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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH



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Design concept for the main corner of the Vineyard 2.0 project.

Building a solution

Finding ways to overcome the relentless cycle of homelessness is among the most daunting problems in our society. In the Bay Area especially, the issue can seem insurmountable for many residents experiencing housing insecurity — but likewise for public agencies, nonprofits, private organizations and everyday citizens aching to make any headway toward helping others.

There is an example of hope coming more into view in Livermore, and it could provide more than just a drop in the bucket.

Community leaders joined together exactly one month ago to mark the ceremonial groundbreaking of the so-called “Vineyard 2.0” supportive housing and services development, just blocks away from the heart of downtown.

“This project represents the best of what Livermore and the Tri-Valley can do when we all pull together,” Livermore Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno said in her remarks.

“These projects are not easy; it took seven years and a tremendous effort to get to groundbreaking,” she added. “We need more projects like this, and we need them faster — that’s easy to say, but if we don’t say it we definitely won’t do it. So let’s celebrate this one and get right to work on the next one.”

The ambitious and inspirational project in the residential area at the corner of North Livermore Avenue and Park Street aims to take a multifaceted approach.

Managed by the Housing Consortium of the East Bay, the development will include 23 apartments (18 studios and five one-bedroom units) of permanent supportive housing for people trying to escape homelessness.

It targets support for the most vulnerable; folks in the very-low or extremely-low income categories, defined as below 30% of the area median income. And thanks to various subsidies, tenants will

only pay 30% of their already low adjusted monthly income for rent.

The residential component will include wheelchair-accessible units and be constructed with environmentally friendly building materials, according to the consortium. There will also be a two-bedroom manager’s apartment, bringing the overall unit count to 24.

The support system onsite will not stop there.

The project includes space for a new Homeless Resource Center offering a health clinic, showers, laundry machines, mailboxes, case management and mental health support — all tangible services that can provide real-world help for unhoused people.

The 10,000-square-foot public support space at Vineyard 2.0 will also feature a commercial-scale kitchen and dining room operated by Open Heart Kitchen, the Tri-Valley nonprofit responsible for serving over 2 million meals to those in need last year alone. Just imagine what more they’ll be able to accomplish with this new facility.

Talk about a holistic vision to combating the cycle of homelessness.

Of course, these goals won’t be altogether new for this site. For years 450 N. Livermore Ave. was home to the Vineyard Christian Fellowship and a homeless support program by local church groups and nonprofits that included hot meals, showers, laundry and other essential services.

Vineyard 2.0 will just go above and beyond, in exemplary fashion.

With shovels now in the ground, my sincere hope is that construction stays on time and on budget.

It is a major price-tag we’re talking about already — approximately \$24.5 million overall for the residential and commercial development, which includes a \$2 million reserve to subsidize rents for extremely-low-income homeless residents.

Construction is estimated to be completed in the summer of 2023. ■

About the Cover

Community leaders in Tulancingo, Mexico, joined by sister city delegates from Pleasanton, last month debuted a new bronze sculpture honoring late Pleasanton resident “Señor Bob” Athenour. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

How do you feel about the return of Pleasanton's weekend closure of Main Street to cars, now once a month?



Becky Esquilin
Housekeeper

I love it. It's really nice to be able to access all of the lovely shops without having to worry about traffic and parking. And I also really enjoy all of the outside seating at the many excellent downtown restaurants.



Juan Esquilin
Lead groundskeeper

I think the shops and restaurants really benefit from the street closure. It makes it so much easier for people to maneuver around town and get from place to place. I love being able to support the local businesses and mom-and-pop shops without having to think about my car and where to park it.



Dominique Esquilin
Administrative assistant

I think the street closures on the first weekend of each month are going to make Main Street in Pleasanton the place to be. Without all of the cars and traffic, Main Street is the perfect place for family and friends to meet up and gather. In fact, that's exactly what I'm doing right now.



Jeniel and Dan Beltran
Stay-at-home mom; financial adviser

It's fantastic because we don't have to worry about our kids getting hit by a car. Plus, when the road is closed to vehicular traffic, it is so much easier and more pleasant to ride our bicycles downtown from one end to the other of Main Street. That is something we love to do as a family.



Taylor and Roman Beltran
Students

We think it's really cool for people to be able to get right out into the middle of the street in order to exercise and have fun. And we love being able to watch them all having such a good time.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Helicopter down

A helicopter crashed at a PG&E training facility in Livermore, injuring two occupants on Wednesday morning, authorities said.

The Livermore Police Department confirmed the crash and said there were no fatalities, but deferred further comment to PG&E and the National Transportation Safety Board.

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Chief Joe Testa confirmed two occupants were taken by ambulance to an area hospital, but the chief did not have details about their conditions nor the cause of the incident.

The crash occurred at PG&E's Livermore Electric Safety Academy on National Drive in Livermore.

'Breaking Bad' in town

Actors Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul, who starred together on the drama series "Breaking Bad," are scheduled to make an appearance in Pleasanton next month.

The award-winning actors will be signing bottles of their Dos Equis brand mezcal at Gene's Fine Foods on Hopyard Road from 9-10 a.m. June 1 on a first-come, first-served basis.

"They will sign as many bottles as they humanly can while they are here. We will have a designated area outside for those waiting in line. Must be 21+ to purchase," Gene's officials said.

Measure A update

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's parcel tax renewal continues to maintain a narrow lead after the May 3 special election date, with the latest results update from Alameda County election officials showing 67.31% Yes and 32.69% No on Measure A.

The measure on extending the \$138 parcel tax another seven years requires a two-thirds supermajority to pass. The current totals represent the vast majority — but not all — of ballots cast in the mail-only special election. The results are expected to be finalized and certified in the coming days. ■

For the record

After publication of last week's story "The community debate to 'Save Donlon Field,'" Pleasanton Unified School District spokesman Patrick Gannon clarified that he misspoke in the original interview and the call put out to parents was actually part of recruitment for a paid noon supervisor position, not for volunteers as originally stated. Additionally, the article listed an incorrect branch for resident Colleen Hake's military service. She served in the U.S. Air Force. The Weekly regrets the error.

Livermore council paves way for condos in Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan area

Triad project to consist of 112 units, focuses on sustainable energy and transit access

BY JEANITA LYMAN

The Livermore City Council voted Monday to approve a resolution that charts the course for a new development consisting of more than 100 housing units and infrastructure aimed at utilizing and promoting cleaner energy sources for residents' transit needs.

"I'm very excited by the fact that it's the first neighborhood that I'm familiar with that's going to have purple pipe recycled water for irrigation ... all electric, EV charging stations and solar," Vice Mayor Gina Bonanno said during the hearing on the Triad project proposed for the

Isabel neighborhood area.

"Our goal is to have this be a complete neighborhood, have grocery, retail, we might need a school out there at some point; we're going to have Valley Link, that's the plan. We have bus service, this is just such a great opportunity for us as a city," she continued.

The project's 112 units at North Canyons Parkway and Triad Place are set to range from 1,000 to 1,800 square feet, with 22 being reserved for households of median and moderate incomes. Twelve of the units will also be built with accessibility for seniors and others with mobility limitations in mind. Each building

in the project is slated to be three stories.

Other features of the project include a 0.2-acre park, balconies and porches, and a 2,600-square-foot dog park, as well as a new sheltered bus stop on North Canyons Parkway and a bike lane.

Council members lauded the project's conformance to the requirements and vision of the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan (INSP), which aims to foster "development of a complete neighborhood with a mix of uses that is walkable, bikeable, and served by transit," according to city staff.

"The Isabel Neighborhood seeks

to create a safe, vibrant, complete neighborhood; and support transit ridership and citywide goals for increased transportation options and housing choices," according to a staff report prepared by community development director Paul Spence for Monday's meeting.

In addition to aligning with the land-use requirements of the city's General Plan and the vision of the INSP in particular, Spence notes in the report that the location of the property is well-situated among existing employment and educational infrastructure in the area.

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Arick Little (third from right) celebrates being named the 2022 Teacher of the Year.

Virtual Academy's Little named PUSD Teacher of the Year

Math educator serves as mentor to students, colleagues alike

BY SHIRI MARWAHA

Arick Little, a math teacher at the Pleasanton Virtual Academy, is the winner of Pleasanton Unified School District's Teacher of the Year award.

"I feel very honored and surprised, when we have many really outstanding teachers in our district. So for me to be recognized, I definitely feel very humbled and honored," Little told the Weekly.

Little has been a mentor to fellow teachers and inspires students through mathematics and identifying where they are in their educational trajectory to help them excel, according

to district officials. He is also known for his role in creating a community beyond the classroom, leading fun social activities like group hikes.

"(He) has been instrumental in leading our certificated team in reimagining the ways we support students over the past several years and now, through the Virtual Academy," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said. "Mr. Little helps inspire students to discover a love for learning by following their own unique path."

Little has taught in PUSD for 32 years, beginning as a math teacher at Amador Valley High

School and later serving as an instructional coach and integration specialist in the district before joining the Pleasanton Virtual Academy program.

He spoke to the Weekly about his days as an integration specialist and credited it for providing a learning opportunity observing various techniques from teachers from across the districts.

"It gave me the chance to reform my craft and be able to adjust the way that I deliver lessons and work with students and be able to meet the diverse

Pleasanton doles out community grants

More than \$1.2 million awarded to local nonprofits, causes

BY SHIRI MARWAHA

The Pleasanton City Council last week agreed to distribute more than \$1.2 million to nonprofits and other efforts in the region through the annual grant process funded by local and federal dollars.

The grant awards, and the requests for funding received by city staff, show the far-reaching effects of the pandemic are seen everywhere and the nonprofit organizations are not spared either, according to city officials.

"We do have a lot of outstanding nonprofits in this community doing great work and when we don't fund them all or be able to fund all their programs, it's hard," Councilmember Kathy Narum said during the May 3 hearing, expressing hope to bridge the gap with better funding solutions in the future.

Councilmember Julie Testa also spoke about looking into increasing funding next year and getting closer to matching all of the funding requests.

Council members, with input from city commissions and staff, ultimately allocated grants for human services (\$591,562), housing (\$512,234), civic arts (\$41,000) and

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Livermore school earns national Green Ribbon award

Altamont Creek Elementary honored for efforts on sustainability in education

By SHIRI MARWAHA

Livermore's Altamont Creek Elementary School was recently bestowed with the honor of being named a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, becoming one of four schools in California to receive the nationwide award.

Altamont Creek science and STEM teacher Fenna Gatty spoke to the Weekly after the award was announced on Earth Day, saying the school's journey toward environmental sustainability has just begun.

"The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools provides a 'roadmap' containing resources, examples, and advice to help us reach our goals in health, reducing environmental impact, and in environmental education incorporating STEM that will prepare students for their future," Gatty said.

Across the country, 27 schools, five districts and four postsecondary institutions received the honor for their innovative efforts to reduce environmental impact and utility costs, improve health and wellness, and ensure effective sustainability education, according to officials.

California's other 2022 Green Ribbon Schools were Katella High School in Anaheim, Suisun Valley K-8 School in Fairfield and St. Martin of Tours Academy in La Mesa. Additionally, Merced Union High School District in Atwater was honored with the District Sustainability Award.

U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said the honorees this year all raised the bar for sustainability, healthy and safe school environments, and their hands-on learning experiences connect students to the world around them.

"As we recover from a pandemic that highlighted the need to modernize school infrastructure, improve ventilation, and create versatile indoor and outdoor learning spaces, we have an opportunity to invest in sustainable practices that enhance student learning, health, and well-being," Cardona said, adding:

"At the Department of Education, I'm proud that we're proposing to establish a new Office of Infrastructure and Sustainability to support state and local leaders on these efforts, and that we have named a special advisor to this vital work."

Gatty said Altamont Creek has

been working on sustainable practices for over a decade now but it has potential to evolve further with additional help.

"There's so many schools doing a great job out there and if we can team together and share ideas and work with our community partners educating others, then I think that we can make a difference," Gatty said.

According to Gatty, the credit for the honor goes to all connected to the cause like the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and partnerships with their state, county and community agencies who have provided training and assistance in implementing best practices in the Next Generation Science Standards and in meeting legislated mandates, such as Assembly Bill 827 and Senate Bill 1383.

"Principal Andrea Tapia and all of us at Altamont are thankful for the recognition and appreciate the community support," Gatty said. "Thank goodness for our government agencies, nonprofits, and the district's vision for providing the best learning environment and preparation for our students to do what is best for



FENNA GATTY

Altamont Creek Elementary School has been honored for its environmental and sustainability education efforts with a national Green Ribbon award.

their mission."

Talking about student involvement in the program, Gatty said coming back from two years of lockdown, the students were eager to start recycling from week one of school.

"They jumped in on the recycling, to get the green team going and everything on our first week back, so they are really the catalyst and it's become a culture in our school," she said.

Environmental consciousness,

according to Gatty, can be seen in kids as young as second grade because that's when they learn about property matters and decomposing in class.

"They are looking around, they visually see things that either do or don't belong in recycling, whether litter, whether it's things that could be harmful for wildlife," Gatty said. "I believe they're becoming more observant and are realizing that they don't have to wait to be an adult to make a difference." ■

Landlord group sues over Alameda County's eviction moratorium

Alleges violation of due process, taking of property, 'unconstitutionally impairs contracts'

The California Apartment Association filed a federal lawsuit last week over Alameda County's COVID-related eviction moratorium.

Together with a group of five Alameda County landlords, the CAA is asking the court to issue preliminary and permanent injunctions to prevent enforcement of the county's eviction moratorium.

The suit alleges the moratorium violates the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, as well as Article I of the California Constitution, which both prohibit the government from taking private property without just compensation.

The rules prevent landlords "from evicting any renter in the county, including the incorporated parts of the county, for virtually any reason, with few exceptions," according to the suit, which was filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

The suit also alleges the moratorium "unconstitutionally impairs contracts" and violates the right to due process. It also claims the county is in violation of the state's Ellis Act, which allows landlords to remove property from the rental market.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted to enact the eviction moratorium in April 2020 after both Gov. Gavin Newsom and the county declared a state of emergency over rising COVID-19 cases.

At the time, the entire state was under "stay at home" orders, schools were suspending in-person instruction and switching to remote learning, childcare businesses were closing and many sheriff's departments — including in Alameda County — had temporarily stopped enforcing evictions.

"Those residents financially impacted due to COVID-19 may not be able to make timely rent or mortgage payments or be forced to choose between paying housing expenses and having sufficient funds for food, medical care or other necessities for themselves and their families," according to the text of the moratorium ordinance, which notes that at the time there were nearly 1,000 confirmed COVID cases and 36 deaths in the county.

As of May 4, there were 266,396 cases and 1,890 deaths listed on the county health department's COVID-19 website.

The lawsuit's plaintiffs are listed as

the CAA, Stephen Lin, Rakesh Jain and Tripti Jain, H. Alex Alvarez and Dannie Alvarez, Alison Mitchell and Michael Hagerty — all landlords with units in the county.

The suit includes allegations from the property owners that, among other things, detail instances of unpaid rent, damaged property, unauthorized pets and unpermitted modifications to units, all of which could have been grounds for initiating an eviction process prior to the pandemic.

"In addition to suffering losses amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars in unpaid rent, these owners' stories also showcase how the county's one-sided policy has caused real, lasting harm to property owners," CAA attorney Whitney Prout said in a news release May 5.

The eviction moratorium is set to end 60 days after the county's COVID-19 emergency health order expires but it's unclear when the Board of Supervisors might discuss ending the order.

The state's eviction moratorium expired for most renters on Sept. 31, 2020 and will end on June 30 for those with pending rental relief applications.

During the pandemic, several jurisdictions, including the state Legislature and Alameda County, created relief accounts to which landlords and tenants could apply in order to cover past due rent, but the lawsuit claims those accounts are either "oversubscribed" or leave applicants hanging "in limbo for months at a time."

Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Keith Carson declined to comment on the lawsuit.

The plaintiffs are asking for an end to the eviction moratorium and for the county to pay their attorney's fees, expenses, "loss of property value and loss of opportunity costs," as well as general damages. ■

—Kiley Russell, BCN Foundation

TEACHER

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needs of so many of our different students," Little said.

In his own education growing up, Little said he struggled in math as a high school student and experienced firsthand the difference a good teacher could make in a student's life, using that as inspiration to become a mentor to students and teachers alike.



Arick Little

"I noticed the impact that my math teacher had in helping me to grow in this subject and that's what motivated me to want to become a teacher," he said.

The best reward as a teacher is to watch students overcome challenges and grasp the concepts of math, according to Little.

"When it finally happens, it's a

huge victory. And it really just puts a smile on the teacher's face," he said.

Fellow teachers appreciate his teaching techniques and applaud him for helping students with methods tailored according to needs.

"I have personally witnessed the most hesitant of math students come to a level of comfort in math, and a renewed belief in their own abilities under Arick's guidance," one unidentified colleague told the district during the Teacher of the Year process.

As the districtwide winner, Little is now being considered for the Alameda County Teacher of the Year award program later this year. He said it's an honor but an overwhelming feeling nonetheless.

"I will definitely put my best foot forward, and I think that the teachers in Pleasanton are excellent," Little said. "I'll do what I can to have them recognized. I'm proud to represent them in the county contest and I look forward to seeing how that turns out." ■

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Hively opens new Family Resource Center in Dublin

Shop includes Community Closet, Food Pantry, Diaper Pantry sections for those in need

By SHIRI MARWAHA

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held last month in Dublin to commemorate the opening of the Hively Family Resource Center.

Located at 7066 Village Pkwy., the nonprofit's facility is a one-stop shop for families to obtain all the basic necessities they need — all under one roof — for maximum convenience and accessibility. Interim CEO Mary Hekl said she is pleased with the progress already achieved since its opening.

"In the short time that the Hively Family Resource Center has been open, we have served over 250 families from the Tri-Valley area and 120 child care providers," Hekl told the Weekly.

"Hively has a long tradition of supporting our families and community members. For years, we distributed diapers, clothes, toys and other items

from a few spare offices at our previous headquarters in Pleasanton," Hekl added. "As demand grew for these items, we decided to devote an entire store to providing these goods. In addition, we offer access to our child care subsidy services and information about other organizations and services in the Tri-Valley."

The Hively Family Resource Center features multiple sections to support Tri-Valley families in need, like the Community Closet that provides new and gently used clothing, shoes, books, housewares and early literacy materials. The Food Pantry offers food and other basic nutrition necessities, and the Diaper Pantry provides diapers and wipes to enrolled families free-of-charge.

Hekl spoke at the April 22 ribbon-cutting hosted by the Dublin and Pleasanton chambers of commerce, applauding the community

involvement in launching the new resource center.

"Hively is grateful for the partnership and funding from the city of Pleasanton, the city of Dublin, and our generous community donors who help make the Hively Family Resource Center possible," she said.

"We have also received generous donations from over 24 local community organizations. We have many volunteer individuals and organizations that frequently help us with activities such as sorting donations, stocking shelves, and providing customer service to our families," she said. "All of this enables families to choose what they want and take what they need for a dignified shopping experience."

The event was attended by several representatives from the Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore city councils as well as State Assemblymember

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda).

Bauer-Kahan thanked the entire Hively team for their dedication to families and supporting them with basic needs throughout the pandemic. She also showered appreciation on child care providers by calling them heroes.

"Watching you show up everyday to give our kids the skills they need for the future ... I couldn't be more grateful," Bauer-Kahan said.

Shruti Agarwal, president of the Livermore Family Child Care Association and a child care provider, thanked Hively for helping and keeping her day care business open during the pandemic, even as many were forced to close their doors.

"Hively provided supplies and testing kits, but they also provided emotional support for providers," Agarwal said. "Hively's Friday

afternoon Listening Sessions, for child care providers were especially valuable."

Hively's mission is to provide resources and support for everyone in the community to thrive. It offers holistic support and services to strengthen families by giving child care subsidies for CalWORKs recipients. It also organizes parent education classes to support healthy home environments and family-strengthening classes to support the parent-child bond.

According to Hekl, the future plan for the center is to add more information and services that families can access at the Hively Family Resource Center.

The Hively Family Resource Center is open Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. To learn more or to donate, visit www.behively.org. ■

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"The project supports policies established in the Land Use, Housing, Community Character, and Climate Change elements by redeveloping an infill site near transit with market rate

and affordable units near jobs and educational opportunities — e.g., Las Positas College," Spence wrote.

The proposed development from applicant DeNova Homes would be the first new development under the INSP.

"When I was on the Planning

Commission ... four or five years ago, we first started hearing about the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan, and it's just very exciting to see the first project," Bonanno said. "And to my knowledge this is the first project, first of what I hope will be many so we can get that

neighborhood built out."

Currently, the approximately 5-acre property at the northwest corner of North Canyons Parkway and Triad Place slated for development under the proposed project is vacant, sitting within an office park and surrounded by a private access drive and parking lot.

"In support of the city's general plan, climate action, and specific plan, the project will incorporate sustainability measures into its operations and design," assistant planner Jake Potter said in Monday's presentation.

"For example, the project will be all electric, and proposes rooftop PV arrays that would provide electricity without local emissions," he added. "Garages would be EV charger ready and there will be three EV chargers on site. Recycled water will be used for all irrigation throughout the project ... all plants will be medium or low water users, and many plant species will be native pollinators which are conducive and well suited to Livermore's climate."

Potter also emphasized the area's location along the bus line, giving future residents alternative transit options to reach centrally located educational, commercial, and technological hubs such as downtown, the Livermore Lab and Las Positas College, as well as a means of connecting to the BART line.

The council's vote approving the project was 3-0, with Mayor Bob Woerner and District 3 Councilmember Brittni Kiick absent from the night's meeting. The trio also endorsed city staff's recommendation of a California Environmental Quality Act exemption for the project, under guidelines that include provisions for projects near transit-oriented areas and those that fit within a municipality's existing

general plan.

Councilmember Trish Munro highlighted her excitement about the project, but also noted that the changing landscape regarding sustainable, transit-oriented housing could make the new project one of many.

"When I look at the way that the future has been integrated into this in sustainable ways, part of me says 'wow, look at us going forward' and the other part of me says 'you know, by the time this is built, my bet is there will be more stuff,'" Munro said. "So the plus-minus of technology, right?"

In keeping with the theme of development in the Isabel neighborhood area, the council also approved a request to authorize negotiations for a development agreement with applicant Isabel Portola Owner LLC for a proposed mixed-use development in the area.

The proposed project would house residential, office and commercial endeavors on a 45-acre property that falls under the INSP, with the proposed uses aligning with those envisioned under the plan, according to city staff.

While the 3-0 vote allows for the project to move to the next steps of the planning process, it signifies an agreement for negotiations only, with the council maintaining discretion on the project's future planning and implementation.

"Staff would return and be discussing the draft terms of the development agreement as well as the site plan for the proposed property," associate planner Ashley Vera said, when asked about next steps following approval of the item. Vera added that it would be at least a couple of months before the item returns to the City Council, likely in the fall. ■



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Sandia research targets more sustainable jet fuel

Cycloalkanes feasible frontrunners in reducing aviation emissions

By SHIRI MARWAHA

New data developed by scientists in Livermore could hold the promise of reducing greenhouse effect and providing sustainable aviation fuel, according to Sandia National Laboratories.

Sandia has collaborated with researchers at Los Alamos National Laboratory exploring the physical properties of cycloalkanes, which are molecules composed of hydrogen and carbon atoms arranged in a ring structure using single bonds. Using cycloalkanes as part of jet fuel may reduce condensation trail formation and soot emissions as compared to current fuels, according to Sandia researcher and chemist Alexander Landera.

"Unlike other forms of travel, such as cars and trucks, there is currently no foreseeable path to electrify the aviation sector," Landera said last week. "Therefore, mitigation efforts are necessary to decarbonize the aviation industry."

The newly discovered data on the potential impacts of cycloalkanes is still in the research phase, so it could take a few years before moving to the next level.

"Nothing has been tested yet. It's really difficult to replace all the aromatics, but some of the aromatics can be replaced by cycloalkanes," Landera said. "Literature does show that you can generate a jet fuel that has this kind of combination of

cycloalkanes and aromatics, and it does actually perform really good."

The research team's key objectives has been to minimize the aromatic content of aviation fuel and replace it with cycloalkanes. Aromatics are substances derived from refining crude oil and are used as a source of octane, which increases the engine's power and fuel efficiency, according to Sandia.

Aromatics are beneficial in fuel because they cause the O-rings in the engine to swell, an important function in maintaining engine seals and preventing fuel leaks. But the problem is the soot produced during combustion contributing to climate change, Sandia officials said.

The primary goal of the research was to understand different behavioral changes in renewably sourced molecules when used as jet fuels. Cycloalkanes are a broad class of hydrocarbon molecules, like molecules found in petroleum which contain thousands of different kinds of hydrocarbons, but can be produced biologically from renewable resources, according to Sandia.

Researchers say that this isn't a technology, but a method to understand fuel properties. Sandia officials believe their research data and insights will be beneficial to the aviation industry as they make decisions about which new fuels to produce.

"There is a strong market pull for

sustainable aviation fuels right now and the research data published by Sandia will contribute to innovative solutions being explored," Sandia officials said.

Previous scientific research had already discovered that some cycloalkanes could reduce soot, but no systematic study had been done of these molecules more broadly.

The Sandia research showed which of these molecules would be suitable for use in jet fuels and which were not. They also developed some relationships to be able to predict their performance, according to the lab.

Cycloalkanes can also be produced from feedstock or renewable biological material, potentially making their production more carbon sustainable. Landera hopes that by building a database of these properties, their research will help clear the way for cycloalkanes' inclusion in future aviation fuels.

Sandia officials said the lab is engaged in work to decrease the cost, increase the sustainability and expand the production and use of sustainable aviation fuels.

"As we develop these, we've looked at the different trends and see which ones are good, which ones might not be so good and hopefully that informs the community in terms of what types of cycloalkanes (are feasible)," Landera said. ■

GRANTS

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youth programs (\$40,000) for this funding cycle. They also awarded a one-time grant of \$50,000 to newly established nonprofit Three Valleys Community Foundation.

All council members expressed gratitude to the great work of the nonprofits and their dedication for filling in the areas of need.

"The city doesn't necessarily provide direct services and we rely heavily on these nonprofits and a partnership, a symbiotic relationship to serve those in need," Councilmember Jack Balch said as the council approved the human services grant list first.

Next, the council agreed unanimously with the recommendation made by the Housing Commission for housing-related grants.

"We are using our low income housing fund to keep people in housing units in our community, and I think it is a good use of that fund to actually achieve housing and meet housing needs at a better price than actually building housing units, which we understand is increasingly expensive," Balch said.

He added that this provides

housing opportunities to those in need and is economical compared to other options like building newer units.

"This is achieving housing for our community members right now, so \$386,000, I'm gonna support the motion and I appreciate the work people are doing here and our Housing Commission," Balch said.

Mayor Karla Brown said housing the homeless is essential.

"I think most people would not even imagine in a quite affluent community like Pleasanton, there are many people that are at risk of losing their homes," she said.

Programs like this not only provide homes to the unhoused but give them the ability to work and send their kids to school without worrying as much about this basic necessity, according to the mayor. "I'm very proud that we are a part of this decision," Brown said.

The third section of this agenda item includes the review of grants for the Civic Arts Commission.

Testa spoke about past hurdles for art and civic grants that lost importance to the ones that were prioritized as essential. Times have changed, Testa said, and the categorization of commissions into different groups has given art the ability to thrive.

"It was really hard to put them alongside the basic-needs grants," she said.

Testa applauded the work of the commission and appreciated the funds dedicated to encourage art among the youth in Pleasanton.

Brown shared similar thoughts, "It's a great program, and I strongly support the Commission's Youth Commission, and the Arts Commission."

The last item on the agenda — the approval of a grant of \$50,000 for 3VCF — also saw unanimous support from the council.

"I am in full support of doing this on a one-time basis, and I'm happy to hear him say that they don't anticipate or don't plan to be back again for any more operational money," Narum said.

Similar excitement was seen among councilmembers, and Balch summed up the grant approvals for a grand total of nearly \$1.24 million that is being invested to serve the community.

"When you add it all up, and you think of that number being pushed back to help those in need, I think that's commendable and speaks to the great work of a lot of our commissions but also our city staff and identifying the need, so thank you," he said. ■

Diana Re

November 10, 1942 – April 22, 2022

Diana Re, a 52-year resident of the Tri-Valley, passed away on April 22, 2022, after a short hospital stay.

Diana was born in Oakland, California to Virgil and Wilma (Harris) Steuble on November 10, 1942. As a young child her family moved from Oakland to San Leandro where she attended public school graduating from San Leandro High School in 1960. Diana met her future husband, Wayne, at her Senior Ball. They were married the following year and immediately started their family. Her last child, a second son, was born before her 20th birthday.

In 1970, the family moved to Pleasanton where Wayne started his first teaching job. Initially, Diana was a homemaker and focused on raising their sons. But once the boys were old enough, Diana found work as a dental assistant in Dr. Ralph Juhl's office and later with his successor, Dr. Michael McKim. She enjoyed her job as it provided her the opportunity to meet half of Pleasanton, then a much smaller town. She remained employed there for 31 years. She was active in supporting both sons and her husband, a high school coach, in all their sports activities. Many of the championship banners in the Tri-Valley high school gyms were made by Diana. She even survived the 1978 EBAL football championship game, which pitted both sons against their father.

In 1996, Diana and Wayne relocated to a home just outside of Livermore where they could quietly enjoy their retirement years.

Diana is survived by her husband of 61 years, Wayne, sons Steve and Jon (Mary), granddaughters Anna, Kelly, Marisa, Allie and Franki, and sister Sally (Dan) Lester.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 11:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. A reception will follow at Del Valle Winery.

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Maurice August Ghysels

February 13, 1929 – December 29, 2021

Maurice August Ghysels died peacefully on December 29, 2021 holding the hands of his children, Ivonne and Maurice, in Pleasanton, CA. He was born on Feb 13, 1929 in Racine, WI, to Cyrille and Ivonne Ghysels, who were immigrants from Ghent, Belgium.

Maurice's father died when he was three years old leaving his mother to provide for him and his older brother, Albert. She had very little knowledge of the English language and had to find work relying on her neighbors to help raise her boys. Maurice endured many hardships as a child and as a result was basically on his own. He was a butcher until he was 17 years old, at which time he joined the Navy. He was stationed on the USS FDR aircraft carrier from 1946-48. He sailed the Caribbean and Mediterranean and loaded ordinance in 5 inch cannons. He loved the Navy. It was the first time he had a stable life. He was honorably discharged and attended airplane mechanics school in CA graduating top of his class. Upon graduation he was offered a position in FL, but decided to stay in CA.

His mother married Santo "Sam" Sturino. They lived in Van Nuys, CA. Sam had a large Italian family in Kenosha, WI. After his military discharge, Maurice joined them on a visit to Kenosha where he met the love of his life, Sam's niece, Carmella Trotta. Maurice stayed in WI a short time until he decided to help Sam in his painting and decorating business in CA. Carmella moved to CA where they were married in 1949. Their daughter, Ivonne, was born in 1950, and son Maurice Cyrille in 1956. He was so proud of his children throughout their lives. His family brought him great joy.

In 1970, Maurice moved to Pleasanton, CA, and worked with his brother, Al, in his cabinet shop. In the early 1980s he started working at LLNL and retired in 1992 to care for his ailing wife. They were happily married until Carmella's death in 1994. In 1995, Maurice met Adele Waldman who was his companion and love until her death in 2017.

Maurice was first and foremost a family man. He was always on the go helping everyone with projects. He could fix and build anything like a pro. He was fun-loving, funny, kind, friendly, always happy with a positive attitude, and had a kind word for everyone. He focused on the good. He was patient and a wonderful caregiver. Because of the hardships of his childhood, he was very frugal, yet very loving. Maurice enjoyed being on the go whether he was doing a build-it project, perusing the aisles of any store, taking day trips, or traveling and exploring the world with Carmella and Adele.

Maurice was the patriarch of a large loving family, he is survived by his daughter Ivonne Witt and her husband Michael; his son Maurice C. Ghysels, EdD and his wife, Carmen; grandchildren Marcella Witt Rampoldi (Dean); Melissa Witt (Mark Grace); Aja Lodigiani (Stephen); and Michael Ghysels; great-grandchildren, Anna and Emma Rampoldi; and Mateo and Giulia Lodigiani; along with many beloved nieces, nephews and extended family. Maurice will be greatly missed by his family, friends and his caregivers at The Parkview in Pleasanton. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carmella; companion Adele Waldman; and brother, Albert.

A private burial was held. There will be a Celebration of Life on June 4, 2022. Please contact the family by May 28 for details. Maurice was loved and will be missed by all who knew him.



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POLICE BULLETIN

Teen charged with murder after crash victim dies in hospital

A teenager from Oakley has seen his charges upgraded to include murder after a Livermore woman seriously injured in a car crash allegedly caused by the young man in February recently died at the hospital from her injuries, the Weekly has learned.

Sekou Abayomia Brandon, 19, also now faces felony counts of gross vehicular manslaughter, evading police causing death and evading police causing serious injury, along with 11 special allegations, after authorities allege he crashed into another vehicle on North Livermore Avenue while fleeing from police at high speeds.

One of the two occupants of the other vehicle police say Brandon hit in the Feb. 17 crash — identified as Linda Woodward, 73, of Livermore — died April 16 at Kaiser Permanente Walnut Creek Medical Center as a result of her injuries, according to the Contra Costa County Coroner's Division.

The charges against Brandon, a former Dublin High School student, were updated two days later to reflect murder after Woodward's death, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. He appeared in court in Dublin on Friday for entry-of-plea, but the hearing was continued to May 27.

Brandon's defense attorney, Anne Beles, had not responded to a request for comment as of press time.

The situation began unfolding around 3 p.m. on Feb. 17 when Brandon was spotted behind the

wheel of a red Lexus sedan speeding on eastbound Interstate 580 just east of Isabel Avenue in Livermore, according to a probable cause declaration written by Livermore Police Officer Scott Harrison. Though the crash was ultimately under the purview of the California Highway Patrol, Harrison wrote the initial arrest report.

Harrison said he was driving in his marked police SUV when he attempted to pull over a red Lexus for driving approximately 90 mph on the freeway. The officer alleged the driver — later identified as Brandon — looked over his shoulder and in the rear-view mirror at the officer as he accelerated across multiple lanes in heavy traffic trying to elude the enforcement stop.

"Brandon recklessly and without regard for his safety or the safety of other motorists, steered to the right and across all 6 lanes of heavy eastbound traffic," Harrison stated in the written declaration. "I was not able to follow due to his reckless driving actions. I watched as Brandon drove over the dirt embankment and down the N Livermore Ave exit and lost sight of his vehicle."

The officer said he was then dispatched eight minutes later to an injury crash on North Livermore Avenue at the bottom of the freeway exit ramp involving the same red Lexus and a black SUV.

Harrison said he arrived at the scene and positively identified Brandon as the same driver who sped away from him recklessly minutes earlier. Brandon was placed under arrest at that time on suspicion of felony reckless driving while evading law enforcement.

Harrison wrote in his report that both occupants of the black SUV

sustained moderate injuries and were taken to an area hospital for treatment. However, Woodward's injuries would prove more serious and ultimately she died while hospitalized in Walnut Creek on April 16.

Prosecutors first upgraded the charges against Brandon on April 18 in light of Woodward's death, and the criminal complaint was amended for a second time with the current charges on April 27.

In connection with Woodward's death, Brandon has been charged with murder, vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and evading police causing death, along with special allegations including violent conduct and great bodily harm as to each count.

For the other occupant's injuries, Brandon is charged with felony evading police causing serious bodily injury along with special allegations of great bodily harm and violent conduct.

Editor's note: The Weekly has corroborated that Sekou Brandon was arrested as a 17-year-old in connection with a 2020 homicide in the Tri-Valley, but we have been unable to confirm the status of his charges in that juvenile case. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office declined to comment on the case because arrestees were minors at the time. We are withholding additional reporting on Brandon's alleged involvement in that case pending further confirmation of facts.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- A 53-year-old Pleasanton man pleaded guilty last week in an Oakland federal court to stealing nearly \$200,000 in pandemic relief funds, according to federal officials.

Javed Wahab admitted that he stole \$186,516.72 in funds intended for the medical treatment and care of COVID-19 patients, according to an announcement of the plea from U.S. Attorney Stephanie M. Hinds and other federal officials.

The announcement reports that Wahab owned three home health and hospice care companies in Alameda County and elsewhere that received about \$285,000 in such funds. In Wahab's plea, he admitted to spending most of that total for his personal use and by transferring them to family members, rather than using the funds in conjunction with pandemic relief efforts as required.

Wahab owned Premier Home Health Care & Hospice, Inc., Care-link Hospice Services, Inc., and JW Healthcare, Inc.

Wahab was indicted Sept. 1, 2021, with five counts of theft of government property. If he complies with his plea agreement to one count, four of those counts will be dismissed, according to the news release.

Judge Gonzalez Rogers scheduled Wahab's sentencing for Aug. 25, 2022, when Wahab faces a maximum statutory prison term of 10 years. ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 5

Theft

- 9:52 a.m. on the 400 block of Boulder Court
- 10:56 a.m. on the 7000 block of Commerce Circle

May 4

Drug violation

- 12:31 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

Drug violation

- 12:36 a.m. at Gibraltar and Hacienda drives

Warrant arrest

- 2:43 a.m. on the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

Sex offenses

- 3:05 p.m. on Woodthrush Way

Fraud

- 4:49 p.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 5:45 p.m., 3100 block of Paseo Robles; catalytic converter theft
- 6:26 p.m., 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

May 3

Warrant arrest

- 9:32 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Shoplifting

- 2:27 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

May 2

Vandalism

- 10:43 a.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

Fraud

- 11:06 a.m. on the 1600 block of Calle Santa Anna

Assault/battery

- 4:36 p.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

Theft

- 5:42 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:53 p.m. on the 1600 block of Tanglewood Court
- 9:30 p.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

May 1

Domestic battery

- 12:26 a.m. on Main Street
- 9:50 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

Drug violation

- 2:59 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Assault/battery

- 1:03 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Burglary

- 1:39 p.m. on the 900 block of Main Street

Opinion

LETTERS

Gambbs for Zone 7

Please re-elect Dennis Gambbs for the Zone 7 Board of Directors on June 7.

Dennis is a civil engineer, experienced at Zone 7 on all water matters and fiscally responsible to benefit us — the ultimate water consumers. He thoroughly understands the need for high-quality, safe, reliable water supply for the Tri-Valley.

Dennis is for diversifying our sources of water supply and increasing our water storage capacity.

Zone 7 has historically been a good public agency and pursued their responsibility with vigor. With the state of California's continuing failure to responsibly address water issues, we need a solid performing Zone 7 more than ever and Dennis Gambbs serving on that Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration and vote on June 7.

—Brad Hirst

It's time to reform the Supreme Court

This is a scary moment. According to a leaked draft opinion, the Supreme Court is preparing to dismantle abortion rights across America. As a result, 26 states could outlaw abortion, including 13 that have passed "trigger" laws to take effect immediately after the court overturns *Roe v. Wade*.

This news should set off alarm bells for all Americans. Our fundamental freedoms are coming under attack by a hyper-partisan supermajority on the court. And this could just be the beginning. But there's a way to fight back, which is why I'm urging Congress to pass the Judiciary Act of 2021.

The Judiciary Act would rebalance the Supreme Court by adding four new seats, giving us 13 justices in total.

It's just what we need to move away from extremely partisan rulings and restore the legitimacy of the court — and it's been done before. In fact, Congress has changed the size of the Supreme court seven times already in our nation's history. A recent poll showed that the majority of Americans support expanding the court again now.

It's past time for Congress to get on board with this crucial bill.

—Debra LeClair

Abortion is never the answer

I was deeply saddened reading about the rallies to access safe and legal abortions. The abortion is never safe for the baby and many moms realize the pain of their choice. If we could all stop and think of what an abortion really is, the taking of a life. When we devalue life at any age, we devalue life at every age.

Do you know a woman may have an abortion the entire nine months. An unborn baby of 14 weeks can feel pain. No new organs are formed after 12 weeks. A father cannot protect his baby from abortion. Legalized abortion does not reduce child abuse; it has doubled.

Should *Roe v. Wade* be overturned, Gov. Newsom has publicly stated that California will be sanctuary for those seeking abortion and is prepared to spend our taxes, tens of millions of dollars — estimates are at \$31 million — to make certain abortions, during all stages of the baby's development, will be easily accessible, encouraging women from states who will ban abortion to come to California for their abortion needs.

I do not want my money to kill anyone. Do you?

There is help before or after the "choice." Call Next Step at 925-425-0414 on Stoneridge Mall Road, No. 200.

—Beverly McWilliams

Wiley for district attorney

I encourage my fellow Tri-Valley neighbors to vote for Terry Wiley as Alameda County's next district attorney.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office has a well-earned reputation as one of the finest prosecutors' offices in the country, going back to the years Earl Warren served as Alameda County's DA from 1925 to 1939.

My late father, John J. "Jack" Meehan, began his career as a deputy district attorney in 1960, and in 1981, was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to succeed the Honorable D. Lowell Jensen as Alameda County's district attorney. Jack was Alameda County's district attorney until his retirement in 1995.

One of my father Jack's many good decisions as DA was to hire Terry Wiley to serve as an Alameda County deputy district attorney. Terry quickly established himself as an outstanding trial prosecutor. Throughout his 30-plus years as a prosecutor, Terry has distinguished himself in every assignment he has held.

Terry has provided leadership and vision in the pursuit of "one justice," for the citizens of Alameda County, crime victims and community stakeholders. In his current role as chief assistant district attorney, Terry has been a leading voice against implicit bias in our criminal justice system while also advocating for smart reform which does not compromise public safety.

Terry's personal and professional life experiences, personal integrity and pragmatism make him the ideal candidate for district attorney.

Please join me in voting for Terry Wiley for District Attorney.

—Jim Meehan

County elections

The county level of government is often overlooked but extremely important. For instance, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office has a budget of \$440 million (as reported by KTVU in 2020). Though the sheriff manages this vast amount of public funds, this will be the first time in my memory I will have the opportunity to vote for the office.

There's an undemocratic tradition in Alameda County for a sheriff to resign, appoint a replacement and for him to be rubber-stamped by the county supervisors. Then no one runs against him.

Finally, we have a choice. If you want my advice for how to vote, pick JoAnn Walker or Yesenia Sanchez. Then vote for Pamela Price first for Alameda County DA.

—Alan Marling

Re-elect Dennis Gambbs

Please join me in voting to re-elect Dennis Gambbs to the Zone 7 Board

of Directors on June 7.

I have known Dennis for some time, both as a professional civil engineer and as a current Zone 7 board member. His professional knowledge and background gives Dennis a better understanding of technical issues related to water quality and supplies, as well as a solid fiscal understanding of the cost pressures related to water demand and supply.

As a winegrape and orchard grower, I have appreciated Dennis' interest and willingness to consider the concerns of untreated water users in the South Livermore Valley area and bring them to the board and public.

Dennis certainly understands our need for continued reliable, quality and affordable water supplies and to increase our storage capacities and diversify our sources of water with affordability in mind. Given the drought we are in, more than ever we need Dennis to continue his steady

leadership in stewarding both the treated and untreated water resources of our Tri-Valley.

Support Dennis Gambbs for our Zone 7 Board of Directors.

—Mark Triska

Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on election-related issues until 5 p.m. May 29. Letters are published based on order of receipt and space availability, among other factors. We will publish only one letter per person per election topic this fall, and we reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Send via email to letters@pleasantonweekly.com.

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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 meeting will be held at the City Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave., via video/teleconference and will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and at <https://www.tri-valleytv.org> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

- Review and consider the City's Legislative Framework with the 2022 Focus Areas and establish the City's legislative positions on selected bills, and request City staff to monitor remaining legislation throughout the 2022 legislative cycle to determine whether the City Council should take a formal position on additional legislation
- Provide direction for allocation of funds in the special revenue fund related to the Pleasanton Garbage Service Rate Reserve

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at Remillard Room, 3333 Busch Rd.

- 2022 Employers and Residential Transportation Survey
- City Transportation Projects Update

Housing Commission

Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

- Review and Recommendation to City Council for Allocation of Alameda County Measure A1 Housing Bond Funds to Tri-Valley REACH to Assist in the Construction of Two Accessory Dwelling Units to Provide Affordable Housing to Residents with Developmental Disabilities

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

- Recommend City Council Adopt Two Resolutions Updating the Master Fee Schedule and Fee Policy for Recreation
- Review Existing Outreach Process for Parks Projects and Recommend Modifications

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A LASTING IMPACT



STATUE HONORING 'SEÑOR BOB' ATHENOUR UNVEILED IN PLEASANTON'S SISTER CITY OF TULANCINGO



By JEREMY WALSH

In the hearts of many in Tulancingo, late Pleasanton resident Bob Athenour now truly has a permanent presence in the community of his hometown's sister city in Mexico.

City leaders in Tulancingo, along with members of Athenour's family and a local delegation from the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association, last month debuted a new memorial honoring the former teacher and community leader affectionately known as "Señor Bob" — a life-size bronze sculpture of Athenour sitting on a park bench.

"On the day of the unveiling, the outpouring of love for Bob and the appreciation for all he meant to the city was obvious and visible," said Dick Stafford, PTSCA committee member and Rotary wheelchair donation coordinator.

"City officials and services clubs including Rotary Clubs, Lions, Soroptomists and of course Sister City were all in attendance along with eight members of Bob's family," Stafford told the Weekly. "But what was most impactful to me was the number of Tulancingo families with kids that turned out. Sometimes going back three generations, they were all there with pride to cheer the unveiling of the statue to

honor the man they lovingly called Señor Bob."

Jorge Victoria, president of the PTSCA, was also among the Pleasanton group to travel to Tulancingo from April 21-27 for the delegation visit that included the commemoration of Athenour, who died in 2020 at the age of 91.

Victoria told the Weekly the event represented "recognition of the sincere love and respect Bob had for the Mexican culture and his 'home away from home' Tulancingo. You could sense their appreciation and genuine love and respect for bringing our two cities together."

JJ Parra, PTSCA committee member who served as an interpreter for the delegation, noted, "On three occasions when I had the opportunity to escape and stroll around the plaza many locals were taking photos with our Señor Bob. In addition, they were all reading the plaque describing who he was what his life work entailed, and his love for the communities of Pleasanton and Tulancingo and their strong links."

"Señor Bob's legacy is strong as shown by the sizable participation of his family at the ceremony," Parra said. "His children, their spouses, and their children actively participated and added a touch of family continuity in support





of Señor Bob's vision of multicultural exchange and understanding."

Athenour was a retired Spanish and French language teacher from his alma mater Amador Valley High School operating a successful travel agency in his second career when he helped form the sister city relationship between Pleasanton and Tulancingo, a city in the Mexican state of Hidalgo.

Athenour and real estate executive Steve Noble traveled to Tulancingo and met with city representatives in 1983, laying the groundwork that would lead to the agreement establishing the sister city relationship that thrives on to this day.

The most recognizable aspect of the program are the adult delegations and exchange students experiencing each other's cultures annually — other than pauses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But the impact of the relationship, and Athenour's influence, extended much deeper.

"Over the years Bob's philanthropic interests and his love for the people of Tulancingo have come together to provide much needed aid during difficult times," Stafford said.

"From raising funds to assist the city after a

catastrophic flood in 1999 to providing over 1,500 wheelchairs to those not able to afford one, Bob ... was always there to help," Stafford added. "The Wheelchair Program was one of his special projects, and through his leadership in Sister City and The Rotary Club of Pleasanton, he was able to establish working relationships that brought the life changing gift of mobility to hundreds of individuals."

The tradition continued in Athenour's honor last month as the Pleasanton delegation, in coordination with local service groups and the Wheelchair Foundation, distributed another round of donated wheelchairs to those in need in Tulancingo, free-of-charge.

"This trip like all delegation visits I have attended was unique and special," Parra said. "The distribution of wheelchairs, the visit to the girls home (asilo), visiting the university and medical school and seeing another plaque dedicated to Señor Bob in a different area of town reserved for noted Tulancingo citizens. This showed how the city Tulancingo embraces one of its own."

Victoria added, "Bob's sister city legacy is one of caring, understanding and acceptance of cultural differences worldwide and community service at home and internationally." ■



ABOUT TULANCINGO

Tulancingo, Mexico is located in the state of Hidalgo, in a valley similar to Pleasanton, 75 miles northeast of Mexico City.

There are numerous Toltec/Aztec and pre-Columbian buildings as well as a cathedral built in 1528. It is a modern city, but not a tourist town, according to the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association.

The major industries include textiles including premier woolen

thread and yarn, cashmeres, embroidered clothing, household items and general commerce. Cheese is another product that is a highly valued export for Tulancingo.

To learn more about the cities' relationship, as well as the annual youth ambassador exchange program and the association's fundraisers in Pleasanton, visit ptsca.org.

CHUCK DECKERT

Community leaders in Tulancingo, Mexico, joined by sister city delegates from Pleasanton, last month debuted a new bronze sculpture honoring late Pleasanton resident "Señor Bob" Athenour (top center). The PTSCA delegation trip also included distribution of wheelchairs to those in need, community events and cultural site tours.

Leadership transition at Museum on Main

Longtime director DeMersman retiring; Schaefer promoted to top executive role

BY MELISSA MCKENZIE

After 13 years at the helm, Executive Director Jim DeMersman has announced he will retire from Pleasanton's Museum on Main in the fall.

With the transition planning already in the works behind the scenes, board officials have selected the museum's director of education, Sarah Schaefer, to succeed DeMersman as the next permanent executive director.

"I am pleased with the progress that we have made as a team of board, staff, city staff, volunteers and community," DeMersman said in a statement. "We were able to build a new vision on a solid foundation built by the original founders of the organization to make this a place where the entire community can feel welcome."

DeMersman assisted in the renovation of the downtown museum's permanent history gallery, combining state-of-the-art digital

technology with traditional objects and graphics to tell a more complete, accessible and inclusive history of Pleasanton.

Additionally, Museum on Main membership and annual visitation has grown under his tenure, assisted by the museum's award-winning Ed Kinney "An Afternoon/Evening With ..." flagship program and a more robust temporary exhibit program, which has brought traveling exhibits on topics relevant to the life and history of Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, officials said.

"I will greatly miss the Pleasanton community and all of the people who have helped us achieve this vision," DeMersman said.

"In retirement, my husband and I will be returning to Palm Springs, which was our first home together," he added. "I am looking forward to going exploring and hiking in the Indian canyons that will be close to our new home, volunteering for the local historical society, the new Aqua Caliente Museum in

downtown Palm Springs and the Living Desert in Palm Desert. We also anticipate spending more time traveling in Europe."

The Museum on Main's Board of Directors Succession Planning Committee recommended Schaefer as its first-choice candidate in February, and the full board appointed her to become the new executive director effective in November.

"While we thought about opening up the search, the committee and executive team felt that with such a qualified candidate in-house, it would best serve the needs of the museum to move forward with Sarah as our new director," Board President Linda Garbarino said in a statement.

"She is eminently qualified, knows the Pleasanton community and shares Jim's passion for teamwork and making sure that Pleasanton has a first-rate museum to be proud of," Garbarino said. "Sarah will be working closely with Jim over the next few months to learn more of the intricacies of the day-to-day management."

In her new leadership role, Schaefer said she is "looking forward to continuing the work Jim has set out: to make the Museum on Main a true community museum, a place where those who have been in our community their whole lives, those who have just arrived, and everyone in between feels welcome and important to Pleasanton's ongoing story."

"We have accomplished so much under Jim's leadership, using the museum's most recent strategic plan as our guide," she told the Weekly. "We have completely overhauled our main exhibit space, increased

visitation, and created programs and exhibits that inspire our community to connect with us and each other."

"Moving forward, I intend to focus first and foremost on working to update the museum's strategic plan with the help of our board, our membership, and the broader community. I will also work to improve the museum's capacity for storing both physical and digital collections," she added. "Every day we are making history in this community and we need to have the space to preserve those stories and artifacts for generations to come."

Schaefer has served as the museum's education director since August 2016 and has been responsible for the museum's school and public education programs, including Preschool Reading Time, Family Days, the Ed Kinney series, Ghost Walk, "Discussion With" programs related to exhibits and school tours, senior center programs and walking tours.

"Under Jim's leadership we have accomplished so much and really brought the museum into the 21st century, but there is still more to be done," Schaefer said. "I feel honored to have worked under Jim's leadership for so long and while I am eager to continue the path he has set for the museum; I am also looking forward to working with the board and the community to navigate the future of the museum."



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

Museum on Main director of education Sarah Schaefer (left) will take over the executive director role from Jim DeMersman (right).



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

The Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton.

Foothill alum shipping out 'On the Town'

Im performing in upcoming South Bay Musical Theatre show

BY MELISSA MCKENZIE

Actor and software engineer Edward Im has branched out from his Pleasanton roots and into the South Bay where he will be performing in South Bay Musical Theatre's upcoming production of "On the Town."

Im, who attended Lydiksen Elementary, Hart Middle and Foothill High schools before studying computer science and economics at University of California, Berkeley, said he wasn't bitten by the theater bug until he started going to Cal.

"I didn't start acting until college," Im said. "There's a breadth requirement and one of those is arts and literature. For mine, I chose the intro to acting class ... and it just kind of snowballed from there. I ended up

graduating with a minor in theater and performance studies."

At one point, Im said he began applying to graduate school for theater, but as a 2020 graduate, he decided to hold off as the COVID-19 pandemic began to take over and shut the performing arts down. Now that theaters are reopening and COVID-19 concerns are starting to curb, Im said he's excited to be part of his first post-graduation show.

"This has been pretty exciting because it feels like in-person theater is starting to return," Im said. "Not just with this production, but it feels like all over the Bay Area productions are happening and people are making things again, which is exciting."

In "On the Town," which is based

on the ballet "Fancy Free" by Jerome Robbins, three Navy sailors — Chip, Gabey and Ozzie — have 24 hours to experience everything there is to see in New York before they're shipped off to fight in World War II. Im is part of the ensemble, which includes mostly singing and dancing to accompany the musical score by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green.

"I think the thing that stands out the most about this show to me is that it's super gorgeous musically," Im said. "It's a really fun show with a ton of variety — all sorts of different types of genres of music and different dance sequences. I think it'll be a really fun time for anyone who comes out."

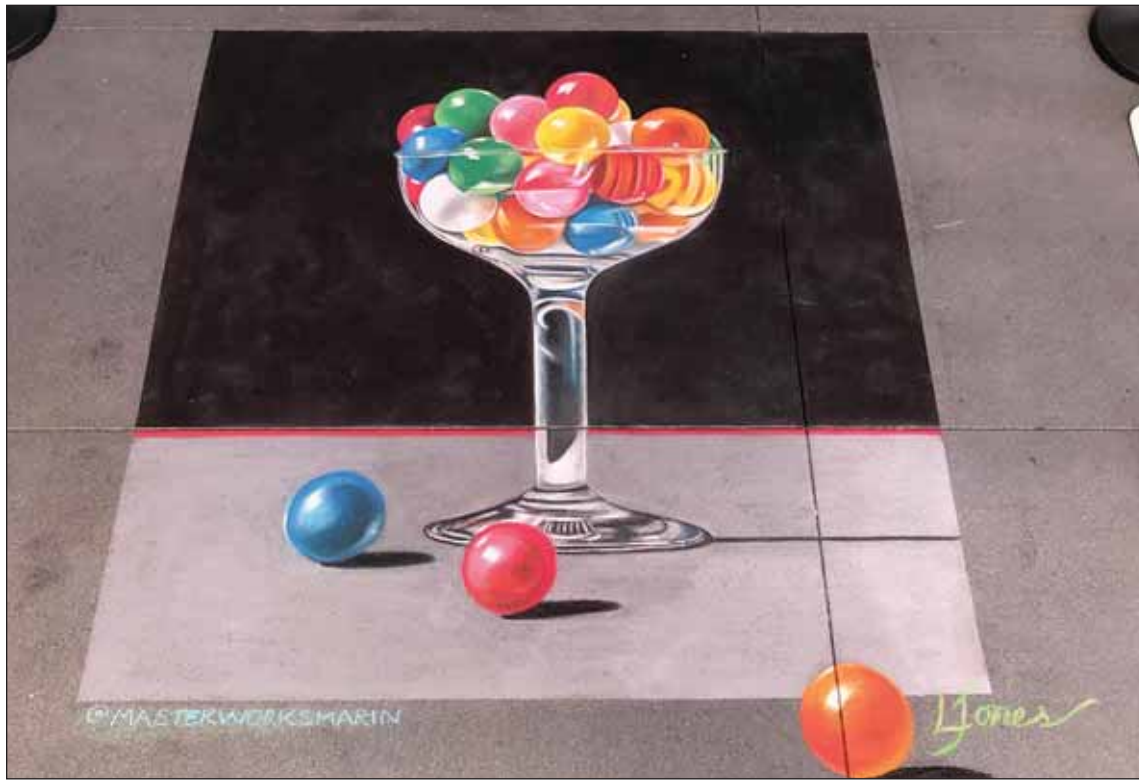
The SBMT performance has been described as a high-energy, feel-good, zany musical by its director, Janie Scott, who said she hopes audiences will fall in love with the "exuberant and dazzling" cast while enjoying the "eye-catching" sets and costumes, music and laughs.

"It's a whole lot of fun and super entertaining," Im said. "It has everything you would want in a musical. It has these really big dance numbers, ballads, nightclub scenes. It's going to be really fun for audiences to see."

"On The Town" opens next Friday (May 20) and runs through June 4 at the Saratoga Civic Theater. Tickets are available at www.southbaymt.com. ■



Edward Im



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Chalk art by Lisa Jones, who will be featured in this year's program in San Ramon.

Live Chalk Art Sundays

Demonstrations at Bishop Ranch through August

Sundays this spring and summer will be a little more colorful for visitors of San Ramon's City Center Bishop Ranch as the venue hosts live chalk art demonstrations beginning this weekend.

The events, held once a month through August, showcase the talent of a handful of Bay Area artists who will create one-of-a-kind pieces in front of visitors strolling through Alexander Square.

"City Center is a place where art is created and appreciated, the Live Chalk Art events celebrate that with

the community," said Chuck Martinez, general manager for Sunset Development Company. "Last year, we had Live Art Thursdays in which artists painted large canvases before a community audience. It was so popular, we decided to add chalk art to continue that tradition of live art events."

Martinez said that in addition to witnessing the artists work on their pieces, visitors have the opportunity to talk to the artists while they're creating and learn the stories behind the artworks on display.

Each of the participating artists — Joel Yau, Clif Gold, Genna Panzarella and Christine Pasadis — have been creating chalk art for at least a decade and were hand-selected by Lisa Jones, of Urban Canvas Custom Street Painting, who is also participating.

Chalk Art Sundays, which run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 15, June 26, July 31 and Aug. 28, are free to attend at City Center Bishop Ranch, 6000 Bollinger Canyon Road in central San Ramon. ■

—Melissa McKenzie

High school all-stars playing jazz at the Bankhead

Concert set for Sunday afternoon

Support the next generation of musicians this Sunday when the East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars play at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Now in its sixth season and led

by founder and director Spencer Sussman, East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars is a high-caliber musical performance and education after school program for high school jazz musicians.

Teen jazz students from Fremont to Brentwood, including the Tri-Valley, not only gain real-world performance experience, but develop their skills within the jazz idiom and share their love of music with the community.

"Whatever their background, most importantly this program has fostered a musical community for students of the East Bay, which helps create lasting memories during these formative years of their lives," Livermore Arts officials said.

Twenty-one students are currently enrolled in the program, which has seen over 100 students participate since 2016. Performances for the group occur frequently between January and June and consist of two ensembles — big band and combo.

The concert is set for this Sunday (May 15) at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at www.livermorearts.org. ■

—Melissa McKenzie



COURTESY LIVERMORE ARTS

East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars.

Classic Comic Art Sale

Pop-up art exhibit at Bothwell

Purchase framed serigraph cells of popular and beloved comics as well as midcentury framed prints at Bothwell Arts Center's Classic Comic Art Sale this weekend.

From today through Sunday, view and buy comic prints donated to the

Bothwell Arts Center by retired Tri-Valley pediatrician Bruce Gatch, who displayed the pieces on a rotating basis in his offices over the years.

Among the pieces for sale include prints of Woody Woodpecker, Bugs Bunny, Dagwood, Betty Boop and Garfield. Additionally, colorful and framed prints created in the 1950s and '60s from arts such as Risaburo Kimura and George Csató will be available for purchase.

The Classic Comic Art Sale runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2466 8th St. in Livermore.

Admission to the sale is free, and art pieces will be priced to sell. Proceeds benefit Bothwell Arts Center, which serves as an arts incubator providing rentable classroom, rehearsal, live performance, event and studio rental space for individuals and groups. ■

—Melissa McKenzie



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Garfield prints are among those for sale at the Bothwell this weekend.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Amador Valley diver Garman dominates field at sections

Also: Postseason results in volleyball, lacrosse, track

Amador Valley junior diver Scott Garman is making a mockery of both the East Bay Athletic League and North Coast Section diving competitions.

On May 5, Garman routed the NCS field, taking home the gold medal with a 544.25 total, more than 105 points better than second-place Owen Peterson of Redwood.

Garman, who has been diving on both springboard and platforms since the age of 8, has broken the Amador school record a number of times. The latest came in the EBAL meet with a total of 594.25, once again over 100 points better than the next closest diver.

Amador boys' volleyball

Amador entered the NCS Division 1 playoffs as the No. 2 seed and opened the tournament taking down No. 15 Deer Valley 25-15, 25-21, 23-25 and 25-18.

The Dons were led on offense by junior Luke Melvin (14 kills, 10 digs, 12 service points) and anchored on defense by sophomore Parker Brookhart (4 kills, 9 digs), while Colin Bowers efficiently orchestrated the attack from his setter position (27 assists, 2 blocks).

In the second round, the Dons took on No. 10 Heritage and dished out a straight set, 25-16, 28-26, 25-17 win.

Freshman Max Riter showed his versatility with an emergency start at setter, then moved to outside hitter in the second set and finished the match with a number of sparkling defensive plays while playing libero.

Also playing key roles in the Amador win were junior Tyler Homes (7 kills, 11 digs, 10 service points) and junior Nate Clinton (team-high 15 kills, 10 digs)

Amador boys' lacrosse

The Dons closed out the regular season with three games last week.

The Dons lost their first two games, 17-8 to Monte Vista and 23-1 against De La Salle.

In the game against Monte Vista, Colin Wallace led with three points (2 goals, 1 assist), while Luke Jacobsen (2 goals), Will Coultrip (2 goals), and Mateo Castillo (1 goal, 1 assist) each had two points.



MINDY GARMAN

Amador Valley diver Scott Garman dominated both the EBAL and NCS competitions this year.

After the loss to De La Salle, Amador won its regular season finale beating Foothill 13-4.

Wallace led the way with seven points (5 goals, 2 assists), while Reed Shaw (3 goals) and Coultrip (2 goals, 1 assist) had three points each. Alex Kragen forced four turnovers, while Max Young was all over the field, collecting five ground balls and forcing three turnovers.

In the NCS playoffs, the Dons had to travel to Marin County and dropped a 17-5 game to Redwood. Wallace and Shaw each scored two goals, while Coultrip scored one.

Foothill track and field

The Falcons picked up three individual titles at the EBAL Championships last Saturday at Dublin High.

On the girls' side Torre Anderson brought home the gold in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 7.75 inches.

In the boys' competition, the Falcons also got a pair of wins in the field portion of the meet. Chase Dinkel won the triple jump with a leap of 42-08, with Charlie Morrow taking the discus with a mark of 140-06.

Next up is the NCS area meet this Saturday at Freedom High. ■

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MINDY GARMAN

Garman won the NCS diving competition by more than 100 points.

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Powerhouse Comic Con returns to the East Bay for another year of pop culture fun featuring celebrity guests, artists, toy and comic book vendors. Admission: \$11 online or \$20 at the door (12 & under free with a paid adult). 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 14. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

DAMN YANKEES AT THE FIREHOUSE

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents Damn Yankees, where Faust meets professional baseball in the Broadway sendup of love and the American pastime. April 30-May 15. Tickets \$24-\$41. Visit firehousearts.org.

FOLK MUSIC DUO AT LIBRARY The Livermore Public Library invites the community to attend an afternoon of guitar and song with musicians Mark and Cindy Lemaire. 2 p.m., May 14. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

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The premier West Coast show for American Saddlebreds, Morgans, and Hackney Ponies. Every day is filled with great competition and top horses. Admission free. May 13-15. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE

The Valley Concert Chorale presents American Landscape and a Bit of Humor. 7:30 p.m., May 14. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave. Visit valleyconcertchorale.org.

EAST BAY JAZZ AT THE BANKHEAD

The East Bay Jazz High School All-Stars is an after-school program for high-caliber musical performance and education for high school jazz musicians. 3 p.m., May 15. Tickets \$10-\$25. Bankhead Theater. Visit livermorearts.org.

THE LEGENDS OF BOLLYWOOD AT THE BANKHEAD

The Legends Of Bollywood is an Indian Dance Company providing authentic Bollywood and Indian Folk style dance. 6 p.m., May 14. Tickets \$40-\$60. Visit livermorearts.org.

SUNOL REPERTORY THEATRE The Sunol Repertory Theatre is back and presents "The Treasure of Shriver River." Bring a blanket and chairs to this outdoor event. May 14-15 and May 21-22. Tickets \$15.

Visit sunol.net/srt. Sunol Depot Gardens, 1 Kilkare Rd.

CLASSIC FILM MUSICALS AT THE BANKHEAD

Camelot (1967) is the next classic film musical at the Bankhead, starring Richard Harris and Vanessa Redgrave. Winner of 3 academy awards. 7 p.m., May 19. Tickets \$5. Visit livermorearts.org.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC COLLABORATIVE - GRAD NIGHT

The High School Music Collaborative says goodbye to the members moving on to college as they put on a show full of originals and some you may recognize. 7:30 p.m., May 20. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

CANTABELLA CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Celebrating 30 successful years, the international award winning Cantabella Children's Chorus will be singing favorite selections from years past. Every concert has a sing-along for audience participation. 1 and 4 p.m., May 21. Tickets \$35. Visit livermorearts.org. Bankhead Theater.

EID BASH AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

The mission of EID Bash has been to help communities better integrate with each other and unify for the greater purpose of the common good through a dazzling array of events around music and comedy, artists, audiences and social activists. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., May 22. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

CELTIC REVIVAL

San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers presents Celtic Revival, a musical journey across the world. 3 p.m., May 22. Tickets \$12-\$42. Visit livermorearts.org. Bankhead Theater.

CHORUS ECLECTIC-YOU & I

Chorus Eclectic is back with an in-person concert and will sing an exciting collection of songs about love, friendship and community. 5 p.m., May 22. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit firehousearts.org.

SPRING BAND CONCERT

The Amador Valley High School Bands presents Spring Band Concert celebrating the 20th anniversary of director Jonathan Grantham. 7 p.m., May 24 at the Bankhead Theater. Tickets \$6-\$16. Visit livermorearts.org.

MOVIE MUSIC MASTERPIECES

The Livermore High School spring instrumental music concert will highlight over 200 students from the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, String Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and both Jazz Bands with musical selections that spotlight famous themes from movies past and present. 6 p.m., May 25. Tickets \$5-\$15. Visit livermorearts.org. Bankhead Theater.

CREATURES OF IMPULSE

Creatures of Impulse, Pleasanton's own talented teen improv troupe, presents improvised stories of people with super powers. Meet new heroes and see new stories every night before the explosive finale where all past heroes and villains collide. May 25-28. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

PET OF THE WEEK



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Festivals & Exhibits

LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN STREET FEST

The 2022 Downtown Street Fest features artists, makers and creators. Live music, kids zone, beer and wine tasting. Visit livermoredowntown.com. May 14-15.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL RETURNS TO LAS POSITAS COLLEGE

"Remembering Our Fallen" has 34 Tribute Towers that hold banners with photos of Fallen Americans who served in Afghanistan or Iraq post-9/11. May 11-16. 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

HARRINGTON GALLERY: HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EXHIBIT

The Harrington gallery in partnership with the East Bay Holocaust Education Center presents an audio/visual exhibit depicting the tragedy of the European Jewish people from 1939-1945. Eyewitness testimonies and paintings will inform as you travel through the exhibit. Through May 28. Visit firehousearts.org/gallery.

VISIONS OF SPRING AT THE BANKHEAD

This free exhibit from the Diablo/Alameda branch of the National League of American Pen Women runs Thursday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m., through May 29.

Family

URBAN CYCLING 101 WORKSHOP: DAY 2

Bike East Bay will cover on-road, on-your-bike practice sessions, working in small groups with certified instructors to improve handling skills, emergency maneuvers, and ability to confidently and safely bike on all types of streets and pathways. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 15. Register: bikeeastbay.org.

LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST

The Pleasanton Public Library is promoting a new Library Card Design Contest and is open to Pleasanton residents of all ages. The contest runs until May 15. For details visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

SCIENCE AT STOCKMEN'S PARK

Explore everyday science at Science@Stockmen's Park, a free, accessible monthly outdoor event

for children, teens and adults. "The Science of Plants" is the next topic. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., May 21.

Veterans

VA PALO ALTO MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH

Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team to facilitate examinations, consultations, and referrals for enrolled veterans. The drop-in event will run from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., May 23. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Fundraiser

HIKE FOR HOPE

The 2022 Hike for Hope is May 14 at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. This annual memorial hike raises funds to support Hope Hospice. Visit TheHikeForHope.com or call 925-829-8770.

SHEPHERD'S GATE TEA EVENT

Join the Shepherd's Gate community for afternoon tea to benefit the Learning and Career Center, a vital program that helps women become financially stable, self-sufficient and overcome poverty. 1-3 p.m., May 21. Visit shepherdsgate.org/tea.

Talks

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS

In this lecture, "Exploring Nature With Paper & Stitch", David Owen Hastings will begin his talk with a review of his stitched paper artwork and show examples. 1:30 p.m., May 14. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

POET LAUREATE AT THE LIBRARY

Livermore Poet Laureate Cynthia J. Patton hosts a poetry event and will share her writings and announce the winners of Livermore's 6th annual Poetry in a Test Tube science poetry contest. 2 p.m., May 21. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

WRITING CONTEST AWARDS

Tri-Valley Writers hosts its 11th Annual High School Writing Contest awards ceremony where student winners from the literary nonfiction, poetry, and short story fiction categories will receive their awards and share their work via readings. RSVP to reservations@trivalleywriters.org. 2 p.m., May 21. Four Points by Sheraton.

Employment

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during March 14-18 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

Pleasanton

5495 Black Avenue #2 L. Maasdorp to Z. & M. Hanifzadeh for \$880,000
514 Bonita Avenue E. & D. Watson to Zhao Trust for \$2,050,000
3624 Chelsea Court Farmer Trust to Bala-Urmila Trust for \$2,050,000
1611 Cindy Way Csongor Trust to Horowitz Trust for \$2,950,000
2756 Curry Street Madugundi Family Trust to H. & S. Kulkarni for \$1,740,000
4444 Del Valle Parkway Kaminiura Trust to L. & D. Neog for \$885,000
1707 Equestrian Drive Wallace Trust to S. & R. Todkar for \$3,328,000
1971 Fiorio Circle Banister Living Trust to R. & S. Srinivasamurthy for \$1,300,000
1352 Harvest Road Eggers 1998 Family Trust to W. & Y. Xu for \$2,250,000
7677 Knollbrook Drive Davis Trust to X. & K. Zhang for \$2,040,000
4536 Las Lomas Drive T. & A. Anvar to Wensing Trust for \$1,925,000

Livermore

1322 Arlington Road T. & H. Godoy to K. & P. Mathia for \$1,200,000
1178 Bannock Street C. & C. Wooten to S. & A. Singh for \$1,080,000
1727 Calle Del Rey M. & J. Watson to K. & R. Guillen for \$1,070,000
1042 Dana Circle G. & T. Solverson to S. & N. Bhaskar for \$1,700,000
1510 De Soto Way Olson Living Trust to B. & M. Kannan for \$1,400,000
656 Dickerson Drive Dake Family Trust to K. & J. Didion for \$1,750,000
280 El Caminito T. Robertson to A. & S. Chakrabarti for \$1,425,000
2119 Farmington Place Noonan Family Trust to E. & E. Wehmann for \$1,875,000
164 Heligan Lane #8 J. & J. Ahn to J. & B. Hamm for \$935,000
675 Jefferson Avenue Evans Family Trust to S. & A. Mallow for \$1,250,000

2785 Kelly Street Yates Arts Foundation Inc to M. & E. Duffey for \$985,000
398 Lloyd Street T. & R. Sharp to S. & K. Gottiparthi for \$1,300,000
4006 Loch Lomand Way V. & A. Declue to Y. & J. Navarro for \$1,655,000
958 Mendenhall Drive Connell Family Trust to J. & J. Dombrow for \$1,100,000
14300 Mines Road Martin-Froeschner Family Trust to Pico Family Trust for \$400,000
145 Misty Circle J. & G. Root to M. & S. Singh for \$1,170,000
908 Norfolk Road A. & B. Arons to M. & J. Dombro for \$1,077,000
179 Northwood Commons J. Rozario to J. & L. Tostado for \$625,000
943 Padua Way Kirschenmann Living Trust to C. & S. Madhwal for \$2,130,000
1573 Roselli Drive George Living Trust to A. & K. Ashok for \$1,360,000
194 Selby Lane #9 K. Winslow to H. & J. Zhang for \$855,000.00
2172 Shetland Road Cheng Family Trust to G. & M. Delrosario for \$1,110,000
5318 Starflower Way Epperly Family Trust to H. & Y. Teng for \$1,200,000
218 Swan Drive M. & A. Waples to V. & N. Prabhuswamy for \$1,375,000
756 Tranquility Circle #1 P. Megowan to E. & P. Schmit for \$1,200,000

Dublin

7101 Amador Valley Boulevard T. & P. McGill to A. Hadfeg for \$1,480,000
7681 Arbor Creek Circle W. Rei to A. & M. Doroshenko for \$551,000
7678 Arbor Creek Circle S. Chen to S. & Y. Mu for \$978,000
3286 North Bridgepointe Lane Richards Family Trust to Karidi Family Trust for \$2,615,000

Source: California REsource

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

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (March 14-18)

Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$880,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,328,000
Average sales reported: \$2,040,000

Livermore (March 14-18)

Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,130,000
Average sales reported: \$1,200,000

Dublin (March 14-18)

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$545,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,615,000
Average sales reported: \$1,175,000

San Ramon (April 4-8)

Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: \$480,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,015,000
Average sales reported: \$1,812,500

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

ATHERTON

303 Atherton Avenue **\$17,900,000**
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LIVERMORE

1171 Hillcrest Court **\$1,299,000**
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6150 Winterberry Com **\$1,325,000**
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PLEASANTON

4092 Moselle Court **\$1,688,800**
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2550 Skylark Way **\$2,359,000**
 Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 5BD/2.5BA
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