion's younger sister Honesty Jenkins, 6, would succumb to her injuries in an Oakland hospital.

- At a team workshop, PUSD trustees consider whether members should be elected from geographic sub-areas rather than at-large.

- To welcome back passengers, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority offers free rides on all Wheels buses in September.

- Jewish congregations in the Tri-Valley offer virtual services again for the High Holidays, as well as indoor services.

- Eugene O'Neill Festival returns, with virtual and live events and "Beyond the Horizon" as the festival centerpiece.

- Three clergy members again gather with winemakers for the Blessing

of the Grapes in Livermore.

- Livermore Arts announces that beginning Oct. 1 it will require Bankhead Theater patrons to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear masks inside.

- Zone 7 Board of Directors unanimously declares a drought emergency, including a mandatory 15% water use reduction.

- Concerts in the Park return late afternoon on Sundays from Sept. 12 to Oct. 17 at Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks.

- Pleasanton City Council approves a funding plan for the synthetic chemical substances treatment and wells rehabilitation project, to result in slightly higher water bills.

- Cal Fire Chief Thom Porter warns to expect hot, dry temperatures and increased fire risk through at least December.

- Commemorations of the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11 are held at each Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department station as well as at

Las Positas College and Alameda County Fairgrounds.

- American Legion Post 237 holds an open house at the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building for veterans and their families.

- Las Positas College starts construction on three new structures: an academic support and office building; a public safety complex/advanced manufacturing and transportation building; and an agriculture sciences/horticulture building.

- The Tri-Valley joins the rest of California in voting in the statewide gubernatorial recall election. Gov. Gavin Newsom survives the ouster attempt, winning by a comfortable margin.

- PUSD slows down plans to switch school board elections from at-large to by-area after trustees ask for more time.

- Livermore actress and inspirational speaker Faith Alpher debuts "Got Faith?", an autobiographical docu-styled comedy about humor, hate, race and grace in the form of

storytelling at Bankhead Theater.

- Livermore Valley Opera wins the American Prize in the Professional Opera Division for its double-bill production of two one-act operas in March 2020.

- Alameda County Office of Education Trustee Yvonne Cerrato, who represents most of the Tri-Valley on the county's Board of Education, is cleared by her colleagues after a recent internal investigation into allegations that she actually resides in Oregon.

- With the threat of a lawsuit over Pleasanton's current at-large electoral system, the City Council OKs a resolution declaring its intention to transition to district-based elections.

- San Francisco 49ers honor Dave Moirao of Pleasanton with the Quarterback Award for his work with Culinary Angels.

- Tri-Valley school districts work to interpret county health codes, hire staff to do contact tracing, and put in place protocols that vary based

on vaccination status, symptoms and whether masks were worn, to keep students on campus.

- Christian Kelling, 24, is found guilty of second-degree murder for the shooting death of California High School student Damani Chadly, 17, on Dec. 4, 2018, in Fremont after selling marijuana to Chadly.

- Local State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) is among the Democratic lawmakers to set the stage for reforming what they see as a deeply flawed recall process, with the goal of bringing a measure to voters in 2022.

- Amazon acquires undeveloped land in eastern Pleasanton for about \$75 million with plans to open a distribution warehouse.

- U.S. Magistrate Judge Nathanael Cousins preliminarily approves a settlement in a federal class action lawsuit against Alameda County over mental health care at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and at any other county jail.

- Contra Costa County prosecutors decline to pursue criminal charges against the driver of the vehicle that fatally struck cyclist Greg Knapp, a prominent NFL assistant coach, in San Ramon in July.

- A ribbon-cutting is held for the Scott Haggerty Wind Energy Center on the Altamont Pass, with the goal of providing 14 cities and Alameda County with 100% clean energy by 2030.

- Pleasanton City Council votes 3-2 to modify the Downtown Specific Plan to require ground-floor units on Main Street to have fully "active" uses.

- Two top executives at a Danville-based software company are



MIKE SEDLAK

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

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charged by federal prosecutors with allegedly trying to acquire more than \$300,000 in fraudulent incentive payments from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) related to contract work for a school district outside of Nashville.

- A dead crow found near Pleasanton's Orloff Park tests positive for West Nile virus, the first this year in Alameda County.

- U.S. Postal Service inspectors confirm they are investigating a break-in that took place at a post office in Pleasanton, but release few details about the case in which a large number of postal boxes were tampered with.

OCTOBER

- Livermore Vine, a new community news website for the greater Livermore Valley, is launched by Embarcadero Media Group — parent company of Pleasanton Weekly, PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com.

- After more than an hour of public comments and six-plus hours of private deliberations, the Contra Costa Community College District Governing Board emerges from closed session just after midnight to report they voted to reinstate first-year Chancellor Bryan Reece from administrative leave. Reece had been placed on leave for undisclosed reasons two weeks earlier.

- Tri-Valley Haven's annual Pace for Peace 5K/10K run/walk returns to Livermore for its 24th year.

- Livermore Valley Opera announces a special celebration performance in October and a fully staged opera of Verdi's "Otello" over two weekends in March.



ANGELA WOODWARD

The Stingrays and StingraysReUnited in the Pleasanton Adult Sunday Soccer (PASS) league.

- Pleasanton City Council declares a drought emergency and water shortage, along with imposing the water reduction mandate of 15%.

- Many with long ties to the Pleasanton community are mourning after the death of former mayor and councilmember Bob Butler at the age of 83. Butler was a central figure during crucial times in the city's evolution of the 1970s and 1980s.

- Gov. Newsom announces a vaccine mandate for students ages 12 and older, to start with the academic year after the FDA fully approves the vaccine.

- Executive Director Edie Nehls is resigning from Sunflower Hill effective this month. The nonprofit has chosen Janet Cohen to serve as interim executive director.

- Castlewood goes without water for a day after both pumps of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission fail.

- Several aging DUSD schools will be getting facelifts after the Board of Trustees recently approved millions of dollars for various upgrades. But many parents are still

upset as a longstanding community rift reemerged during the process to secure more funding and worry about much-needed repairs and projects that have been promised at their children's schools being compromised in order to complete the new Emerald High School.

- After months of public input on two design concepts for Pleasanton's planned first all-abilities playground at Ken Mercer Sports Park, the City Council give their own feedback on the project.

- Skate park plans on a roll: Seven years after Pleasanton city officials and residents started planning to build out the current skate park at Ken Mercer Sports Park, two proposed design schemes are unveiled to the council.

- Pleasanton police release preliminary identifications for the two people who were found dead last month in a car parked on Pimlico Drive that had apparently gone unnoticed for weeks before the bodies were discovered. Investigators believe Concord residents Elijah Quichocho and Macy Key likely died from drug-related overdoses.

- Both sides present opening arguments in Contra Costa County Superior Court in the manslaughter case of Danville police Officer Andrew Hall, who shot Laudemer Arboleda nine times as he tried to pull away from police Nov. 3, 2018.

- In internal balloting, Association of Pleasanton Teachers members "overwhelmingly" authorize a strike over their compensation package.

- Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare marks the Tri-Valley hospital's 60th anniversary with a Virtual Community Celebration.

- Pleasanton city staff tell the City Council that in order to solve the jobs-housing imbalance more housing is needed for workers plus employers should be encouraged to hire locally.

- Foothill High senior Saachi Bhayani is elected by students to represent them as the first student trustee on the PUSD board.

- BART board adopts a policy that employees and contractors will be required to get vaccinated against COVID-19 by mid-December.

- The Alameda County Arts Commission recognize six individuals, including Dublin resident Vanessa Thomas as co-founder of the Dublin Arts Collective, for their achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and county residents at the Board of Supervisors' meeting.

- Nonprofit, faith and community groups band together to create "kitchen kits" for the International Rescue Committee to benefit refugees from Afghanistan.

- Pleasanton Heritage Association honoring five downtown homes with 2021 Historic Preservation Awards.

- Livermore City Council selects 19 members for its new General Plan Advisory Committee, following its final round of interviews.

- Amador Valley High starts an Athletic Hall of Fame, with the inaugural class announced Oct. 15 before the football game.

- Alameda County Fair runs Oct. 22-31 with the theme of "Come Together" after its usual long summer run is put on hold — and after the 2020 fair was canceled altogether due to the pandemic.

- Lauren Davis, a Livermore woman with a history of impaired driving, is sentenced during an emotional court hearing to 15 years to life in state prison for a violent DUI crash that killed passengers Violet Campbell (16) and Alexys Garcia (25) along Stanley Boulevard on the night before Thanksgiving four years ago.

- Developer proposes a building on Harrison Street near the library to include 3,000 square feet of retail space and 37 units of almost entirely lower-income housing.

- Jury finds sheriff's Deputy Andrew Hall guilty of assault with a firearm but deadlocks on the charge of voluntary manslaughter in fatally shooting Laudemer Arboleda at the end of a slow-speed police pursuit in downtown Danville in 2018.



Andrew Hall

- City staff are given credit by all five members of the Pleasanton City Council for high ratings on the city's 2021 community survey of residents' satisfaction with city services and quality of life.

- Foothill High football team becomes the East Bay Athletic League's Valley Division champions.

- Appeals from four Tri-Valley cities to reduce their RHNA assignments are denied, as Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville each lose out — Livermore did not appeal its allocation.



RYAN J. DEGAN

Lokanta was among the downtown restaurants to set up a temporary parklet in parking spots along Main Street to expand outdoor dining during the pandemic.



JEREMY WALSH

The new Emerald High School, whose construction site is seen here in October, has been the source of some discord among Dublin residents amid the district's discussions on bond project funding allocations.

• The five mayors of the Tri-Valley come together in Livermore for their annual Mayors' Summit on projects in the region as well as their visions for the future.

• Pleasanton announces assistant city manager Brian Dolan will act as interim city manager after longtime City Manager Nelson Fialho retires Nov. 30.



Brian Dolan

• Speedy travel of news on social media helps the Dublin branch of California Highway Patrol locate a family to return a lost veteran flag that had been found on the highway in Livermore.

• Thanks to declining coronavirus cases and hospitalizations in the county, restrictions are relaxed on vaccinated residents wearing masks.

• Three Valley Community Foundation is launched to broaden philanthropic support in Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville and Alamo.

NOVEMBER

• Foothill High School biomedical sciences and health teacher Josh Hill is presented with an Alameda County Teacher of the Year award.



Josh Hill

• Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre reopens with a repeat of its last production, "Mamma Mia!"

• At the first Tri Valley Artist Studio Tour, 57 artists welcome the public into their homes, studios and collectives.

• Livermore Arts receives a Shuttered Venue Operators Grant and its supplemental grant award in support of the Bankhead Theater for a total of \$1.285 million.

• Association of Pleasanton Teachers reaches a tentative agreement with PUSD in the ongoing contract negotiations to avert a potential strike. Central to the deal is a 4.5% salary increase.

• Recommendations in the city's proposed Climate Action Plan 2.0 include a set of 15 primary actions and 10 secondary actions.

• The former site of Livermore Valley Charter School is sold for \$29 million and transformed into an office park occupied by 13 different individual businesses.

• Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, 72, dies after being struck by a car as she is walking her dog in Alameda.



Wilma Chan

• Pleasanton City Council chooses Avery Associates to identify and present a slate of strong candidates to interview to replace outgoing City Manager Nelson Fialho.

• Pleasanton councilmembers unanimously approve an ordinance requiring gun owners to store guns in a locked container or keep an engaged trigger lock on them.

• U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) and wife Brittany welcome their new son and third child, Harold "Hank" Warren Swalwell.

• Melanie Mouat, 23, of Pleasanton is killed after losing control of her car and crashing into a light pole along West Las Positas Boulevard.

• Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony returns to Pleasanton, this year dedicated to Pleasanton Military Families.

• San Francisco Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford, a 2005 Foothill High alum, wins his fourth career Gold Glove for his defensive prowess.

• 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.

• San Jose Earthquakes star Chris Wondolowski, a Danville native who owns the Major League Soccer record for goals scored all-time, retires at the end of the season.

• Pleasanton council OKs an alternative response pilot program using mental health clinicians to reduce the number of interactions between uniformed police officers and people experiencing a mental health crisis.

• Livermore City Council holds off on its vote to establish a Livermore Valley Wine Heritage District in order to clarify its boundaries.

• Owner of The Golden Skate announces the impending closure of the Tri-Valley's favorite (and only) roller rink, all while the application for a proposed 47-unit townhouse project to redevelop the property proceeds through the city of San Ramon's planning review process.

• A virtual town hall on PUSD's transition from at-large to by-trustee-area elections offers an overview of the process.

• Judge orders community group Save Livermore Downtown to post a \$500,000 bond to Eden Housing as a result of the group's lawsuit challenging the city's approval of a new 130-unit affordable housing development planned for downtown.

• Almost a year after a watchful citizen first tipped off local authorities, several individuals are arrested in connection with a suspected catalytic converter theft ring that included multiple victims in the Tri-Valley.

• The 20th annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund drive begins, to provide financial support to eight Tri-Valley nonprofit groups.

• PUSD trustees unanimously approve the employment agreement with the teachers union.

• City Council finalizes a revised memorandum of understanding for the city's long-running school resource officer program with PUSD.

• Local officials, residents and relatives of the late Angie Navarro gather at the downtown Livermore Transit Center to honor her legacy as a beloved community figure. For nearly 25 years, beginning in 1960, Navarro worked as a carhop at the former A&W Root Beer stand that once occupied the area that is now the transit center entrance.

• Following the untimely death of supervisor Wilma Chan, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors appoints Chan's chief of staff Dave Brown to replace her. He is ineligible to run for re-election in June for residency reasons, and vows to support an Asian American female candidate at that time.

• Pleasanton Downtown Association and the city partner again on a "Shop Small-Support Local" campaign for this holiday season.

• City Manager Nelson Fialho retires after 17 years leading the city government and more than three decades working in civic service overall.

• Livermore Indivisible holds a virtual forum for the three Alameda County district attorney candidates, with the Weekly among the co-sponsors.

• Livermore City Council approves the formation of the Livermore Valley Wine Heritage District with a revised boundary map that no longer includes Dublin and Danville.

• The first buildings at the future Emerald High School are closer to breaking ground this winter, after the Dublin school board unanimously approves a \$156 million contract for the first phase of the Measure J marquee project.



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'The Great American Ride,' in which a group of local bikers journeyed through 50 states in 50 days, concluded July 10. In Alaska, participants Gary Cose, Bud Early, Ralph Hughes and Mike Oliviera rented Harley-Davidsons,

• L. Arnold Abrott, a civic and business leader in Pleasanton for decades who served on both the City Council and school board during the 1950s and '60s, dies at age 105.

• Open Heart Kitchen accepts a \$250,000 grant from the Fremont Bank Foundation to use for construction of its new kitchen and dining room in Livermore.

• After 21 years, Executive Director Rachael Snedecor is saying farewell to Livermore Downtown Inc. and pursuing a new entrepreneurial venture set to launch next year.

• A record 2,136 residents take part in the Tri-Valley Turkey Burn, a fun run/walk event at Ken Mercer Sports Park on Thanksgiving morning benefiting the Rotary Club of Pleasanton North and its community programs.

• Multiple people sustain severe injuries in an apparent DUI collision on West Las Positas Boulevard over Thanksgiving weekend, less than a quarter mile away from the site of a fatal crash earlier in the month.

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PUSD

PUSD cabinet members and other community members broke ground on a new shade structure at Amador Valley High School on Wednesday, July 14.

2021

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- Chanukah on Ice, held by Chabad of the Tri-Valley, returns to Dublin Iceland after last year's stay-at-home orders.

- In response to recent organized theft schemes seen across the Bay Area in recent days, seven Bay Area district attorneys, including in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, create an alliance to ensure suspects face proper accountability.

- Dublin Dr. Edmund Kemprud is found guilty of 14 counts of illegally prescribing opioids and other commonly abused medications to patients in what federal authorities allege became a pill mill "fueled by greed" that turned him "from doctor to drug dealer".

- Foothill goes all the way to the championship North Coast Section Division II game before losing 21-14 to Campolindo.

- Complaints about the Foothill High stadium lead to North Coast Section canceling events at the venue until improvements are made.

DECEMBER

- Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony returns, the first since 2018 after being canceled due to weather (2019) and the pandemic (2020).



PAUL FERRADAS

East Bay Community Energy and local officials marked the commercial commencement of the new Scott Haggerty Wind Energy Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 24.

- Pleasanton Police Officers Association holds its first "Shop with a Cop" event in partnership with PUSD.

- To help children learn another important life skill — empathy — Pleasanton resident Angel Liang and her friend Tina Wong of Dublin have spent the last three years developing a board game called Empower Empathy in which the players work together.

- A correctional officer from Pleasanton faces a felony count of sexual abuse of a prisoner at the Federal Correctional Institute Dublin, becoming the latest official charged with sex crimes against inmates at the all-female prison — this after another guard was charged in June and the warden charged in September, both

also for alleged sex crimes against inmates at FCI Dublin.

- Community members recognize the 80th anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor at the 58th annual lighting of the beacon atop Mount Diablo on Dec. 7.

- Alameda County Board of Supervisors reviews the final supervisorial redistricting map, which splits Pleasanton.

- Pleasanton-based software giant Workday Inc. plans to acquire cloud-based technology company VNDLY for \$510 million.

- PDA Executive Director Zac Grant resigns after seven months at the helm to pursue another professional opportunity. Former director Laura Brooks (Olson) is coming back — virtually from her new home in Alabama — to lead the PDA on an interim basis until a new permanent leader is hired.

- Alameda County public health officials identify East Bay residents with the omicron variant of COVID-19 just two days after the first U.S. case was reported in San Francisco.

- Pleasanton City Council unanimously approves an ordinance restricting smoking in multifamily residences with three or more connected units.

- Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts announces plans to retire in June after working for the city for a total of 35 years and leading the city organization as city manager for the past 10 years.

- Amador Valley High School's Girls Who Code program was honored with the 2021 California School Board Association (CSBA) Golden Bell Award in the area of Equity and Access.

- Alameda County Board of Supervisors adopts final supervisorial map that splits Pleasanton into two districts.

- A nearly three-month investigation by Livermore detectives comes to a close with the arrest of Matthew Scott Swanson, 33, of Livermore who is connected to three commercial burglaries in the city.

- The Alameda County Taxpayers' Association announces it is challenging the Alameda County Board of Supervisors' interim appointment of the chief of staff for former Supervisor Wilma Chan, who died in a traffic collision Nov. 3.

- A 16-year-old boy died after the vehicle he was riding in, which had stalled on Interstate 580 in Pleasanton after an initial collision, was struck from behind at freeway speed by another vehicle whose driver didn't see the prior crash.

- Livermore Airport welcomes new tower manager Paul Griffiths and reviews reports of airport operations, noise complaints and highlights from the past year.

- The San Ramon Police Department reported receiving a non-specific bomb threat for department headquarters, leading to officers evacuating the building for a search that ultimately determined there was no immediate threat inside.

- 60 years of transformation: From rural hospital to regional health-care destination, Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare has come a long way from having just 46 patient beds when it opened in Livermore 60 years ago.

- NLF legendary coach, broadcaster and Pleasanton resident John Madden dies unexpectedly at the age of 85. ■



CIERRA BAILEY

Members of Chabad of the Tri-Valley put on skates for their annual Chanukah on Ice celebration at Dublin Iceland, one of the variety of ice-skating venues popular in the area this holiday season.

- Pleasanton Unified School District's classified staff members received a 4.5% salary increase for the 2021-22 school year after the Board of Trustees unanimously approved an agreement between the district and California School Employees Association

- Gina Bonanno was appointed Livermore's new vice mayor for the next year by Mayor Bob Woerner during the City Council's last regular meeting of the year.

- Gov. Gavin Newsom announced at a press conference in Dublin a proposal to allocate upwards of \$300 million over the next three years to curtail organized retail theft and violent crime across the state.

- In a survey of pavement conditions throughout the Bay Area, the Tri-Valley cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and San Ramon and the town of Danville collectively earned high marks compared to some other parts of the region, with Dublin earning the highest score locally.



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NFL Hall of Fame coach, broadcaster and Pleasanton resident John Madden was featured on the March 3, 2006, cover of the Pleasanton Weekly when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

League play kicks into high gear after break

Also: Sign up for Playbook; Livermore volleyball team going to national competition

Here we are in the week between Christmas and New Year's — a traditionally slow time for prep sports.

While things slow down for this week, rest assured it is the last slow time we will have until June when we finally put a wrap on all the spring sports.

I have viewed this week as the transition between the fall and winter seasons.

What does happen when we come out of the holiday break is that all the East Bay Athletic Leagues kick into high gear and the rush to the postseason is on!

Soccer has started EBAL play, always choosing to get in one week of games before the break, but for basketball and wrestling, it is go-time.

Unfortunately, the EBAL couldn't sync up with the vacation period for the majority of the schools in the league; the opening EBAL basketball games set for Jan. 5-7 will be taking place while most of the schools are still on winter break.

I also wanted to take this week to push out my subscription-only Tri-Valley Preps Playbook. It is a weekly newsletter that covers all the EBAL, with a weekly feature on a coach or local athlete leading the way as "The Big Picture."

The winter Playbook also features my exclusive EBAL Basketball Power Rankings, where each week I rank the top five boys' and girls' basketball teams.

Soccer power rankings are in the works, but soccer coaches in the EBAL are traditionally flakey when it comes to reporting results.

There is also a "What to Watch" feature each week, letting the readers know when and where the top games to watch for the upcoming week are being played.

One of our more popular features each week is "Fast Five," where we pick a local coach or athlete and ask them non-sports related questions, which let's our readers get a little more insight to the people making up our EBAL teams.

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Amador boys' basketball

Amador got strong second halves from Tyler Cheng and Colton Cash as they pulled away and beat Acalanes 41-31 on Dec. 21.

Cheng and Cash finished with 17 points each, with the two combining



NORCAL VOLLEYBALL

The 14-1 NorCal Volleyball team out of Livermore made news in mid-December when they went 5-0 in the NCVA Power League Regionals. They will participate in the Nationals in July 2022.

for 24 points in the final half.

Cash had 14 over the third and fourth quarters, with Cheng adding 10. It was the excellent Amador defense which made the difference.

NorCal Volleyball

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The success got the team a berth in the Nationals to be held in July in 2022. ■

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THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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>

• **Public Hearing** – Receive input from the community regarding boundaries and composition of districts to be established for City Councilmember district-based elections pursuant to Elections Code section 10010

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Public Notices

997 All Other Legals

SUMMONS Case No. 21CV000806 ———
– NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Laurel R. John, Donny E. Costa and Does 1-25, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Vijaylakshu M. Reddy NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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The name and address of the court is: Superior Court, County of Alameda, 24405 Amador St., Hayward, CA 94544. The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Phillip Vermont, SBN 132035, Randick O'Dea Tooliatos Vermont & Sargent LLP, 5000 Hopyard Road, Ste. 225, Pleasanton, CA 94588 (925) 460-3700.

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Music

LEANN RIMES IN CONCERT

International multi-platinum selling acclaimed singer and ASCAP award-winning songwriter, Leann Rimes, launches the "Headliners" series at the Leshher Center for the Arts. 7:30 p.m., Jan. 7. Visit lesherartscenter.showare.com.

ENCORE PLAYERS Encore Players presents Neil Simon's "Jake's Women" at the Bothwell Arts Center. Tickets \$20. Jan 14-16. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE "EARLY" ELVIS TRIBUTE

SHOW Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center kicks off a new year with the return of Jim Anderson & The Rebels and their homage to Elvis Presley. 2 p.m., Jan. 9. Visit firehousearts.org/events.

Museums & Exhibits

LEGO ARTISTS CELEBRATE

CALIFORNIA Brickmaking was one of Pleasanton's first industries, so an exhibit of LEGO sculptures is a natural fit for Museum on Main. Builders from around the Bay Area show off original creations on subjects and themes related to California and the Tri-Valley area. Through Jan. 8. Visit museumonmain.org.

ITALIAN MOSAIC AT THE BANKHEAD

THEATER The Bankhead presents the 50 Faces Collection Italian Mosaic. The public is invited to experience this free remarkable exhibit 1-5 p.m., Thursday through Sundays, now until Jan. 16.

Family

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE 2022

Be one of the first in 2022 to plunge down the slide into the ice-cold catch pool then enjoy a nice cup of hot cocoa. Participants are required to wear proper swimming attire and be at least 48" inches to participate. 10 a.m., Jan. 8. Visit larpd.org

Talks

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY

TOASTMASTERS CLUB The next meeting of the Pleasanton Community Toastmasters Club is 7:30-9 p.m., Jan. 4. Visit pleasanton.toastmastersclubs.org.

AN EVENING WITH AL FRANKEN

Take this rare opportunity to hear from the only speaker on the lecture circuit whose career spans from winning four Emmy Awards during 15 seasons on Saturday Night Live, to serving 10 years as a United States Senator for the State of Minnesota. 8 p.m., Jan. 8. Tickets \$20-\$128. Visit livermorearts.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY At the next Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Zoom meeting, Lisa Gorrell, a Certified Genealogist, will focus on research bringing better results by using research plans. 7-8:30 p.m., Jan. 10. No charge and visitors are welcome. Visit l-ags.org.

HOPE HOSPICE WEBINAR

Making Decisions About Caregiving is the next Webinar through Hope Hospice. The webinar covers information about assessing needs, working together with

family and exploring various care settings. 10-11:30 a.m., Jan. 13. Visit hopehospice.com.

AN OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM

CARE INSURANCE WEBINAR Hope Hospice's Family Caregiver Education Series is sponsoring a presentation from the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program and Legal Assistance for Seniors of Alameda County. 10-11 a.m., Jan. 20. Visit hopehospice.com.

Students

LIBRARY HOSTS MANDARIN-

ENGLISH STORYTIME The Livermore Public Library will host a virtual Mandarin-English bilingual story time to celebrate the lunar new year. Attendees will have the chance to learn about Chinese culture and a few words in Mandarin. Register by calling 925-373-5505 beginning Jan. 3.

COMICS WORKSHOP

The Livermore Public Library hosts a virtual "How to Draw Comics Workshop" teaching students in grades 1-6 how to create their own comic book. Free supply kits are available for pickup at all Livermore Public Library branches. Call 925-373-5500 or visit livermorelibrary.net. 11 a.m., Jan. 8.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL ART &

POETRY CONTEST This contest is open to California residents in grades K-12 with five grade categories for awards in both art and poetry. Entries must have a California coastal or ocean theme. Deadline Jan. 31. Visit coastal.ca.gov/art-poetry.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

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PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Mocha and Vanilla

Hello, we are Mocha and Vanilla, a pair of bonded sisters. We're small dogs with a lot to say even though we can be a little shy at first. We'll blossom with someone who can take it slowly with us and show us the good things in the world. Are you ready to fill your home with our love and cuteness? Come meet us today at the East Bay SPCA; we have a reduced adoption fee!

California State Fair Scholarship Program" is open to all current high school seniors and college students. Scholarships available include the areas of Agriculture, Art, Business, Education and more. Deadline March 1, 2022. Visit calexpostatefair.com/participate/friends-of-the-california-state-fair/scholarship.

Support

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COMMUNITY CENTER Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Muslim Community Center East Bay, 5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., #300, Pleasanton.

OPEN HEART KITCHEN Free groceries Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., provided by Tri-Valley Haven and Open Heart Kitchen. 6140 Stoneridge Mall Rd., behind the Workday building.

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PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Jan. 4. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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., Jan. 10. For more information visit cityoflivermore.net.



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Tribute to the Eagles

Eagles tribute act Midnight Flyer will perform at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. The Bay Area band, with a repertoire of more than 100 songs, recreates the music exactly as Eagles' fans remember it, focusing on delivering energetic, note-for-note vocal and instrumental presentations. Tickets, priced from \$20-\$30, are on sale at www.firehousearts.org. Midnight Flyer also occasionally surprises audiences with songs by other favorite groups from the Eagles' era such as the Doobie Brothers, Poco, Crosby, Stills and Nash and others

Unique sound headed for Firehouse

We Banjo 3, a quartet based in Galway, Ireland, and Nashville, is coming to the Firehouse Arts Center at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26. The two sets of brothers — Enda and Fergal Scahill, and Martin and David Howley — seamlessly combine the traditions of Americana, Bluegrass and Celtic music with pop-sensible songcraft to create a unique and gratifying signature sound. Tickets range from \$30-\$40; visit www.firehousearts.org. Live on stage, We Banjo 3 songs carry the listener along until, at the perfect moment, the band crescendos into catchy choruses with pitch perfect harmonies with their banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar, percussion and David Howley's voice. Its most recent CD, "Roots to Rise Live," debuted on top of Billboard's Bluegrass Albums Chart.



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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 4-8 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and Nov. 22-24 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 6307 Alvord Way** R. Bhowmik to R. & G. Bhatia for \$1,500,000
- 8006 Arroyo Drive #4** Miller Trust to Y. Zhang for \$580,000
- 7710 Canyon Meadow Circle #B** Aakula Family Trust to V. Lee for \$650,000
- 7730 Canyon Meadow Circle #A** E. & D. Henry to K. & W. Ma for \$650,000
- 75 Castlewood Drive** Patitucci Trust to D. Ricketts for \$2,500,000
- 2751 Chocolate Street** Yalamanchi Trust to Y. Wang for \$1,510,000
- 7941 Foothill Knolls Drive** A. & C. Lobo to V. & A. Konda for \$2,385,000
- 1963 Foxswallow Circle** Barlow Family Trust to A. & C. Kulkarni for \$1,946,000
- 4071 Ghiotti Court** Pefferman Living Trust to K. & R. Naous for \$1,055,000
- 3751 Kamp Drive** S. Gurumoorthi to A. & D. Anthony for \$1,149,000
- 2634 Laramie Gate Circle** Ramirez Family Trust to S. & J. Zhang for \$1,830,000
- 1532 Loganberry Way** Melendrez Trust to J. Huang for \$1,776,000
- 608 Merlot Court** D. & M. Stremme to Y. & D. Huang for \$1,300,000
- 8150 Mountain View Drive #C** C. Medina to C. Herron for \$515,000
- 5246 Riverdale Court** Parish Trust to S. Alam for \$1,230,000
- 31 Rogers Lane** N. & V. Gutlapalli to S. & S. Gollakota for \$1,260,000
- 3362 Santa Rita Road** G. Wong to Redfinnow Borrower LLC for \$689,000
- 4127 Stanley Boulevard** Batstone Family Trust to S. & R. Aeruva for \$940,000
- 222 Trenton Circle** J. Peck to J. & J. Visser for \$1,100,000
- 3845 Vineyard Avenue #10** M. Enlow to Bc Way LLC for \$400,000

Livermore

- 2866 Alwick Avenue #5** P. & A. Bagade to R. & M. Chaudhry for \$815,000
- 1732 Altamont Circle** L. Hou to C. & S. Monahan for \$1,358,000
- 1144 Apache Street** R. & K. Bryant to J. Hill for \$955,000
- 4008 Camrose Avenue** Marianne Trust to P. & A. Bagade for \$1,355,000
- 5319 Carnegie Loop** K. Marini to Kannabran Family Trust for \$1,500,000
- 1736 Catalina Court** Scott Living Trust to Zhang Trust for \$845,000
- 566 Cedar Drive** Pacific W Prop Anagement LLC to T. & N. Falk for \$920,000
- 1745 Corte Glorieta** K. Updike to J. & R. Vierra for \$828,000
- 415 Covellite Lane** T. Fraser to C. & S. Maytum for \$1,440,000
- 5540 Crestmont Avenue** N. & J. Allen to M. & D. Nguyen for \$925,000
- 5211 East Avenue** R. Moore to S. & G. Janssen for \$1,750,000
- 1428 Elm Street** Fink Living Trust A to Abboud Family Trust for \$795,000
- 1067 Eve Lane** Jacobs Living Trust to N. & P. Shah for \$1,450,000
- 538 Everglades Lane** W. Edgar to Cabernet Properties LLC for \$905,000
- 4250 Galloway Street** A. & S. Vandewerfhorst to S. & C. Nannini for \$1,085,000
- 185 Heligan Lane #3** M. Herzstein to K. & J. Choi for \$707,500
- 577 Heligan Lane #1** P. Gangaram to Z. & K. Driver for \$840,000
- 1050 Innsbruck Street** L. & M. Ranalli to M. & S. Maddali for \$1,450,000
- 5298 Lenore Avenue** Fleming Living Trust to S. & D. Vaideeswaran for \$820,000

- 5283 Lenore Avenue** F. & T. Flichtbell to G. Cooper for \$1,030,000
- 675 Lido Drive** L. Huynh to T. & A. Andagunda for \$1,100,000
- 1153 South Livermore Avenue** R. & J. Perez to A. & S. Ceja for \$650,000
- 612 Mcleod Street** Rogers Trust to M. Vance for \$830,000
- 659 Meadowlark Street** S. Behl to L. & H. Jung for \$1,050,000
- 1087 Murrieta Boulevard #244** D. & E. Bay to N. Bahr for \$402,000
- 2777 Normandy Court** Collins Living Trust to B. & A. Defreitas for \$2,413,500
- 1448 Olivina Avenue** P. Niemuth to S. Wu for \$828,000
- 1843 Paseo Laguna Seco** J. Moreno to C. & C. Erickson for \$580,000
- 631 Pelican Court** M. & S. Daniels to P. & V. Akella for \$891,000
- 400 Persimmon Common #9** B. & S. Lee to S. & G. Lachelli for \$902,000
- 132 Selby Lane #6** C. & C. Smuda to Y. & M. Lam for \$850,000
- 2349 Senger Street** K. & K. Findlen to M. & E. Carter for \$1,720,000
- 2757 Superior Drive** K. & R. Brown to E. & S. Wheeler for \$1,620,000
- 748 Swallow Drive** T. Wolfe to C. & G. Knepper for \$900,000
- 1248 Westbrook Place** M. & D. Christoff to J. & U. Dulger for \$1,500,000
- 2121 Westbrook Lane** W. Boucard to N. & V. Lakshminarasimhan for \$1,390,000
- 1310 Windswept Common #3** G. Boyer to C. & F. Hemant for \$878,000

Dublin

- 8785 Augusta Court** Schaaf Family Trust to A. & M. Khan for \$1,450,000
- 11318 Bloomington Way** Long Family Trust to J. & D. Lahiri for \$1,770,000
- 4659 Brannigan Street** A. & H. Bedi to S. & V. Vangapally for \$1,150,000
- 7593 Brighton Drive** S. Jain to N. & A. Suresh for \$1,152,000
- 4092 Callaway Place** S. Kumar to S. & R. Palanisamy for \$1,600,000
- 5276 Campus Drive** M. & D. Khurana to P. & B. Pal for \$975,000
- 7570 Carlow Way** Liske Family Trust to A. & U. Pendyala for \$1,025,000
- 4089 Chalk Hill Way** Rose Living Trust to S. & A. Kurani for \$1,610,000
- 2752 East Cog Hill Terrace** M. Yaliyur to Y. & K. Veeraghavalu for \$2,525,000
- 6628 Conestoga Lane** Harris Living Trust to N. & C. Cleary for \$742,000
- 7294 Cronin Circle #15** Y. & G. Barkhudarov to Y. & X. Chang for \$660,000
- 4019 Dobbins Loop** K. Heng to S. & R. Pundir for \$950,000
- 3275 Dublin Boulevard #415** Poblete Family Trust to M. & E. Meyer for \$725,000
- 5590 Dublin Boulevard** B. Choi to A. & A. Mungrey for \$990,000
- 4420 Fitzwilliam Street** R. Sridhar to Z. & W. Huang for \$835,000
- 4550 Hawk Way** M. Manjrekar to U. & R. Ganesh for \$1,750,000
- 3786 Hobstone Place** Hart Trust to S. & A. Nanda for \$2,300,000
- 4267 Loylton Road** W. Deng to S. & A. Viridi for \$1,345,000
- 8358 Mulberry Place** Zeng Living Trust to Z. & Z. Kou for \$1,020,000
- 2716 Randall Loop** R. & P. Ranjan to S. & V. Patel for \$1,665,000
- 4627 Rimini Court #8** F. & P. Smith to S. & N. Chhajed for \$1,300,000
- 3629 Rocking Horse Court** B. & M. Patel to S. & F. Tao for \$1,430,000
- 7752 Shady Creek Road** Koshatwar Trust to R. & G. Clifton for \$1,450,000
- 7973 Shannon Court** Soliman Trust to S. & S. Ramachandran for \$1,350,000

- 5782 Sterling Street** 5782 Sterling LLC to B. & P. Maskar for \$1,361,000
- 1799 Tramonti Drive** I. Ahmed to S. & A. Kashyap for \$2,405,000
- 8448 Wicklow Lane** Hoffmann Family Trust to N. & P. Morissette for \$1,355,000

San Ramon

- 626 Abrigo Court** T. & D. Keckley to S. Staggs for \$1,191,000
- 2041 Bent Creek Drive** Mann Family Trust to S. & D. Bhattasali for \$1,530,000
- 610 Canyon Woods Court #B** R. Zambrano to E. & D. Paslin for \$691,000
- 110 Compton Circle #C** Matthews Trust to Aanderud Trust for \$465,000
- 144 Copper Ridge Road #18** J. & B. Williams to G. & M. Brown for \$725,000
- 3897 Crow Canyon Road** A. Bishop to S. Howard for \$696,000

- 111 Deerwood Road #170** Cheri A Dang Dmd Inc to H. Xie for \$500,000
- 2670 Derby Drive** M. & D. McCloskey to H. & J. Kim for \$1,810,000
- 136 Enchanted Way** Bramer Trust to L. & N. Lewis for \$1,200,000
- 3224 Estero Drive** T. Larin to J. & M. Opilas for \$1,240,000
- 1015 Hawkshead Circle** R. Kostick to P. & C. Gandhi for \$3,060,500
- 415 Pine Ridge Drive** Swan Trust to A. Sokol for \$550,000
- 101 Treasure Court** N. & A. Gamache to Y. Jiao for \$775,000
- 822 Via Palermo** Faria Preserve LLC to X. & S. Gao for \$2,580,000
- 6137 Yardley Lane** M. & R. Hidayat to A. & C. Shivkumar for \$1,100,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Oct. 4-8)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,500,000
Average sales reported: \$1,189,500

Livermore (Oct. 4-8)

Total sales reported: 37
Lowest sale reported: \$402,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,413,500
Average sales reported: \$920,000

Dublin (Oct. 4-8)

Total sales reported: 27
Lowest sale reported: \$660,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,525,000
Average sales reported: \$1,350,000

San Ramon (Nov. 22-24)

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$465,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,060,500
Average sales reported: \$1,100,000

Source: California REsource



5226 Muirwood Drive

LISTED FOR: \$1,325,000	SOLD FOR: \$1,565,000	AMOUNT OVER: \$240,000	CLOSING DATE: 2/19/21	OFFERS: 36
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4444 Sandalwood Drive

LISTED FOR: \$1,350,000	SOLD FOR: \$1,622,211	AMOUNT OVER: \$272,211	CLOSING DATE: 3/24/21	OFFERS: 12
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7261 Huntswood Court

LISTED FOR: \$2,700,000	SOLD FOR: \$3,178,000	AMOUNT OVER: \$478,000	CLOSING DATE: 4/19/21	OFFERS: 9
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7894 Flagstone Drive

LISTED FOR: \$1,599,000	SOLD FOR: \$1,855,000	AMOUNT OVER: \$256,000	CLOSING DATE: 12/1/21	OFFERS: 7
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7427 Palm Court

LISTED FOR: \$1,499,000	SOLD FOR: \$1,825,000	AMOUNT OVER: \$326,000	CLOSING DATE: 12/28/21	OFFERS: 7
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TEAM VOLUME YTD:

\$84 MM

TOTAL SALES:

\$418 MM

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387 Lone Oak Drive

Oak Park

3 beds | 2 Baths | 1,653 sqft

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Curry Street

Stone Ridge Square

3 beds | 2.5 Baths | 1,820 sqft

Call for pricing



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"We did a lot of research before picking a real estate team and selected the top five in Pleasanton to interview. Liz was on vacation at the time but she sent Michelle for the interview and joined via Zoom. I was impressed about the fact that she took the time to set aside her vacation for us. Liz immediately alleviated the stressors that came with selling a house. She organized the stager, the general contractor, and everything. I've sold a couple homes before and it had never been so seamless. 100% without a doubt would refer Liz to family and friends. There isn't a day that has gone by in this process where my husband and I don't look at each other and say, 'Thank God we picked Liz'. We got top dollar for our home because of Liz and are very happy with the decision we made."

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