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AROUND THE VALLEY



BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

Tool to fight RHNA?

During the July 26 Pleasanton City Council meeting, Councilmember Julie Testa talked briefly about the city joining a coalition to fight the state's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) through a lawsuit.

The conversation came after many hours of discussion about the 2023-31 Housing Element. Every eight years, Pleasanton and hundreds of other municipalities are required to identify suitable sites to accommodate the state-mandated number of housing units identified in their RHNA.

Residents can say they don't want new housing because there isn't enough water, it will have environmental impacts, create more traffic on the roads and put more students in the schools, or it will negatively change the character of the community. But cities have little choice but to accommodate its RHNA because failure to do so has serious ramifications.

Pleasanton and other Northern California municipalities, or "jurisdictions," received the RHNA numbers in late 2021, and many were stunned by the increase.

Pleasanton had estimated a RHNA count of 4,900 new residential units for the upcoming Housing Element cycle, a 2.3-fold increase since the previous cycle. However, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) put Pleasanton's number of required housing units at 5,965.

The lawsuit Testa referred to is being discussed by members of the California Alliance of Local Electeds (CALE), a statewide organization of current and former local elected officials.

CALE members, including Testa, advocated for a review of the state's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) methodology in formulating allocations that seem to many to be exceptionally high.

In March, Michael S. Tilden, the acting California state auditor, issued an audit in which he pointed out myriad problems in HCD's data and methodology.

In his letter to the governor and legislative leaders, Tilden wrote, "Overall, our audit determined that HCD does not ensure that its needs assessments are accurate and adequately supported ... This insufficient oversight and lack of support for its

considerations risks eroding public confidence that HCD is informing local governments of the appropriate amount of housing they will need."

The difference between the proposed lawsuit and ones currently in the courts is this audit, which solidifies the RHNA numbers are questionable. The audit can be used as a litigative tool not available in previous lawsuits.

"We are being set up to fail," Testa said of the high number of mandated units. "And why would they set us up to fail? Because when we fail, the penalties are severe and everything becomes ministerial. Basically, at that point, cities across the state will be handing the keys to the city to developers because we will have lost our local control."

For noncompliance, a city can face ineligibility or delay in receiving state funds; a lawsuit brought by the state attorney general; and fines of \$10,000 up to \$100,000 per month.

Another obstacle in this cycle is what appears to be a mandate that a portion of the housing units be produced by the four-year mark.

HCD spokesperson Alicia Murillo would not confirm a production requirement. However, production is monitored, and there are consequences for not being "on track."

Every April, jurisdictions must submit a report on the progress of implementing its housing element. If jurisdictions are not on track to meet their production goals, they would have to offer streamlined ministerial approvals, which gives developers of projects that meet certain criteria the ability to get approval "in a non-discretionary way," Murillo said.

Translated, the city loses its authority over planning and developments are basically fast-tracked.

There is no opportunity for an appeal at this point in the cycle.

"There is no recourse other than the courts for cities to take if the numbers are wrong," said Susan Candell, a CALE member and Lafayette City Council member.

I plan to do more research before forming an opinion on the lawsuit. The online version of this column includes links for readers to do their own research.

One thing that has become clear to me, though, is that slowing — let alone stopping — housing growth is not feasible, and keeping local control is imperative. ■

About the Cover

A snapshot from last year's Pleasanton gridiron showdown. The Foothill Falcons and Amador Valley Dons both started their 2022 seasons last week; see Dennis Miller's football preview inside on Pages 12-13. Photo by Bruce Baesemann. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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What fall activities are you looking forward to after Labor Day?



Bernadette Simonson
Dental hygienist

I'm really excited for football Sundays at The Neighborhood on Main Street. I'm friendly with the owners, so I'm always treated really nicely when I go there.



Julie Williams
Program manager

I'm really looking forward to being able to hike when it is a bit cooler outside, and also, to tasting all of the newly harvested wines in our beautiful Livermore Valley wine country.



Victor Soro
Cook

I can't wait to take my son trick-or-treating on Halloween while sipping a pumpkin spiced latte.



Chad Auchey
Telecom engineer

I can't wait to be able to play more golf and to go hiking with my gorgeous girl and our dog, Bella. And of course I'm excited for the holiday season here in the Tri-Valley area.



Jesse and Rosie Moreno
Business owner; office manager

We are so totally looking forward to taking some vacation time in the fall in order to go to Colombia, where we hope and expect to experience all of the local culture and food.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Rodeo town hall

Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert is hosting a town hall forum next week to receive public input on the proposed rodeo ordinance being debated by the Board of Supervisors.

The potential regulations could dramatically scale back what types of activities are allowed at rodeo events in the county, including the popular annual Livermore Rodeo.

Haubert's town hall is set for Tuesday (Sept. 6) from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Martinelli Center at 3585 Greenville Road in Livermore. To learn more call 925-561-6995 or email Shawn.Wilson@acgov.org.

Family Days

The Museum on Main's Family Day event this Saturday (Sept. 3) from 10 a.m. to noon will offer kids and families the chance to "come and step back in time."

Participants can partake in free crafts and activities such as making corn husk dolls, weaving coasters, creating smelling salts, dipping candles, making butter and washing clothes the old-fashioned way. The museum is located at 603 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton.

ADU support

"Bright in Your Own Backyard", a new program of the Alameda County Housing and Community Development and Hello Housing, is now accepting signups from property owners in unincorporated parts of the county interested in adding an accessory dwelling unit to their single-family-home parcel.

Hello Housing will provide up to 100 hours of free feasibility and project management support to selected homeowners. Applicants will be added to a waitlist and notified when they can move forward, officials said. Visit www.hellobright.org/one-stop-shop-ac.

Branough property

Dublin city officials are holding two community meetings next week to discuss development plans proposed for the Branough property, located near the bend of Collier Canyon Road parallel to Interstate 580 in the Eastern Dublin Specific Plan area.

Property owner Randy Branough, of BEX Development, has requested city approval of a rezone and development plan to split the 40.2-acre property into four parcels to include up to 97 units of medium-density residential on 9.87 acres and approximately 527,773 square feet of industrial use on 30.29 acres designated for industrial use, according to city officials.

The sessions, which will include identical information, are set for Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m. Go to dublin.ca.gov for details. ■

New application filed for mixed-use project on Harrison St. previously denied by city

Locals have little recourse to change five-story, no-parking proposal under state law

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

A revised application to construct a five-story, mixed-use building on the edge of downtown Pleasanton with no onsite parking was sent again to city staff for approval months after an initial rejection — and in light of recent state housing laws, residents and city leaders will likely not be able to push back.

If city staff don't find any technical issues with the project, the proposed affordable housing project

will be on track to be built at 4884 Harrison St., near the Pleasanton Public Library.

"I want affordable housing, but it should be something that fits in with the neighborhood and the fact of no onsite parking. I just don't know how it's gonna even work at all," Mary Reding, a 43-year resident of Harrison Street, told the Weekly.

The project would consist of 46 residential units, including a mix of studio, one- and two-bedroom

units, and 1,400 square feet of ground floor retail commercial space, according to a notice letter sent out to residents from the city. All of the housing units would be deed-restricted as affordable.

Senate Bill 35 is one of the two main recent housing laws that now require California cities and counties to streamline review and approval of eligible affordable housing projects, exempting such projects from full environmental review under the California

Environmental Quality Act.

The Harrison Street project did not originally qualify for ministerial approval under SB 35 earlier in the year because it failed to address issues about fire department access and sidewalk width, according to city officials. After the initial denial the city did anticipate the application to come back once the corrections to the health and safety codes were made.

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From left: Ashley Sprader, Simran Pandey, Rosalyn Moya, Connor Lam, Mayor Karla Brown and PPD Lt. Erik Silacci pose for photos at the second anniversary event reflecting on outcomes after the passage of Pleasanton's tobacco retail ordinance.

Officials, advocates update on tobacco retail ordinance effects

Cite overall decrease in teen vape usage, highlight level of police enforcement with stores

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

It's been two years since the Pleasanton City Council passed a retail ordinance restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products and established a tobacco retailer license, part of a public campaign to discourage youth from using vaping devices.

But the questions remained: Did the tobacco retail ordinance, which went into effect Jan. 12, 2021, work and has the ban decreased the number of teens vaping?

The short answer, yes — according to advocates and city officials.

"I've noticed that vaping is not as big of an issue at my school anymore as it was pre-COVID," said Simran Pandey, Amador Valley High School senior and vice president of the Student Inter-schools Action Council.

"Freshman year I would hear stories about vapes being left behind in the bathrooms, and

sometimes you can even smell the smoke," Pandey added. "But now it is a very rare occurrence at my school to encounter someone with a vape as people are more aware and conscious of the detrimental effects of these products."

Pandey was one of the speakers at the Asian Pacific Islander Coalition for Health Against Tobacco's two-year anniversary event of the ordinance's passage on Aug. 25. The event was held at Foothill High School and featured Pleasanton city leaders like Mayor Karla Brown and police Lt. Erik Silacci, who gave updates on the effects the ordinance passing had on the city.

"I've seen a dramatic reduction, personally, in the use around town," Brown said. "I used to see people in the streets, I used to see people in cars and ... even within our own schools."

It was that increasing number of

high school students vaping that initially got parents and student organizations interested in backing the tobacco ordinance in the first place back in 2020.

The campaign was part of a larger movement as Pleasanton joined more than 150 other cities in banning flavored tobacco sales and the establishment of new tobacco retailers within 1,000 feet of a public school, park or recreation center.

Rosalyn Moya, project director for the coalition, told the Weekly that before the ordinance was passed she had several parents coming to her not knowing how to keep their kids away from vaping.

"A lot of them feel powerless, like, 'I want to do something, I see my kids or I see my friends, kids being addicted to these and I don't know what to do,'" Moya said.

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About all the flies in downtown ...

Agencies focus on ID'ing species, finding breeding grounds

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

If you've walked down Main Street in Pleasanton over the last week, you might have noticed swarms of small flies rapidly spreading around downtown businesses and neighborhoods.

Flies tend to be a routine part of every summer as the extreme heat offers better reproductive conditions, but what many residents on Nextdoor have recently complained about is what seems to be an even higher number of these flies downtown compared to previous years.

Some have even said they're seeing these high numbers of flies even though they have no trash around the house.

"There have been numerous comments and complaints from the community about flies in downtown and throughout the city," Councilmember Julie Testa told the Weekly. "The city has been diligent in managing trash to mitigate that as a source."

City Manager Gerry Beaudin said that the city is also working with Alameda County Vector Control Services District to understand if there are any additional contributing factors to the increase of flies this year and, if so, how it can be addressed.

As the city and county continue to look for any other direct reason for the increase in flies, Erika Castillo, regulatory and public affairs director at the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District, told the Weekly

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School district inks architect deal for new HQ site

Also: Board OKs 5% increase for trustee stipends; update on fire alarm upgrades

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Now that the Pleasanton Unified School District has the keys to the newly acquired district headquarters site in the Hacienda Business Park, staff have begun the second phase of looking at the scope of work for future tenant improvements.

The Board of Trustees approved an agreement with an architecture contractor 4-1 at its Aug. 25 meeting, with Trustee Kelly Mokashi opposing.

DSK Architects, the firm hired by the district for \$267,718, will work to complete construction documents, which will further refine tenant improvement layouts and contents, agency approvals, bidding and construction.

"We've been regularly meeting with the architects now and the district staff and actively working on this project full force right now," said John Chwastyk, PUSD executive director of facilities and construction.

"It's a lot of pieces that go into this. It's not just a design package, bid it, build it and that's it," he added.

Chwastyk said the money the district will be paying DSK Architects will help officials to develop a closely tailored package on figuring out space capacity and any additional building necessities specific to district needs.

"We've just seen this thing go from concept to execution in four or five months, you know, and, really, as we've most of us have said, you know, it's just such an excellent financial decision for the district," Board President Mark Miller said.

The board originally approved the resolution on July 14 to proceed with the acquisition of the two-building property, located on 5758 and 5794 West Las Positas Blvd.

The first phase of the purchase process, which was also completed on July 14, provided the board with initial design ideas and preliminary pricing plans to assist the district in obtaining cost estimates for the tenant improvements.

In total, the purchase of the complex, also known as the Arroyo Center, will cost \$23,480,261 for the district to acquire from the current owner, ECI Four Arroyo LLC.

The district will keep three acres of the current district headquarters on the edge of downtown Pleasanton, at 4645 and 4665 Bernal Ave., while the rest of the seven acres will be put up for sale.

That property was recently estimated in value between \$31 million and \$34 million, which would help pay off the newly purchased Arroyo Center.

The district was also presented with an updated lease agreement during the July 14 meeting for the sole tenant currently renting a portion of the Arroyo Center, electron microscopy firm Gatan Inc. — which would make the district the landlord of the lease going forward after escrow closes on the purchase.

The company will begin paying the district about \$80,000 starting next year every month from now until 2027.

Those tenant payments coupled with a certificate of participation of \$30 million, which is a type of financing where an investor purchases a share of the lease revenues of a program, will be used by the district to pay for the space and any future renovation and construction projects.

In other business

- The board approved a change order to allocate more money for the fire alarm upgrades project after construction teams found issues in three schools that still need their fire alarms updated.

Upgrading the fire alarm systems at all the schools for consistency and student safety was part of the \$270 million Measure II facilities bond that voters passed in 2016.

"That was one of the goals that we had and safety is not always visible," Miller said. "This one, of course, we hope we never use this other than

drills but it's a really big deal."

So far, all of the school sites are now up-to-date with their fire alarms, except for the three schools in question: Donlon Elementary, Walnut Grove Elementary and Harvest Park Middle schools.

Once these schools get taken care of, all the schools will be up to the current building code standards for fire alarms.

Chwastyk said the issue for the three schools is that originally, the district's design team tried to save money by specifying the re-use of the existing heat detectors at all three sites.

But it turns out that the heat detectors did not match the original as-built drawings and were incompatible with the new fire alarm systems. The design team couldn't determine that issue at first because the heat detectors were in concealed spaces and couldn't be identified prior to the design completion.

There are 470 additional devices identified that needed to be installed and cabled, said Chwastyk. The district included a contingency plan in its budgeting for the project and will have to allocate \$136,186 for the revised plan.

The total revised contract for the project will be \$2,124,186.76, according to the district staff report.

- The school board appointed four dual immersion teachers to Valley View Elementary School by using a variable term waiver request, which allows those who aren't fully credentialed to still be able to teach.

According to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the waiver is issued for employers who meet the waiver criteria when a fully credentialed teacher is not available for the assignment.

In other words, the waiver allows the board to bring teachers who are still working to get their credentials into the district, just not as a full hire.

"We tend to lose about 5% of our staff and sometimes lower. This last



PUSD
Pleasanton Unified has acquired the Arroyo Center (shown) for \$23.5 million to serve as the new district headquarters.

school year has been an anomaly because of the retirement incentive, which is providing an additional challenge for us," said Julio Hernandez, assistant superintendent of human resources.

The district began its ongoing search for a dual immersion teacher for Valley View in May, but Hernandez said they have not found anyone with their bilingual, cross cultural, language and academic development authorization credentials — which is what the four new hires will be focusing on obtaining during their time at the district: Ryan Sweeney, Arely Labra Paredes, Sebastian Martinez and Dayna Vickery.

The waiver is mainly for that reason of giving these new hires the time to get their credentials and incentivize them to stay within the district.

"It's California's way of ensuring that we are having qualified teachers teaching and giving us an opportunity to hire and get those folks through the last bit of the process," Trustee Joan Laursen said. "So it's important that we go through this process of waivers when we can."

- The school board voted 4-1 to increase the trustee stipend by 5% starting in December.

The increase brings the total stipend for each board member to \$463 monthly or \$5,556 annually and would be effective December

2022.

Trustees are allowed to bring the matter of increasing the stipend by 5% every year but because of the uncertainty with the pandemic and how it would affect the budget, the last time the stipend was raised was in July 2018 when it increased to \$441 per month (\$5,292 annually).

Laursen was the one who brought it up this year and specified that it be applied to incoming board members, not outgoing ones such as herself and Miller.

"I think that while, of course, no one is taking this job for money ... It is a recognition that there are some costs that we bear out of pocket when we're serving," Laursen said. "It's not just our time, but there are lots of events that we attend that we pay for."

Board Vice President Steve Maher voted against the new stipend, saying that he has been voting against the item for many years. Student Trustee Annabelle Kim also opposed the measure, without explicitly stating why.

"In the past, I've refused to vote for this only because coming on to the board I said I would not come on earning anything," Maher said. "But I also understand, especially our board members that work, sometimes they have to take off work and they're not paid for taking off work and so this helps." ■

Audit finds myriad factors — but none illegal — for DUSD bond budget shortfall

School board reviews results from third-party investigation into nearly \$200M deficit

BY NICOLE GONZALES

The Dublin school board last week reviewed the results of an outside audit done to determine the causes for a nearly \$200 million shortfall for bond-funded district construction projects revealed publicly 18 months ago.

Findings of the report by consultant firm Eide Bailly mainly cite planning miscommunications, staffing turnover and failure to

account for inflation, land costs and additional construction fees, primarily around the new Emerald High School. However, the audit did not report any elements of fraud or suspicious actions by district officials.

After Dublin Unified School District announced the shortfall in February 2021, residents and community members rallied around the issue, placing pressure

on district officials to provide answers.

In May 2021, an independent audit was ordered to evaluate the outstanding funds. Eide Bailly, a public accounting and business advising firm, was hired to conduct and report their analysis. Results of the audit give insight into the economic shortfall — suggesting issues with planning and district operations.

"We were informed of about a \$180-\$200 million shortfall," DUSD Board President Dan Cherrier said while introducing the agenda item on Aug. 23. "Members of the public rightly asked what happened."

The goal was to determine the shortfall reasonings and identify any systemic issues from within the school district in hopes to provide answers and prevent future

significant funding gaps. The audit was compiled using district staff interviews, previous board meeting minutes and agendas, as well as digital data such as emails and file attachments.

The 287-page report was presented by Eide Bailly senior manager Brandon Waldren to the DUSD Board of Trustees and open to members of the public.

Several general causes of the shortfall included escalation, employee turnover, planning changes and types of construction, the auditors said. In primary cost estimates for the project the price of the Emerald site land — over \$30

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Longtime resident, ex-daycare owner Urvi Shah running for PUSD board

Area 2 candidate aims to bridge gap between parents and school district

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Urvi Shah, a longtime Pleasanton resident and mother of two, is competing for the open Area 2 seat on the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees this November.

Shah said in her website that raising her kids within the district and having actively volunteered in various community projects, workshops and events throughout that time has given her a deeper understanding of concerns and challenges presented by parents and students.

"As a school board member, I hope to bring diversity to the school board. I want to help bridge the gap between Pleasanton's diverse cultural groups and represent their various ideas as decisions are made," Shah said in a news release.

"Families in PUSD come from very different social upbringings and different education systems," she added. "Since I know these unique sets of challenges, I can offer to be the liaison between the school board and parents, being that bridge that will provide an understanding of

the concerns and interests of parents and the school district to each other."

Shah is poised to be up against two other newcomers on the Nov. 8 ballot for Area 2: Laurie Walker, who is listed on the county election website as an office manager and parent, and Christine Lutz, who is listed as a human resources recruiter — however, Lutz, who qualified for the ballot, told the Weekly this week that she plans to withdraw from the race.

The Area 2 seat will represent the areas surrounding Hart Middle School and Fairlands Elementary — two out of the three Pleasanton schools where Shah's two kids attended. This will be the first election for PUSD in a district-based format that the board approved in March.

Shah said she has also learned a lot about mental health at some of the community workshops she volunteered with locally, which she said could help to implement school district plans that improve students' quality of life and well-being.

"I plan to enhance PUSD for the future generation," Shah said. "My goals are to increase accountability and transparency in fiscal decisions, retain quality educators, and reduce student overflow in our

elementary schools."

She added that her experience as a local business owner also gives her the ability to understand the complexities of the district's finances, which she will use to decrease the budget deficit. Shah used to run a licensed daycare for five years but is now transitioning to real estate.

"As the Area 2 trustee, I promise every dollar spent will be towards our children's education," Shah said. "I see the great impact my kids' teachers had on their lives. If we can retain our staff, by understanding the needs of our teachers and staff members, we can promote and help in preserving and improving the quality of the school system, ensuring we provide the right tools for our students to build their lives."

Some of her other focuses will be increasing the amount of STEM and art classes that are being offered, reducing class sizes and sending kids to their neighborhood schools.

"I believe in balancing all areas of human life," Shah said. "A true leader works towards unity, growth, and betterment of the whole society, which I can promise will be my focus as a school board member."

For more information on Shah's candidacy, visit her campaign website at shah4schoolboard.com. ■



Urvi Shah

PUSD Area 2 candidate Lutz bows out of race

Says she will shift support to another, even though her name will stay on ballot

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Local resident Christine Lutz, one of the three candidates to qualify for the election ballot for Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees Area 2, announced this week that she will be withdrawing from the race.

Lutz, who was listed as a human resources recruiter on the county election website, told the Weekly she will instead shift her support to one of the other two candidates — Laurie Walker, an office manager and parent.

"Laurie is an excellent, qualified, and passionate candidate for the future of PUSD and its school

board," Lutz said. "At this time, Laurie has more focused time to put into our students educational growth in our district, and I trust that going forward she will be the best candidate to represent Trustee Board Member Area 2."

However, Lutz's name is expected to still appear on the Nov. 8 ballot even though she will not actively campaign. She said she has been trying to remove her name but has been unsuccessful.

"I have spent the last 24 hours trying to remove my name from the ballot, but apparently the county has no process to do so unless I get a superior judge to

sign a writ of mandate," Lutz said. "Seems a bit unusual for a ballot that hasn't even been sent to the printer yet, but that is where it stands as of now."

The two remaining active candidates for the Area 2 race, which will be Pleasanton's first district-based election, are Walker and Urvi Shah, a mother and businesswoman. The winner will represent the areas surrounding Hart Middle School and Fairlands Elementary.

Incumbent trustees Joan Laursen and Mark Miller, whose at-large terms from 2018 expire this year, both declined to seek re-election this fall. ■

FLIES

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that finding out the species of the fly will be critical in getting rid of them.

"There's a lot of different types of flies and they all breed in different habitats," Castillo said. "Once we know that, then you can kind of figure out the biology and the history of that species and that can narrow down what you're targeting to try

and control their breeding."

She said the best thing residents could do while the county works on identifying the flies is work on eliminating any possible sources where flies could breed or gather, whether it's trash or compost.

"Depending on what type of fly it is, you want to look and see where they're breeding and try and get control of that," Castillo said.

She said that once the type of

fly has been determined, the city could work with either private pest control or vector control services to work on containing and treating the problem -- but in the end it comes down to finding the breeding source and getting rid of that.

Residents and businesses can contact vector control directly for more information or to submit a request for service at acvcsd.org or call 510-567-6800. ■

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Family remembers Tri-Valley native killed in plane crash

Stuart Camenson among three casualties from recent midair collision near Santa Cruz

By JEANITA LYMAN

One pilot who died in a midair plane crash last month has been identified as a San Ramon Valley High School alumnus who grew up in Alamo.

Stuart Camenson, 32, was practicing liftoffs and touchdowns at the Watsonville Municipal Airport near Santa Cruz on Aug. 18 when he was killed in a collision with a second plane carrying a couple who also died on the scene. They were identified as Carl Kruppa, 75, and Nannette Plett-Kruppa, 67, both residents of Winston.

News of the crash was first reported to city officials in Watsonville just before 3 p.m. on Aug. 18, with an investigation underway as of 3:37 p.m. that day, according to social media. The victims were identified, and their families notified, on Aug. 19.

“On Thursday, August 18, 2022, Stuart was practicing maneuvers, working on extra pilot certification, performing loops, touchdowns and takeoffs,” Camenson’s parents and siblings said in a statement.

“He had completed four perfectly. On the fifth on his approach to landing, Stuart announced his pattern and intentions, when a plane came approaching the airport behind him at a very high speed,” they said. “Stuart announced that the larger plane was approaching too fast when the plane behind

him, a Cessna 340, hit his smaller Cessna 152, ripping the wing off Stuart’s smaller plane, making a safe landing impossible.”

The cause of the midair collision is currently under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The crash occurred just nine days after Camenson’s 32nd birthday.

He was born on Aug. 9, 1990 at San Ramon Regional Medical Center — several months after the hospital opened that February — to Alamo locals Lori and Steve Camenson. The two were both lifelong Alamo residents who wanted to raise their family close to friends and family.

“Stuart loved any spot in the valley, or in the world, that involved nature and friends,” Camenson’s family said. “It was a part of Stuart’s nature that he loved to learn; anything and everything, hands on or reading books.”

Camenson was an alumnus of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, having attended Rancho Romero Elementary, Stone Valley Middle and San Ramon Valley High schools.

“In middle school, when being cool was all that mattered, Stuart continued to excel academically, but his core teacher Jim Purcell was so much fun in the classroom that Stuart began to realize it was great to be authentic and show his

true self to his friends,” Camenson’s family said. “And he felt ‘cool’ presenting his awesome self.”

Camenson’s family pointed to his close relationships with a number of teachers growing up as setting the stage for him to flourish as the “renaissance man” he grew into as an adult. He lived in Santa Cruz at the time of his death, after graduating from the University of Santa Cruz with three bachelor’s degrees — in chemistry, mathematics and earth science. He was studying art, improv, voice and music at Cabrillo College this year.

“He was a lifelong learner and sought out learning and improving himself, which he did joyfully each and every day of his life,” Camenson’s family said.

While being ambitious and always seeking to learn more about new things, Camenson’s family said he was also someone who appreciated the simple yet important things in life, especially close relationships.

“The essence of Stuart is that he desired nothing but friendship and love from others,” Camenson’s family said. “He freely shared all of his gifts with anyone.”

“He would fiercely stand up for his beliefs and for the needs of others ... He was so kind and expressed his kindness and gratitude every chance he got,” they added.

Camenson’s enthusiasm for exploring the world from all angles



COURTESY CAMENSON FAMILY

Stuart Camenson, who grew up in Alamo, died in a plane crash near the Watsonville Municipal Airport on Aug. 18.

led him to begin learning to fly in 2017, making him the first pilot in the family. He went on to get his pilot’s license in 2020, which he used primarily for short trips in the Santa Cruz area.

“Stuart had recently taken his little sister, Jenna, up to include her in one of his last flights,” Camenson’s family said. “Jenna was in awe of what Stuart was able to accomplish with his determination and hard work.”

Camenson’s enthusiasm for life, and capacity for sharing it with others, makes his loss all the more immense according to his family.

“He was a once in a lifetime son, brother and friend,” Camenson’s family said. “His loss will be deeply felt by an immense community who loved him dearly and Stuart fully reciprocated that love. His loss will be deeply felt by everyone’s life that he touched.”

The family is asking community members to honor Camenson’s life “by performing kind acts, speaking kind words and loving each other.” A GoFundMe campaign, “In Memoriam of Stuart Camenson”, to raise money for a memorial in honor of him at the Watsonville Municipal Airport was started on Aug. 28. ■

Forkful highlights extended First Weekend on Main

Downtown street closures include Labor Day

By JEREMY WALSH

Downtown Pleasanton is gearing up for the latest First Weekend on Main, which includes an extra day for the Monday holiday and the return of the food-and-beverage pairing showcase Forkful on Saturday.

Forkful attendees will have a free run of Main Street, which will be closed to vehicular traffic as part of the monthly program promoted

by the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

“We are so excited to bring Forkful back to downtown Pleasanton as part of this weekend’s First Weekend on Main,” PDA Interim Executive Director Laura Brooks told the Weekly. “Forkful is a chance for 15 of our amazing restaurants to show off their culinary delights by treating our guests to the perfect ‘forkful’ of food.”

Forkful takes place from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday (Sept. 3). Tickets remain available online, or at the starting location, Museum on Main, on the day of the event; participants must be 21 years old or older.

The First Weekend on Main begins at 4 p.m. today and continues until 9 p.m. Monday (Sept. 5), an additional day due to Labor Day. The downtown street closures will

extend from the Main Street bridge to south of Bernal Avenue.

“This month’s First Weekend on Main is a supersized event thanks to the fact that it falls on a holiday weekend. So please make plans to come stroll Main Street, shop, dine and enjoy our wonderful downtown,” Brooks said. “Plus be sure to stop by the Museum on Main Street on Saturday between 10 a.m. to noon for free, family friendly

crafts including leather stamping, candle making, creating corn husk dolls, designing paper bonnets, cowboy hats, and bandanas, coloring and so much more.”

“These weekends are about bringing community together, shared experiences and celebrating our wonderful city. We can’t wait to see you downtown,” she added.

To learn more, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net. ■

AUDIT

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million — was not included. They explained that initial estimates and budget for the project had been inaccurate since 2019 and project expenses were not calculated properly.

According to audit report documents, the DUSD board was not notified of the shortfall until January 2021. Eide Bailly said budget discrepancies could have been identified in 2019. Presenters

noted how additional factors, such as COVID-19 and employee turnover, may have impacted the district’s ability to identify the shortfall.

“We are also keeping in mind other major events that could have impacted this,” Waldren said.

The report described issues within district actions surrounding the shortfall and presented recommendations for the future.

“The initial \$100 million estimate was not calculated or determined by formal documentation,” audit results stated in reference

to the preliminary estimated total cost to complete the new high school project.

To this issue, the advising firm urged that budgets and financial allocations be set by proper documentation for future projects. The documentation should also be including Education Specifications in preliminary estimates, presenters said.

“We didn’t want to make any judgment calls on the board’s decisions,” Waldren said. “We simply wanted to say based on the board’s decisions — these were the results

that occurred from the board’s decisions.”

Through the third-party examination of the district, the total amount of the shortfall for all facilities constructions calculated to \$183 million. Construction for the new high school accounted for 54% of that total amount, the accounting firm found.

According to DUSD Superintendent Chris Funk, at the next board meeting staff will present their viewpoints on the report findings. The board will accept and approve the draft, officiating the audit

results and recommendations.

“We will update the board based on the recommendations, on what has already been implemented and in which way,” Funk said.

The superintendent noted how the district has already implemented a fraud hotline, per Eide Bailly’s suggestion. Funk continued, “if there is a recommendation we feel doesn’t quite fit, we will explain why and share what we are doing in place of that recommendation.”

The next board meeting to further discuss the shortfall and audit results will take place on Sept. 13. ■

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BMR home lottery

The city of Pleasanton has a below-market rate townhome available for purchase, with applications being accepted from qualified homebuyers interested in participating in the lottery for the property.

The three-bedroom, two-bathroom home on Concord Street is projected to sell for close to \$361,000. There are ownership

and resale restrictions for the property, including that the purchasing household's gross combined income may not exceed 80% of Alameda County's area median income, adjusted for household size, according to city officials.

The deadline to apply for the lottery is 5 p.m. Sept. 21. For more details on eligibility requirements and the lottery application process, visit www.myhomegateway.org/Pleasantonbmr or email info@myhomegateway.com.

Haubert to speak

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce is featuring Alameda

County Supervisor David Haubert as the keynote speaker at its Wine Country Summer Series Luncheon next Thursday (Sept. 8) at Purple Orchid Resort & Spa.

Haubert is expected to touch on a range of issues, including "the extension of sewer service from the city of Livermore to the South Livermore Valley wine/agricultural region on the November ballot, and county policies addressing conditions to improve the economic viability of the last remaining vestiges of the agricultural economy in Alameda County," chamber officials said.

Other topics could include "actions to strengthen energy generation and reliability within

Alameda County, as well as supporting actions to meet the need for housing for all levels of income, with a focus on workforce housing and meeting the challenges of housing the unhoused," they said.

To learn more, visit www.livermorechamber.org or call 925-447-1606.

Fair board seats

The Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association Board of Directors is recruiting to fill three vacancies for four-year terms beginning later this year.

"The mission of the Alameda County Agricultural Fair

Association is to assure the long-term viability of the Alameda County Fairgrounds, present an exceptional annual fair that celebrates the heritage and diversity of Alameda County, and provide year-round opportunities for facility usage," officials said.

Interested candidates must submit a letter of interest, resume and completed candidate information form by Sept. 23. Special consideration will be given to candidates with particular expertise, geographic area representation within the county and diversity of the county and its representation within the rest of the board membership. Visit alamedacountyfair.com/about-us. ■



20th Annual Independent Watchdog Committee Report to the Public FY2020-21

Measure B and Measure BB Sales Tax Activities

The Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) reports its findings annually to the public to ensure appropriate use of sales tax funds and provides oversight by reviewing Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures. The IWC does not opine on other funds the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) manages and/or programs. The 20th annual report reviews expenditures and IWC activities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 (FY2020-21). The full report is available at AlamedaCTC.org/IWC2022Report.

The IWC concludes that 2000 Measure B and 2014 Measure BB tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the two measures during FY2020-21, except as noted in the findings and recommendations on page 12.

IWC activities include ongoing programs and capital projects monitoring, review of independent audit of Alameda CTC, review of audit and compliance reports from direct local distribution recipients, identification of issues with Measure B and Measure BB spending, and development of the IWC annual report to the public.

Measure B and Measure BB Funded Programs and Projects

PROGRAMS In FY2020-21, Alameda CTC expended \$97.1 million in Measure B funds and \$95.9 million in Measure BB funds on local streets and roads, mass transit, special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, bicycle and pedestrian safety and other grants.

PROJECTS In FY2020-21, Alameda CTC expended \$23.8 million of Measure B funds and \$76.9 million of Measure BB funds on capital projects for transportation infrastructure improvements, such as BART rail modernization and improvements, express lanes, highway and transit improvements, local street and road enhancements, intermodal projects and other local projects.

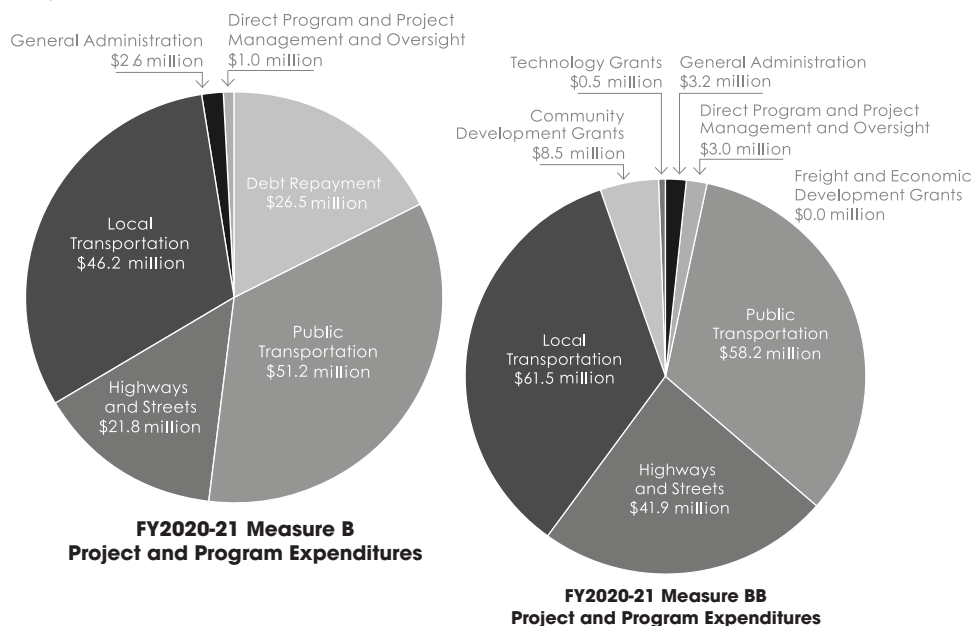
Independent Watchdog Committee Activities

IWC members performed the following activities from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

- **Ongoing Programs and Capital Projects Monitoring:** The IWC monitors specific programs, capital projects and issues of concern.
- **Independent Audit of Alameda CTC:** The IWC reviews the independent auditor's plan for the audit before it begins and reviews the draft audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report regarding Measure B and Measure BB revenues and expenditures.
- **Audit and Compliance Report Review:** The IWC members review audited financial statements and compliance reports, including performance measures, received from Measure B and Measure BB direct local distribution (DLD) recipients to ensure expenditures comply with the requirements in the applicable Expenditure Plan.
- **Issues Identification Process:** IWC members may request and receive information if they have concerns regarding Measure B and Measure BB expenditures. In FY2020-21, the topics of reallocating Measure BB project funds, City of Oakland local streets and roads performance and performance measure information for the public were addressed using this process.
- **Annual Report to the Public:** Each year, the IWC establishes a subcommittee to develop the annual report to the public regarding Measure B and Measure BB expenditures.

Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

Alameda CTC is responsible for administering the Measure B and Measure BB transportation sales tax measures. In FY2020-21, Measure B revenues for Alameda CTC totaled \$170.5 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$149.3 million. Measure BB revenues totaled \$170.7 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$175.8 million in FY2020-21.¹



¹ Measure BB utilized sales tax funds received in prior years to pay for expenditures.

Additional Information

Additional information is available at www.AlamedaCTC.org or at Alameda CTC's offices at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA, 94607, including the 2000 Measure B and 2014 Measure BB Expenditure Plans, this annual report, agency compliance audits and reports, and Annual Financial Reports.

Dublin High project promotes cardiac health among youth

Screening event free to all aged 12-25

By NICOLE GONZALES

Dublin High School is set to hold a heart health screening project later this month, free to all who attend.

By way of San Francisco-based nonprofit organization Via Heart Project, the high school will host screenings to test for cardiac defects and abnormalities. The goal of the event is to examine kids and young adults for cardiac problems that may have previously gone undetected. The heart screening event is targeted

toward younger adults and teenagers, specifically ages 12 to 25 years old.

"Students at Dublin High are super active, in sports, marching band, theater — we are on the move all day," assistant principal Jennifer Nickl said. In 2019 when the opportunity to hold the heart event arose for the Dublin school, staff was eager for it to materialize. "We have waited almost four years for this to happen," she said.

Via Heart aims to raise awareness and educate the public on cardiac illnesses. The organization reports that sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death among student athletes, taking the lives of 7,000 to 10,000 children annually. Regular physical examinations do not screen for heart defects, making them much more difficult to diagnose.

"We wanted to offer this great free opportunity for any young person to check in on their heart health," Nickl said. "This screening is a simple

way to prioritize and advocate for oneself."

Via Heart will provide individual appointments to each prospective patient. Attendees will be able to watch hands-on CPR demonstrations and learn how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Individual heart screenings can take from 60 to 90 minutes and wait times can vary. The tests will include a health heart questionnaire, an EKG test and an echocardiogram.

"This opportunity is important for

our community because we strive to empower students to take control of their health," Nickl said. "Stress free, convenient in terms of location and time, and with immediate results, this is a great first step in their health care journey."

The Via Heart Project event will take place on the Dublin High campus on Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is free to attend and open to ages 12-25. To register for a screening, visit viaheartproject.org/screenings. ■

Jensen Ybarra

September 10, 1986 – August 15, 2022

The family of Jensen Gerome Ybarra, of Livermore, CA, is saddened to announce his passing on August 15, 2022. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jensen was born on September 10, 1986, in Livermore, CA, the youngest of Karen (Sandvig) and Gerome Ybarra. As a child, he loved spending time fishing with his grandfather, playing street hockey, basketball, and any other sport with his brother and neighborhood friends. He stood out as a champion linebacker (#53) for the Amador Valley Dons football team, graduating from Amador Valley High School in 2005.

After receiving his BA in Agriculture Business from California Polytechnic State University in 2009, dedication to his roots brought Jensen back to Pleasanton where destiny led him to meet his wife and best friend, Perri (Royea). They were married in June of 2017, and settled down as a happy couple in Livermore to enjoy a wonderful life, abundant with family, friends, and their beloved golden doodle, Ruthie. In August of 2021 life expanded as the couple joyfully welcomed their son, Callan, who was the pride and joy of Jensen's world. As a father, Jensen beamed when Callan reached new milestones, and his favorite time was spent making new memories with his family. The two were often seen singing and dancing to Callan's favorite song, "We Don't Talk About Bruno". It was becoming common to see Callan riding next to daddy on the golf cart.

Jensen was regarded as an amazing friend, a positive thinker, and made it a personal goal to excel, whether at home, play, or work. He delighted in discussing business strategies, and as Sr. Sales Director at Supermicro, was proud to be an integral part of the company's progressive development.

Jensen was a natural, multi-sport athlete; a true competitor, whether he picked up a bat, a racket, or any ball. With enviable skills on the course, Jensen had a true passion for golf. He was an admired member at Went Golf Course and aspired to play at the toughest venues and to teach his son the intricacies of the game.

Jensen is survived by his wife, Perri, and their son Callan; parents Karen and Gerome Ybarra; sisters Gina (Tony) Rivalie, Dana (Matt) Kingsborough; brother Trevor (Marie) Ybarra; mother and father-in-law Kelli and Rob Royea; brothers-in-law Alex (Liz) Royea, Spencer Royea (Erica); nieces Bella Rivalie, Rian Ybarra; nephews Antonio Rivalie, Cole Ybarra, and countless relatives and friends.

To honor Jensen's memory, friends and family are invited to a celebration of life at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 2, 2022, at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, in Pleasanton, CA. A reception will follow at 12:00 p.m. at the Callippe Preserve Golf Course, 8500 Clubhouse Dr. Pleasanton, CA. We welcome anyone who knew him to attend and share stories of his wonderful life.

PAID OBITUARY



TOBACCO

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She said that while her organization primarily focuses on educating youth about the dangers of tobacco and nicotine products, it was important to get the ordinance passed so the city has a structured way of preventing kids from buying the products and keeping stores from selling to minors.

"It really needed to make sure that a system was there ... to make sure that the owners are responsible, that they trained their staff and make sure that they tell their staff to check ID every time," Moya said.

Owen Wise-Pierik, a community engagement coordinator with the same coalition as Moya, said that the ordinance was also a way for parents to feel like they had a voice in fighting back against the multimillion tobacco industry.

"This is about regular people against an industry, and I think that the tobacco industry has been targeting vulnerable people since they became an industry," Wise-Pierik said. "They're creating their products specifically to market to children because they know that it's a business strategy. They know that if they can get kids hooked on tobacco, they'll have lifelong customers."

One of the ways the city is now enforcing that ordinance is by Pleasanton police setting up sting operations on stores periodically.

"The last one that we did ... was September of 2021," Silacci said. "Of all the retail license operations that we visited and did a tobacco buy operation on — one in five sold to a minor. So that's 1% sales rate, which we feel is still way too high."

Silacci said that because the first year of the ordinance being passed was focused on education, any store that is now found violating the ordinance could have their tobacco license revoked or suspended.

He added that while there was initial pushback by store owners who sell these products, the city hasn't seen much of a decline in tobacco licenses or has seen any stores shutting down.

"When we started there was 45 tobacco retailers in the city of

Pleasanton," Brown said. "Now there's 40, and we charge a small fee and that fee is used to go back to reinforcement."

Brown said that apart from making the products more difficult for students to purchase, she has also been talking to the district on how it is using monitoring devices to reduce the number of kids vaping inside the school bathrooms.

"Make it hard to buy them, make it hard to own them, and make it aware of how unhealthy these are has been a dramatic change and improvement within the city of Pleasanton," Brown said.

But with vapes and other tobacco products out of the picture for the most part, the effects on students' mental health still remains.

Ashley Sprader, a behavior analyst and student services coordinator with the district, said that the

pandemic left students with leftover trauma, which led many students to turn to vaping as a way of coping.

"Often we're seeing the underlying issues of anxiety or depression, and then students using (vapes) to mask some of those things," she said.

Sprader said that while the ordinance helped with restricting access to vapes, it's equally as important to continue educating students on why these products are dangerous.

"What we are trying to do is re-educate our students, because the last thing they want to do is catch a student, send them home, and they just do more," she said. "So our goal is to educate our students on the why. Why is it harmful to your body and what can we do to prevent using and really find out what it is that the underlying reason of why they're using." ■

TAKE US ALONG



Taking time to reflect: Pleasanton residents Linda Roy and Marla and Rose Marino brought the Weekly along on their camping trip through Northern California, Oregon and Washington up to Mt. Rainier National Park. This photo (taken by Linda's husband Jeff) is at Reflection Lake with the top of Mount Rainier shrouded in a lenticular cloud.

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

HARRISON

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Part of the bill that led to choosing the Harrison Street location was due to the project's location within half a mile of the downtown Altamont Corridor Express train station. Because of that close distance to major public transit, the state law specifies the city may not require the project to provide on-site parking and it can't impose any limit on the density of the project.

"It is affordable housing, which I think we need," Reding said. "I have grandchildren and nieces and nephews that I would love for them to be able to have a home here in Pleasanton and be affordable, but a five-story building with no on-site parking, it's just not appropriate."

She said that close proximity to the station is not a good enough reason to build the project because that station is not really being used as much as it was before the pandemic, meaning people will be driving instead, which in turn will lead to more traffic.

"Since COVID, there's probably maybe 20 cars in that parking lot whereas before COVID, the whole parking lot was filled. So that's the reason why I'm upset about it," she said. "(The state) did not think about how this SB 35 was going to impact small neighborhoods like Harrison Street."

Mayor Karla Brown told the Weekly she thinks the Harrison project could be a good fit for downtown Pleasanton but is also concerned about the zero parking that could lead to overflow of cars in neighboring communities and streets and how that could affect the neighboring developments.

Councilmember Jack Balch echoed that sentiment, saying that the parking allowance would have made more sense if it was a BART station, because then more people would be inclined to use that to get around.

"We definitely have a need for affordable housing in our community and I understand what the state is trying to achieve, but when we look at it at this site and we look at the waiving of parking, because it's near mass transit, I think that the state probably did not see these unintended consequences," Balch said.

But the main point of concern in SB 35 for many residents and city leaders is the fact that due to the limitations on local control — a term used to describe the power cities have in setting and enforcing zoning and land regulations — the city has no discretion in reviewing the Harrison project.

Also, per the specific language of SB 35, no public hearings or review by the Planning Commission or City Council are allowed.

Councilmember Julie Testa said she disagrees with the city effectively having no say and is advocating for the city to push back on

the new state laws so that cities can regain power over making these decisions.

"The city, myself, and everyone I know that I work with supports affordable housing," Testa said. "It should be affordable housing done in a way that the local municipality has input on, where we would decide how and where it fits in this community."

The project feels like it got an "over-the-counter approval", according to Testa. She said it's not that she is against affordable housing, she just wants it built in a more appropriate location.

"If it were located somewhere more appropriately, it would be welcomed because we do welcome an affordable housing project," Testa said. "But this one in that location is absolutely not welcome. It doesn't fit, it will cause a tremendous amount of damage, it will cost the city a lot, monetarily."

Testa added that the "Our Neighborhood Voices" initiative, which she has backed since the project first came to light, is promoting a statewide initiative to go on the ballot in 2024 to neutralize these kinds of laws and bring back local control.

"It will give cities an opportunity to say for a project like this. This doesn't fit in this location, but it would fit somewhere else," she said.

She is also asking the city to join with other cities across the state in a class-action lawsuit that will push back on the state in their intrusion of local control.

But Balch said that looking to regain local control is a complex and nuanced issue because of the history Pleasanton has with housing lawsuits such as the 2006 lawsuit when the city was sued by Urban Habitat, an Oakland-based



CONTRIBUTED IMAGES

Rendering shows design concept for five-story, mixed-use building with all affordable residential units proposed for Harrison Street in downtown Pleasanton.

nonprofit, over the city's 29,000-unit housing cap — which the city lost and cost millions of dollars.

"If we don't push forward to achieve an acceptable housing element and rezone the properties, we are facing the penalties," Balch said. "I understand the challenge to additional housing units in our community when we're facing so many things, but we also have to be careful with the lawsuit costs."

He said with the significant amount of jobs and a housing imbalance, it is important to continue affordable housing growth to attract younger residents, which will in turn help grow the city's economy.

"Every time someone talks to me ... about local control, everyone is fearful that their slice of the pie has to get smaller so that someone has an opportunity to buy a home, or raise a family in Pleasanton, and I just don't believe that," Balch said. "I believe that the entire pie can

grow, so that we can provide opportunities, and basically hope for young families."

The other state regulation at play is the housing density bonus law, which requires the city, "to approve requested waivers and concessions from established development standards if doing so would improve the financial feasibility of the project," according to the notice letter for the Harrison application.

The project has requested concessions for the front setback, floor-area ratio and common area open space requirements — a waiver that

the city is obligated under these laws to provide.

"City staff is reviewing the application for conformance to the applicable standards set forth in State law and the Pleasanton Municipal Code and may only deny the project if it would not be in conformance to any objective development standards," according to the notice letter.

Staff have until Sept. 16 to issue an approval letter so that the project can move forward into the next stage of the building permit application process. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 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>.

- Approve location for cricket field placement at Ken Mercer Sports Park
- Consider suspending implementation of the PFAS treatment and wells rehabilitation project

Special Energy and Environment Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.

- Climate Action Plan 2.0 implementation update presentation.

Human Services Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

- Review the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (Caper) For Fiscal Year 2021/22

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

- Review the public outreach results for the Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks Conceptual Plan and provide comments to staff regarding the update to the Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks Master Plan

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High school football preview



Foothill looks to stay on top despite roster turnover; Amador Valley ready to turn the corner in 2022

By Dennis Miller

BRUCE BAESEMANN

A snapshot from last year's Pleasanton gridiron showdown. Foothill (here, in white) and Amador Valley (black jerseys) started their 2022 seasons last week, with the Falcons cruising and the Dons losing a close one.

School's back in session, the days are still warm, with the nights cooling off a bit. It's fall and that can only mean one thing — it's time for high school football.

For the teams from Amador Valley and Foothill high schools, it is the first time things are close to being back to normal in a couple of years as COVID impacts continue to slow down.

Expect the stands to be packed, the bands playing — well at least for the first half — and the community of Pleasanton living for what has been known as "Friday Night Lights".

And as usual, both the Dons and

the Falcons have plenty of reasons to look forward to this season.

For the Dons it is all about redemption after an 0-4 league campaign where they were right in every game. Amador seemed to hit obstacles at every turn, including losing 10 starters to COVID for a game against Monte Vista.

In the Mountain Division of the East Bay Athletic League, there is little to no room for error. Instead of being downtrodden from last year, there is a sense of resolve around Amador.

"We know we are right there," Amador coach Danny Jones said. "We feel good that we can win — that we can compete with all the

teams. We just have to take them one game at a time."

For Foothill, it's all about defending the EBAL Valley Division

title won last year and doing so after losing multiple all-league players to graduation.

"This is old-school football,"

How the season is starting

The two teams opened their seasons last Friday in different directions.

Foothill came out strong on the road, knocking off Castro Valley 49-6. Amador traveled to El Cerrito and fell 7-3 to a highly regarded Gauchos program.

Tonight Foothill has its home opener against College Park, which will be making their season debut. Amador hits the road again traveling to Bear Creek (Stockton), a team that has started the season 0-2.

Foothill coach Greg Haubner said. "We must show up every single game. All the teams are better this year than they were last season. It's a loaded schedule."

In looking closer at Amador, there is a mission laid out in front of them, and it's vital to have a solid foundation, especially up front. That's exactly what the Dons bring to the table.

"This is the best group we have on the team," Jones said of his offensive line. "It's the most depth I've ever had at that spot."

Take a run through the starters and see why Jones feels that way.

At the tackles, the Dons feature AJ Johnson (6-foot-3, 265

pounds), Marcus Delucia (6-2, 230), with Tyler Barhite (6-2, 250) and Landry Cooper (6-0, 259 — 3-year starter) at guard. The center Chase Mattos (6-1, 235), is a player Jones referred to as “a stud”.

If that’s not enough, the line gets bigger, stronger and meaner with the tight end set of Brady Nassar (6-5, 245) and James Rothstein (6-6, 245). Nassar is a University of Colorado commit, with Rothstein weighing his choices between Air Force, Army, Idaho and other potential schools.

Running back will be by committee, with the top three at this point being Jake Goldsworthy, Jake Kramer and Miles Tucker. The fullback spot resides with Brady Lederer.

The wideouts are very capable with Nate Jetter, a junior that started on the Amador defense as a sophomore, and senior Aaron Greth.

The starting quarterback is senior Ryan Cannon, with sophomore Jack Duncan looking to get some time on the field as well.

On defense, many of the same names will be counted on to lead the way.

Nassar and Rothstein will anchor the defensive line at the end spots with a group of 10 guys rotating inside, giving the Dons a huge luxury of depth.

Among the inside players will be Gio Kovacs (6-2, 270), a junior that may be able to occupy two blockers.

“It’s nice knowing we can rotate a lot of guys through to help keep other guys fresh,” Jones said.

The inside linebackers are Tucker and Kevin Albright, a three-year starter for Amador. On the outside, Lederer and Roman Gates have the starting spots. In the defensive backfield, Jetter returns as a starter and will be at the safety spot. Julius Ramos and Kramer will be holding down the corners, completing a unit that is a little light for the Dons.

“Usually we have 30 receivers/defensive backs and this year we have eight,” Jones said.

Riley Balch is back for the third straight year to handle the kicking and punting duties for the Dons.

For Haubner, his Falcons have a multitude of spots to fill, including one at quarterback where three-year starter and Valley MVP Nick Walsh has moved on to college.

Trying to fill in Walsh’s shoes will be junior Erik Olsen (6-3, 190). Olsen picked up the game just two years ago and has been rapidly improving each year.

“He is coming along really well,” Haubner said.

Helping Olsen out will be some incredibly talented skill players led by sophomore Chris Lawson. Last year as a freshman, Lawson was a first-team selection at receiver — yes, as a freshman.

Joining Lawson outside will be Luke Haviley, Conor



BRUCE BAESEMANN

James Rothstein (No. 17) will be a force for the Dons on both sides of the ball this season.



BRUCE BAESEMANN

Amador defender Brady Nassar chases down then-Foothill quarterback Nick Walsh during last year’s crosstown rivalry game.



FOREFRONT PHOTOGRAPHY

Samear Lattier is an important part of the Falcons’ running back corps in 2022.

Baesemann and sophomore Michael O’Donohue.

The running backs feature returning players Jackson Chandler, Samear Lattier and Diego Nibungo. Chandler has speed but can also pound the ball between the tackles.

The offensive line starts with an elite tight end in Kade Millard (6-3, 215) and rolls along with tackles Jackson Braden (6-2, 255) and John Leyvas (6-0, 240). The guards are Rory Grady (6-2, 280) and

Ryley Flynn (6-1, 245). Josh Taylor (5-10, 210) is a junior that Haubner described as quick, tough, and strong.

The defense features several of the same names, led by the line featuring Millard. The son of former NFL Defensive Player of the Year Keith Millard when he was with the Minnesota Vikings, Kade gets an added boost of having his dad on the Foothill staff.

“Having Keith there, working on all parts of the defense

really simplifies stuff for the players,” Haubner said.

Grady and Taylor also figure prominently on the line.

The four linebackers are all juniors, but all have experience. Lattier, Chandler, Jake Patterson and Graham Zander are an athletic group that figures to make their fair share of plays.

“Those are all capable kids — I am very happy with them,” Haubner said.

The defensive backs are also

solid and led by Lawson, who is every bit as talented on defense as he is on offense. Haviley mans the other corner and Baesemann is set at free safety.

Despite losing a ton of talent, the Falcons have plenty throughout both sides of the ball — that is if they stay healthy.

“We have to stay healthy,” Haubner said. “I cannot overstate that enough — we must stay healthy. Our starting groups on both sides of the ball are just fine.” ■



PORTRAITS FOR PATRIOTS

HOW ONE PLEASANTON PHOTOGRAPHER SUPPORTS VETERANS ENTERING CIVILIAN WORKFORCE

By NICOLE GONZALES

Giving back to the community has always been important to photographer Nina Pomeroy. After contributing to a volunteer photography program for less than a year, Pomeroy has created life-changing experiences for those she captures.

The national nonprofit organization, Portraits for Patriots, allows photographers to work with veterans and provide professional headshots for transitioning members of the military. Pomeroy began volunteering with the nonprofit at the start of the year and has since developed a deep appreciation for the work she has produced.

"I've always wanted to give back to my community and I know that for a fact that I wouldn't be able to do what I love and have my liberties if it wasn't for the sacrifice of so many that served our country," said Pomeroy, who owns Nina Pomeroy Photography based in Pleasanton.

Pomeroy recalled being informed through friends about the organization Portraits for Patriots. She was put in contact with the founder and eager to get involved.

"The whole premise of Portraits for Patriots is offering great headshots for those who are transitioning out of the service," she said. "I know how hard of a transition that could be for someone, and there is nothing like having great photos out on LinkedIn and social media that even help resumes to get started."

Transitioning service member Steven Gillespie first discovered Portraits for Patriots after seeing a post about the organization on LinkedIn and receiving a referral from a friend. Gillespie served 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked as an operations chief master sergeant.

After researching and applying for the program, Gillespie was connected with Pomeroy to capture his new professional photographs.

"It really put in perspective the transition period because most of the time when I was in the Marine Corps, all my photos were in a uniform," Gillespie said. "It solidified the transition between the Marine Corps and the civilian world."

Gillespie recalled the positive impact the photoshoot had on his outlook and career change. Once he updated his LinkedIn profile with the new professional photographs taken by Pomeroy, he noticed his connections and credibility improve, giving him an overall boost in confidence.

"I think it's really important for veterans to get their photos taken," Gillespie said. "It would give them that confidence that they can stand out and present a very professional side of themselves."

Photography has been a passion for Pomeroy since childhood. She made the decision to develop her hobby into a profession over 20 years ago and has run a successful photography business since then.

"This is really what I want to be doing for the rest of my life," said Pomeroy, who specializes in portraits. "I really felt like it was my calling."

Pomeroy serves as the only volunteer photographer for Portraits for Patriots in the greater Bay Area, which means she has had participants travel to her studio from all over the state.

"When I find that I have a new client that comes to me through this organization, for me, it's life changing," Pomeroy said. "The people that I've met have been incredible."

Pomeroy explained that the majority of clientele that come from Portraits for Patriots have never experienced a professional photo session prior to meeting with her.

For this reason, she said she prioritizes assuring her subjects are comfortable and able to let their guard down.

"I never want anyone to feel rushed. I really take the time with people to get them comfortable in the field," Pomeroy said. "My studio is a judgment-free zone."

Since she began partnering with the nonprofit, she has donated an estimated amount of \$7,000 worth of time and photographs.

Karen Denny served 20 years in the U.S. Coast Guard before initiating her transition out of military life. Similarly to Gillespie, Denny discovered Portraits for Patriots via a LinkedIn post shared by one of her connections.

"It's a huge transition and there's so much stuff to wrap your brain around," Denny said about leaving the military. "It's daunting to take even those small steps; it can seem overwhelming."

Denny was another recipient of professional headshot images donated by Pomeroy's studio.

Denny recalled the impact the images had once she had changed her online profile pictures. The thought of undergoing a complete career change after over two decades appeared less challenging once she laid eyes on her portrait.

"I COULD LITERALLY SEE MY PROFESSIONAL SELF GROWING."

Karen Denny,
U.S. Coast Guard veteran

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NINA POMEROY PHOTOGRAPHY

Pleasanton photographer Nina Pomeroy (top) volunteers as part of the Portraits for Patriots program, which offers free professional headshots to veterans seeking civilian jobs, such as (shown) Karen Denny, Reynaldo Rios Jr. and Steven Gillespie.

SCOTTISH HERITAGE CELEBRATION AT PLEASANTON FAIRGROUNDS



Annual Highland Gathering and Games return for Labor Day weekend

BY NICOLE GONZALES

The Alameda County Fairgrounds is set to host the annual Scottish Highland Gathering and Games this Labor Day weekend, marking the 156th year of the cultural event.

The Scottish Games will be presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, an organization that was originally founded in 1866 and has put on the popular event every year since. The two-day celebration showcases historic Scottish traditions and culture, and visitors will be able to enjoy a variety of festivities that include whisky tasting, live Scottish bands, dancers performing traditional Caledonian routines and much more.

“We enjoy getting together and displaying that we are very proud of our Scottish heritage,” said Rob Tysinger, chief of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco. “We want to share with the community. People can come out and see events they haven’t seen before or that they can’t see anywhere else.”

Tysinger spoke of the history and formation of Scottish

Games. “They would gather once or twice a year and they’d have kind of a big party for a few days,” he said. “And then from that grew out all these competitions, piping and game playing, and shows of strength. That’s kind of where the games developed.”

Other activities visitors can see at the games include the caber toss, the kilted mile, sheepdog trials, soccer and drumming competitions. The games will also display reenactments of Scottish history from various time periods, as well as a British car display.

“We are delighted to be hosting the 2022 Men’s Professional Scottish Highland Games Heavy Events World Champions,” Tysinger said. This year, the games will also be introducing a new Women’s Elite Class of Competition in addition to the men’s professional section.

According to the club, professional athletes from across the globe will be competing in the heavyweight competitions. The winner of the games will be dubbed 2022 Elite Champion.

“Our special guest bands

this year are the 1st Marine Division Band and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police E Division Pipe Band,” said Tysinger. These performances will take place on the Grandstand Stage.

Each day, the games end with a closing ceremony that features 22 pipe bands playing together as one. “It’s incredibly moving to watch that. It’s something you don’t see every day,” Tysinger said of the pipe band show.

The Scottish Games will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton this Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 3 and 4). Gates will open for ticket holders at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. daily. All tickets will be sold electronically.

“You’re getting together with a lot of people who know each other well, especially the competitors,” Tysinger said. “It’s just sharing a good feeling, we encourage everybody to come on out and see what we have to offer.”

To find out more information about the 156th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, visit thescottishgames.com. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The 156th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, is back this weekend in Pleasanton.

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“I could literally see my professional self growing. I walked out of there a different person,” she said. “I still had a long journey to go in this transition process, but that step was huge for me. I wouldn’t have been able to do that without Nina’s help.”

Reynaldo Rios Jr., who served in the U.S. Air Force for over 20 years, retiring with the rank of senior master sergeant, was also a client of Pomeroy’s during his transition to the civilian workforce.

He also heard about the organization through LinkedIn, applied and was put in contact with Pomeroy. He said he had been intrigued by the program because it not only offered portraits for service members, but their spouses as well.

“I thought that was very unique because a lot of times we don’t necessarily think about the transition to a family,” Rios said.

Pomeroy confirmed she would be able to photograph both Rios and his wife during the same session, encouraging them to travel to her studio together.

“She took her time and talked us through

the session, coaching us and uplifting our spirits with compliments,” Rios said. “It was a really, really fun experience that completely satisfied us as a team.”

Rios discussed how having new professional images to display helped him and his wife adapt to their new lives.

“When you have something like that represent you on LinkedIn, you’re going to use those professional headshots for years,” Rios said. “You walk a little taller with your chest out a little more because you just feel elevated.”

Pomeroy plans to move her photography business to a larger studio in the area later

this year. She hopes to expand her work and continue providing photography services for the community.

“I live with gratitude every single day and everyone who walks through my door — I’m grateful for them and being able to share with them I think it’s a gift,” Pomeroy said. “I really want to capture who they are in the sense of their experiences, the wisdom that they have, and what they bring to the table to new employers.”

More information about the nonprofit Portraits for Patriots can be found at www.portraitsforpatriots.org. ■

Rae Dorrough Speaker Series announces season lineup

Presenters include Oscar winner, Watergate journalist, nuclear arms expert

By JEREMY WALSH

The Rae Dorrough Speaker Series returns to Livermore starting later this month and continuing into the new year for a season that features big-name presenters and intriguing topics at the Bankhead Theater.

The program's 2022-23 lineup includes notable figures like Academy Award-winning actress and activist Marlee Matlin and famed Watergate journalist and author Carl Bernstein. The season opens on Sept. 15 with engineering historian Paul Giroux spotlighting the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge.

"The speaker series honors the late Rae Dorrough, a respected Livermore resident and strong supporter of cultural events," organizers said. "The series features provocative, entertaining and enlightening presentations on a wide variety of topics."

Each of the five presentations this season is scheduled for a Thursday evening in the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. The Bernstein and Matlin appearances

are presented by the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series in partnership with the Livermore Valley Arts at the Bankhead.

For tickets and more information about the presenters, visit raedorroughspeakerseries.org or livermorearts.org.

Paul Giroux

Construction engineer and civil engineering historian Giroux will present "Building the Golden Gate Bridge" in two weeks.

"Using a combination of historic photographs and dynamic animation techniques, Giroux will bring the construction of the Bridge to life for the Tri-Valley ... the story of the daunting technical, financial, and political challenges that had to be overcome to complete the long-span suspension bridge," organizers said.



Giroux, who spoke about the Transcontinental Railroad in last year's series, will appear at the Bankhead at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15.

Rose Gottemoeller

"After Ukraine: Can We Still Control Nuclear Weapons?" is the discussion topic for the October presentation by Gottemoeller, the chief U.S. negotiator for the New START Nuclear Arms Treaty.

"Gottemoeller will talk about past success during crises and lay out her diplomatic roadmap for the future of nuclear arms control," organizers said. "In doing so, she will reflect on the lessons learned from her own experience, described in her book 'Negotiating the New START Treaty.'"

Gottemoeller, who lectures at Stanford University, will present at the Bankhead at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13.

Carl Bernstein

One of the most famous American journalists, Bernstein will speak in



Livermore just before Election Day about his long career in news reporting and the challenges of journalism today.

The former Washington Post reporter and author is perhaps best known worldwide for his collaboration with Bob Woodward to break the Watergate story for the Post in 1972. Their subsequent book, "All the President's Men", was turned into an Academy Award-winning film that featured Dustin Hoffman as Bernstein and Robert Redford as Woodward.

Bernstein's appearance is scheduled for Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Marlee Matlin

As the season turns into the new year, Livermore will welcome Oscar winner Marlee Matlin in February to reflect on her acting career, activism and life.



Matlin won the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in "Children of a Lesser God" (1986), becoming the first deaf performer to win an acting Oscar. She also co-starred in last year's Best Picture winner, "CODA".

"An Evening with Marlee Matlin" is set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

Robert Sapolsky

Rounding out the 2022-23 season will be Sapolsky's presentation in March about "The Biology of Good and Evil."

Answering the question "why are we the most aggressive and also the most altruistic of all species?", Sapolsky will explore "the origin of feelings such as love, empathy, and the desire for justice. How do our genetic inheritance and cultural experiences provide the context for our behavior?" organizers said.

Sapolsky, a primatologist at Stanford, will be onstage in Livermore on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. ■



'Modern Landscape' debuts in Danville

Village Theatre exhibit features six artists from across U.S.

By JEANITA LYMAN

The latest exhibit at Danville's Village Theatre and Art Gallery kicked off last weekend, offering a modern twist on a classic artistic tradition.

"Modern Landscape" showcases the landscape paintings of six artists from across the country, and sees the return of curator and artist Ellen Levine Dodd.

"These paintings will allow art-goers to experience vistas through the eyes of a modern artist," Marija Nelson Bleier, the town's visual arts coordinator, said in an announcement. "Gallery visitors will be transported to scenes unreal and dreamlike in these bold and colorful works of art."

Sacramento-based painter John Karl Claes is the artists featured in the upcoming exhibit. Claes specializes in landscape paintings inspired by California and the western United States, with his work featured in galleries ranging across the same region.

"I work from my memories of what I have seen, rather than



"Break" by James Shay.

from photographs, and as a result the paintings are a mix of this and my imagination creating semi abstract images of real things I've seen," Claes said in his artist's statement.

"I use color to elevate my abstracted landscapes, they are representations of places that always return to my memory," he added. "It is this powerful connection that drives me to use strong color for I have found that this is the best way to convey my affection for the land I see and experience daily."

Karen Olsen-Dunn lives in San Francisco and has had her work showcased in a number of exhibits there. The alumna of San Francisco State University and California College of the Arts has a background in psychology as well as art, and uses a wide range of materials in her work.

"My process is multi-layered. It is a hybrid between analog and digital, painting, monotype printmaking, and everyday iPhone snaps," Olsen-Dunn said in her artist's statement. "My work is not precious. With colors bold and plastic by intent, the final composition is an intricate symphony of contemporary clutter, celebrating the vaguely grim effects of a frayed society."

Brian Rutenberg, based in New York City, is among the more far-flung artists featured in the exhibit, with works inspired by his hometown in South Carolina.

"Brian Rutenberg has spent 40 years honing a distinctive method of compressing the rich color and form of his native coastal South Carolina into complex landscape paintings that imbue material reality with a deep sense of place," his artist's biography said.

Sonoma-based artist and architect James Shay is a more local artist in the exhibit, having switched from his passion for architecture to painting after a decades-long career in the latter field.

"In the mid-'90s Jim's focus shifted from architecture to painting, and he has never looked back," Shay's artist's bio said. "He has had numerous one-person shows and is represented by many galleries nationwide. Jim likes to ski, play tennis, and study the construction and painting techniques of ancient Egypt. He does occasional architectural projects, including homes, studios and interiors."

Shay uses casein and tempera in his paintings, described as "two of the oldest painting media in existence," which dry to a matte finish similar to fresco paintings, and reinforced with



"Looming Pine" by Brian Rutenberg is part of the new exhibit at the Village Theatre and Art Gallery in Danville.

a matte varnish. He uses scraping and abrasion techniques "to achieve a sense of time's passage."

Liana Steinmetz grew up just south of Shay in Marin County, and specializes in landscapes like those sought for the upcoming exhibit, as well as botanical and abstract subjects.

"Painting is a spiritual experience for me," Steinmetz said in her artist's statement. "I am not sure who listens to me when I pray, or who sees me when I look up at the stars at night. But I do have profound gratitude for Mother Earth, and her natural beauty I get to be a part of every day. I cannot imagine a more fulfilling way to spend my time on earth, than making paintings in her honor. Every one is a tribute to this wonderful planet of wild things we call home."

Dodd, another North Bay artist, is featured in both a curatorial and artistic role, with "Modern Landscape" being the third exhibit she's curated at the Village Theatre — in the wake of "Color Play 1" and "Color Play 2."

"I started drawing and painting as a small child and have never stopped," Dodd said on her website. "I studied painting, photography and paper making at Clark University, and Massachusetts College of Art, and graduated from Sonoma State University in California. Currently I work full-time as an artist in my studio in downtown Novato painting, printing, and teaching workshops."

Dodd is also the founder of the Bradford Gallery in San Anselmo, which specializes in landscape art.

"Modern Landscape" runs until Oct. 8 at the Village Theatre and Art Gallery in downtown Danville. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Former Tri-Valley golf coach convicted of sexually abusing student

A once well-known youth golf instructor in the Tri-Valley faces up to 18 years in prison after being found guilty by an Alameda County jury on Monday of continuous sexual abuse of a minor student and other related charges.

Kwangson "Sonny" Kim was remanded into jail custody upon his conviction on four of five counts against him for acts between 2014 and 2018. He is scheduled to be sentenced later in September, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

The trial saw the former student testify to abuse she told the jury occurred starting when she was 12 years old, as well as testimony from two other witnesses who said the defendant touched them inappropriately in the past. Kim took to the witness stand too, denying the allegations, according to attorneys in the case.

"I am pleased that the jury found the defendant guilty and that justice was served on behalf of the victim and the entire community," said deputy district attorney Natasha Jontulovich, who prosecuted the case.

Defense attorney Matthew Oliveri, who represents Kim, said his client is contemplating a possible appeal. "The main defense/argument in the case is that it didn't happen," Oliveri told the Weekly.

The case against the private golf coach, who operated Sonny Kim Golf Academy and taught hundreds of students including youth at local courses such as the Tri-Valley Golf

Center and Dublin Ranch Golf Course, came to light publicly when the then-52-year-old was arrested by Dublin Police Services in February 2018.

Police said at the time that the girl told a school official she was being abused by her golf instructor, and the official subsequently reported the abuse to police and informed her parents.

According to prosecutors, the victim testified that Kim used the access of teaching her in both group and individual lessons, as well as from driving her to and from practices, to sexually abuse her between November 2014 until February 2018.

The jury also heard from two other people who said Kim touched them inappropriately years ago, according to Oliveri. The defense attorney questioned the veracity of those other witnesses, arguing, "There was no 'corroborating evidence' against Mr. Kim. No other witnesses or documents or photographs or texts or emails, or anything. This was a classic 'he-said, she said.'"

"The law in this area is very unfair and unequal to the defendant," Oliveri said. "The government is allowed to bring in witnesses/alleged victims, even though the defendant was never charged with crimes against these other alleged victims, and the government is allowed to 'pile on' the alleged victims ... with a lesser burden of proof pertaining to the 'uncharged persons.'"

Deliberations began Aug. 25 after closing arguments and continued until the jury rendered its verdict on Monday in Alameda County Superior Court, according to the DA's office.

Kim was found guilty of continuous sexual abuse of a minor and three counts of lewd and lascivious acts on a minor. The jury acquitted the defendant on the charge of sexual

penetration by foreign object, prosecutors said.

Kim, who had been out of custody during the trial, is now incarcerated in the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin upon his felony conviction. He faces between six and 18 years in state prison under California law when he is sentenced on Sept. 28, according to prosecutors.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- A Livermore man died in a solo-vehicle crash recently while vacationing at his family cabin in the town of Arnold in Calaveras County.

Jensen Ybarra, who grew up in Pleasanton and graduated from Amador Valley High School, was pronounced dead at the scene of the fiery nighttime crash on Aug. 15, according to the California Highway Patrol. He was 35.

"Jensen was an incredible human and his loss cannot be understated. He was such a good man and kind person. 1 of 1," friend Marcus Sylva wrote on the GoFundMe page he created to raise money to support Ybarra's widow and 1-year-old son.

Family remembered Ybarra "as an amazing friend, a positive thinker and made it a personal goal to excel, whether at home, play or work," in an obituary published in the Weekly.

Raised in Pleasanton, Ybarra excelled at many sports in his youth, including as a linebacker for the Amador Valley Dons. His passion for sports continued into adulthood, mainly on the golf course in recent years, according to his obituary.

After graduating high school in 2005, he attended California Polytechnic State University and earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture business. He was working as a senior sales director at Supermicro at the time of his death.

Ybarra returned to Pleasanton during his professional career and he and his wife later settled in Livermore. They welcomed their first child in August 2021, according to his obituary. He is also survived by his parents, two sisters and a brother.

The CHP-San Andreas office continues to investigate the crash that killed Ybarra over two weeks ago.

According to the initial CHP report, Ybarra was driving a 2018 Land Rover by himself eastbound on Highway 4 north of Arnold at 9:25 p.m. when he lost control for unknown reasons east of Black Springs Road.

The Land Rover veered to the left at an unknown speed, across the westbound lane and shoulder. "The vehicle then struck a tree and caught fire with the occupant trapped inside. Unfortunately, (Ybarra) sustained fatal injuries as a result of this collision," the CHP stated.

The cause of the crash remains

Charles Carlo Michelotti

November 4, 1937 – August 21, 2022

Charles Carlo Michelotti, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend passed away at the age of 84 on Sunday, August 21, 2022, in Pleasanton, California.

Carl was born to Josephine and Charles Cleto Michelotti on November 4, 1937. He was the eldest of three children and grew up in Seattle, Washington. Carl attended Seattle Preparatory School where he was a part of the high school football team and graduated in 1955. After graduation from high school, he went on to attend Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

Following college, Carl started working in the ceramic tile business. He built his career in sales and management where he thrived in building tight relationships with clients for over 40 years. He was very well respected in the industry and was awarded for his achievements.

In 1965, Carl was introduced by mutual friends to the love of his life, Sharrell, in Sacramento, California. The two of them hit it off right away, and Sharrell fondly remembers that she was taken by his charm and wit. Their love continued to blossom, and they were married on October 7, 1967. Carl and Sharrell resided in both San Mateo and Sunnyvale during which time they had two daughters, Carlene and Michelle.

Carl moved his family to Pleasanton, CA in 1975. It was in Pleasanton that the Michelotti family settled and quickly became involved in the many activities. Carl was an active participant in the Pleasanton community, St. Augustine Catholic Church, Sons of Italy and helped coach various youth sports including soccer, softball, and football. He rarely missed a sports game or event of his daughters. He continued to show this enthusiastic support for his grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and neighbors with their activities, as well, in the years that followed.

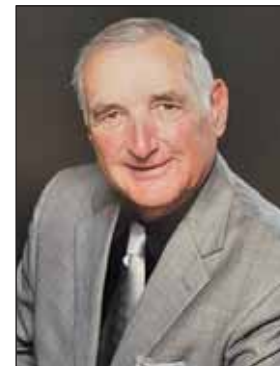
Family and friends were everything to Carl. He had a wonderful sense of humor and contagious laugh. He was well known for his affectionate greetings and warm hugs. Carl enjoyed spending many summers with his family in Campbell River, British Columbia, and took many he knew up there to introduce them to his passion of salmon fishing. Carl also enjoyed golfing, watching football, working in the yard, good food, travel, and anything "Italian."

In retirement, Carl enjoyed being active in the SIRS group, serving on the Finance Committee for St. Augustine Catholic Church, attending sports and school events of his grandchildren, meeting his "donut gang" every morning to start the day off laughing, and traveling with Sharrell to various countries including China, Australia, New Zealand, Britain, France, Germany, and of course, Italy.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents Josephine and Charles Cleto Michelotti, brother Michael Michelotti, granddaughter Hope Vaule, and son-in-law Michael Gable. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sharrell Michelotti, daughters Carlene (Joseph) Vaule and Michelle Gable, grandchildren Matteo and Grace Gable and Ellamarie Vaule, and his sister Marlene Pyzik.

Carl will be greatly missed, and we will always remember the beautiful memories of his love, laughter, generosity and giving heart. All are welcome to attend his services on Friday, September 2nd, 4:30-6:30pm for a Vigil at Graham Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton and Saturday, September 3rd, at 10am for a funeral mass at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Carl's memory to Hope Hospice of Dublin or UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital of Oakland.



LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH

First Responder Sunday

Lighthouse Baptist Church, in the historic building on Neal Street in downtown Pleasanton, honored members of local police and fire departments, as well as their support personnel and their families, "for their faithfulness and dedication to serving our communities" during the church's annual First Responder Sunday. Shown: Pastor Bill Bryson presents California Highway Patrol Officer John Bautista with the Lighthouse Baptist Church Honors Award for "his personal courage, resiliency and for exemplifying 'safety through service' throughout his career."

BULLETIN

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under investigation, with toxicology testing results still pending, according to Officer Toby Butzler. Officers on scene could not determine if he was wearing a seat belt at the time of the wreck due to the extent of the damage.

The GoFundMe page confirmed Ybarra was spending time at his family cabin in Arnold during the time the fatal crash occurred. The online fundraiser, "Ybarra family fund", had generated just under \$190,000 to support the family as of Tuesday night.

—Jeremy Walsh

- Two people were arrested last week for allegedly robbing and carjacking cannabis dispensary delivery drivers in Livermore during the week before, according to police.

Zulfiqar Khan, 25, and a 17-year-old boy were arrested in connection with the thefts that took place on Aug. 17 and 19, police said.

Two separate robberies occurred on Aug. 17, one on Alameda Drive and the other on Cottonwood Court. In both cases, the suspects placed an order and then robbed the drivers who came to make the delivery, stealing large amounts of cannabis products and hundreds of dollars in cash, according to police.

Then Aug. 19, officers responded to an armed carjacking on Louis Court and learned that a cannabis delivery driver was confronted by two male suspects who assaulted him and stole his car at gunpoint.

The car was recovered a short time later on Virginia Drive but multiple cannabis items and hundreds of dollars in cash were stolen, police said.

Investigative leads and surveillance footage led authorities on Aug. 24 to obtain warrants for the arrests of the two suspects, and they were both taken into custody the next day in Fremont. The 17-year-old is on probation for a firearm possession charge in San Joaquin County and had a gun in his waistband when he was arrested, according to police.

Detectives believe the suspects committed similar robberies in San Joaquin and Santa Clara counties. Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Livermore police tip line at 925-371-4790.

—Bay City News Service

- A Danville man who worked at an elementary school in the town has been charged with possession of child pornography by the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office, following his arrest last month.

Andrew Oliver Kallick, 33, is facing charges stemming from the results of an Aug. 9 search warrant that allegedly found him having child pornography on a laptop in his home. He was arrested that day.

"At the time of his arrest, Kallick worked at an elementary school as a campus supervisor," according to an announcement from District Attorney Diana Becton's office last Friday.

Officials with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District confirmed that Kallick had been employed at John Baldwin Elementary School in Danville at the time of his arrest, but he no longer works for the district.

"The news of this former employee's arrest was a jolt to our school community, and unsettling for everyone," SRVUSD spokesperson Ilana Israel Samuels said. "After being informed by law enforcement that they were conducting this investigation and in accordance with district policy, we immediately placed the employee on leave; he subsequently resigned."

According to OpenPayrolls, Kallick had worked as a noon duty monitor at the elementary school since 2013.

"We held communication to protect the fidelity of law enforcement's investigation, and we knew that during this time that he was not on campus and that the investigation did not show a connection to his work here at the school," Samuels said. "At this time, we are focusing our attention on supporting our staff and families as they deal with this difficult news."

In addition to having been employed by SRVUSD, Kallick is an alumnus of the district, having graduated from Monte Vista High School in 2008.

Kallick was released on bail following his Aug. 9 arrest, and is awaiting notice of an arraignment date from the court, according to the DA's office. It was not immediately clear whether Kallick is represented by an attorney yet.

Investigators are asking anyone with information on the case to contact Senior Inspector Darryl Holcombe at 925-957-8757.

—Jeanita Lyman

- A former prison warden at the Federal Correctional Institute in Dublin was indicted last week on allegations of sexually abusive conduct towards female prisoners and lying to government agents about it, the U.S. Department of Justice announced.

Ray J. Garcia, 55, of Merced, was employed as the warden in the all-female, low security federal correctional

facility in Alameda County. He has been charged with seven counts of sexually abusive conduct toward three women and one count of making false statements to government agents.

Garcia was initially charged by a complaint filed in September 2021 that alleged he committed one count of sex abuse of a ward. He was then indicted by a grand jury in November of 2021 on two counts of sexual abuse of a ward identified as "Victim 1." She was a female inmate serving a sentence at the Dublin facility.

On Aug. 23, a superseding indictment was added charges Garcia with sexual offenses against two additional female inmates, identified as Victim 2 and Victim 3.

Garcia is charged with making false statements to a government agency about the alleged abuse. Garcia allegedly told agents that he never asked inmates to be undressed for him at a specific time nor had he ever touched an inmate inappropriately. The charge alleges that he knew these statements to be false because he had allegedly asked "multiple" inmates to undress for him at a specific time and had allegedly touched all three victims in a sexual manner.

A jury trial for Garcia is scheduled for Nov. 21 and he is currently out of custody, the DOJ said.

If convicted, Garcia is facing a maximum sentence of 60 years if found guilty and given the maximum sentences for each count. ■

—Bay City News Service

Harold F. Finn

September 8, 1934 – August 23, 2022

Harold 'Hank' Finn passed away peacefully in Pleasanton on August 23, 2022, in the presence of his wife Karen. He was born September 8, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois to Harold Francis Finn and Anna K. (Seibold) Finn. As a young man, Hank rose to the level of Eagle Scout and began his lifelong relationship with music. Hank married his beloved wife Karen Krueger, June 16, 1956, in a small chapel on the University of Chicago campus. They were married for sixty-six years. Hank earned a B.A. in liberal arts followed by a B.S. in physics from the University of Chicago. Hank was first employed at the Martin Company in Maryland followed by Allis-Chalmers in Greendale, Wisconsin where he worked to develop a boiling water reactor. In 1962, Hank moved his family to California where he accepted a position with Lawrence Livermore Laboratory working on their test reactor. In 1966, Hank moved his family from Livermore to a new home in Pleasanton where he and Karen lived for fifty-six years. Hank's career at the lab also spanned over fifty years. During that time, he worked on projects that advanced the field of quantum physics and the nation's strategic nuclear defense. Hank loved working at the lab, loved his colleagues, loved his community, loved his family and his dogs. He had a passion for bird watching, listening and playing classical music, and he loved watching and playing sports. He played lunch-time tennis doubles with the same lab colleagues for over twenty years. Hank was active in the community by participating in the launch of Pleasanton's first Little League, directing youth tennis tournaments, and coaching youth basketball. Hank was also an active member of community music groups, which included several decades as a trumpeter for the Livermore-Amador Symphony, while also playing in the Pleasanton Band. Hank is remembered for his integrity, patience, sincerity, and genuine love of people. He is survived by his wife Karen and three sons: Andrew (Rebecca), David, Jeffrey (Paige), his six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 24

Theft

- 7:14 a.m., 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto
- 9:57 a.m. on the 4700 block of First Street
- 10:04 a.m. on the 4700 block of First Street
- 7:32 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

- 9:31 a.m. on the 2700 block of Foothill Road

Aug. 23

Theft

- 6:08 a.m., 4300 block of Hacienda Drive; theft from auto
- 12:22 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 1:07 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 2:29 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; bicycle theft
- 2:52 p.m. on the 4300 block of Hacienda Drive
- 6:24 p.m. on the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue
- 7:56 p.m. on the 2700 block of Laramie Gate Circle

Domestic battery

- 8:04 a.m. on Owens Drive

Warrant arrest

- 1:52 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Aug. 22

Warrant arrest

- 7:09 a.m. on the 6600 block of Owens Drive

Theft

- 7:42 a.m., 3800 block of Saratoga Way; catalytic converter theft
- 12:04 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road
- 2:00 p.m. on the 8100 block of Willow Road
- 3:54 p.m. on the 2100 Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

- 1:53 p.m. on the 5200 block of Johnson Drive

Fraud

- 8:11 p.m. on the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Aug. 21

Drug violation

- 1:12 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 10:46 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Weapons violation

- 8:52 a.m. on the 400 block of Adams Way

Alcohol violation

- 8:52 a.m. on the 400 block of Adams Way

Theft

- 11:24 a.m., 6400 block of Calle Esperanza; catalytic converter theft
- 1:07 p.m., 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 2 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 3:36 p.m., 4000 block of Stanley Boulevard; catalytic converter theft

Burglary

- 10:09 p.m. on the 5700 block of Hanifen Way

Aug. 20

Domestic battery

- 2:31 a.m. on Arroyo Court
- 1:27 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

- 6:06 a.m. on the 1200 block of Quarry Lane

Vandalism

- 4:14 p.m. at Tawny and Touriga drives
- 4:15 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

- 7:48 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Assault/battery

- 8:44 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Aug. 19

Theft

- 12:54 a.m., 1400 block of Oak Vista Way; auto theft
- 3:55 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft
- 4:31 p.m., 1900 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft

Vehicle tampering

- 4:19 a.m. on the 5000 block of Glenwood Court

Fraud

- 2:27 p.m. on the 3400 block of Virgil Circle

Assault/battery

- 7:45 p.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

Burglary

- 9:15 p.m. on the 6000 block of Kolb Ranch Drive

Ready for Tri-Valley candidate forum season

As a community news organization, fair and comprehensive coverage of local elections is our responsibility. It has always been and always will be a priority for our staff.

One aspect of that coverage is hosting candidate forums because we feel strongly that voters should hear directly from the candidates before ballots are cast.

Our editorial team has been hosting forums during election years since 2016. We had to switch gears in 2020 because of the pandemic, and all the forums were done on Zoom. This was challenging since we had always hosted forums in person before then, but it did teach us that there are benefits to virtual options.

This year we are going to do a few forums via Zoom only, but most will

be a “hybrid” format — in-person with an audience and livestreamed.

This hybrid presentation isn't the only change this year.

A majority of Tri-Valley councils and school board elections are now district-based — a switch from at-large voting elections, in which voters from an entire jurisdiction elect candidates to each open seat.

Pleasanton was the most recent city to be forced to move to district-based elections after being threatened with a lawsuit brought by a Malibu-based law firm claiming the city's at-large elections violate the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) by diluting minority voters.

District-based elections can be beneficial for larger agencies that serve many communities, like Alameda County Board of Supervisors or even the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

However, forcing geographic subdivision on relatively small areas, especially those without large segmented populations, like Pleasanton, is not beneficial for anyone — except the lawyers, of course, who made a ton of money in what is essentially a shake-down.

Because of litigation costs in terms of staff time and money, and the failed

attempts to fight this type of lawsuit by other jurisdictions, in 2021, the Pleasanton City Council — like the San Ramon and Livermore councils before it — “reluctantly” agreed to district elections.

Pleasanton Unified School District chose to switch to district-based elections before being forced to by an out-of-area law firm looking to make a quick buck.

District-based elections and the unintended consequences are not completely understood by many voters initially. For some, the change won't become completely clear until they look at their ballot and realize candidates for Pleasanton City Council aren't listed.

When a city or school district is divvied up into sub-areas, most voters will only be able to cast a ballot for a council or school board member once every four years, as opposed to each available seat every two years with an at-large district — thus reducing opportunities for voters to make their voices heard.

Creating smaller districts also limits the number and variety of candidates by reducing the pool, which can be especially problematic for agencies already struggling to find fresh candidates.

Even though only about half of Pleasanton voters will cast a ballot for a council or school board candidate this year, and only about a quarter will be able to vote for a specific candidate, the format of the forums will remain the same.

Elected officials should not base their decisions on the dais thinking only of the people in their district but base decisions on what is best for the majority. Therefore, candidates from different districts will participate in the same forum and answer the same questions on the same topics.

Our staff will be hosting the following forums:

Pleasanton City Council: 6-8 p.m. Sept. 12 in City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Districts 1 and 3 council candidates will be on hand; Mayor Karla Brown will not attend as she is uncontested.

Livermore mayor and council: 6-8:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at Garré Winery / Bella Rosa Event Center, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. The candidates for mayor will answer questions from 6-6:50 p.m., with the forum for Districts 1 and 2 council candidates beginning at 7 p.m.

Pleasanton Unified School District board: 6-8 p.m. Sept. 20 in the

Pleasanton Unified School District Boardroom, 4665 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Candidates for Areas 2 and 5 will participate.

San Ramon mayor and council: 6-8:30 p.m. Sept. 22, via Zoom and livestreamed on the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page. The forum for mayoral candidates will run from 6-6:50 p.m., with the forum for Districts 2 and 4 council candidates beginning at 7 p.m.

Dublin City Council: 6-6:50 p.m., Oct. 3, via Zoom and livestreamed on Dublin Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page. The council seats are at-large; Mayor Melissa Hernandez will not participate as she was unchallenged.

Dublin San Ramon Services District: Candidates for DSRSD will answer questions from 7 to 7:50 p.m. Oct. 3 — after the Dublin council candidates — via Zoom and livestreamed on Dublin Chamber's Facebook page.

Dublin Unified School District board Areas 3 and 5: 6-8 p.m. Oct. 6, via Zoom and livestreamed on Dublin Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page.

We are also working to coordinate a forum for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education candidates. Stay tuned for an update soon. ■

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LETTERS

No more tears

While regular readers of the Pleasanton Weekly may know about the JDEDZ, the greater public may only recognize “The Costco Project”. In the Weekly's Aug. 19 Guest Opinion, Matt Sullivan went on at length in his criticism of the process followed by the Pleasanton City Council leading to the recent approval of the financing plan for infrastructure in and near the vacant 40 acres across from I-680.

Among other things, he seemed to suggest that subsidies for infrastructure improvement were somehow hidden from the public. But such information was put forth in great detail in the City council's public agenda and 265-page staff report.

Mr. Sullivan also referred to a “carbon bomb”, which I took to refer to automobile emissions. I don't know if Mr. Sullivan is a Costco member, but if he is, going to either the Danville or Livermore store means 14 more round-trip miles than going to a Johnson Drive location. So maybe the opposition to this endeavor could be coming from owners of local gas stations concerned about lower-priced

Costco gasoline and the loss of alcohol, tobacco and snack sales.

So, since Referendum MM failed by 26 points and the latest lawsuit has been rejected, it is time to let Costco members in Pleasanton and Dublin get a nearby store. And time to cease with the crocodile tears over increased infrastructure cost caused at least in part by years of lawsuits and delay.

—Bruce Fiedler

Many thanks to the Assistance League

On behalf of the activities department at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab Center (PNRC), we would like to thank and acknowledge the amazing coordinators and volunteers of Amador Valley Assistance League (AVAL) for helping us bring more joy into our residents' lives throughout the year.

The gift donations and facilitation of special events for significant holidays — i.e. Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Halloween, etc. — have truly made a difference in their lives. Holidays can be especially lonely for our residents sometimes. Receiving cards, letters, gifts, and coordinating social gatherings enable our residents

to feel “at home” surrounded peers and staff who love them just as much as their own loved ones.

Words cannot describe the smiles, gratitude, appreciation, and acknowledgement our residents display during key holiday celebrations. We thank you AVAL for your continued outreach and support. You really do make a difference!

—Stacey Boothe, activities director, PNRC

Save our Senior Center

All concerned Pleasanton residents: Please attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m., at the Pleasanton Civic Center to voice your concerns of the repurposing of office space, previously dedicated to providing services to older adults at the Pleasanton Senior Center. For more information, please email saveourseniorcenter@gmail.com.

—Pam Silliman

How to reduce energy costs, bill fluctuations in summer

We understand no one likes energy bills that are higher than expected. Heat waves are causing customers to crank up their AC, which can lead to higher summer energy bills.

PG&E does not add any markup on the energy we buy for our customers' use, neither gas nor electric. What we pay, you pay. Yet, the market prices for energy supply costs, which account for about half of a customer's monthly electric bill, are expected to be about 75% higher this summer compared to last year.

Customers can take simple steps to improve energy efficiency in their home to help reduce energy usage and lower costs and sign up for programs to avoid bill surprises as the mercury rises.

- Pre-cool the home: use the AC in the morning or overnight.

- Set thermostat at 78 degrees or higher, health-permitting, when home.

- Change air filters regularly: a dirty air filter makes the AC system work harder, using more energy.

- Close window coverings: keep blinds and curtains closed to prevent the sun's rays from heating the home.

- Enroll in free programs, including “Bill Forecast Alerts” and “Budget Billing”, to spread energy costs evenly throughout the year. For more tips on how to save this summer, visit www.pge.com/summer.

—Aaron Johnson, vice president of PG&E's Bay Area Region



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Get all the best EBAL reporting, right to your inbox

Tri-Valley Preps Playbook e-newsletter launches second season

As the new high school season is beginning to hit its stride, I wanted to take the time to remind or introduce you to the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook.

The Playbook is in its second year and is all about East Bay Athletic League sports. It is another product of the Pleasanton Weekly and their other publications, with the idea to focus on the EBAL — something sorely missing in the daily newspaper world.

It gives me the chance to cover the EBAL in depth, something I did for 26 years with the former Tri-Valley Herald. I enjoyed our inaugural season of the Playbook as it gave me a chance to get back to the entire league and not just Amador Valley and Foothill.

We've got four to five different

things to read each week, starting with the feature article called The Big Picture. In addition, there are Power Rankings each week, with football occupying the fall, with the winter season featuring basketball and soccer for both the boys and the girls.

In the spring, find out who the best baseball and softball teams are and why.

What to Watch gives you the best sport matchups for the upcoming week and why these events are important.

Finally, the Fast Five is one of our popular features where we ask local athletes five questions not related to sports. This gives our readers a little insight to our hardworking student-athletes.

When North Coast Section

playoffs roll around, the Playbook is your clearinghouse for all the playoffs, allowing our readers to see where and when our local teams are chasing section titles, all in one place.

When the All-EBAL teams are released, the Playbook brings them to you! New features will appear throughout the year.

The Playbook is free but does require signing up to guarantee prompt delivery every Tuesday afternoon!

If you would like to be among the growing number of readers of the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook, please sign up on the Weekly website at www.pleasantonweekly.com. Click on the "Sports" tab and then on the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook link. Get the inside information on all things EBAL sports!

CYO Basketball signups

The CYO organization has announced that its CYO Basketball program, sponsored by the Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP)

and the Oakland Diocese, is returning this fall.

The program is open to any child in grades 3-8 who reside in Pleasanton or Sunol. To register, complete the application found at ccopyo.org. Important dates upcoming include:

* Player evaluations will be held Sept. 11-13.

* Practices begin in October.

* Games begin the first week of November.

* Season concludes in February 2023.

For questions about the CCOP CYO basketball program, contact the co-athletic directors Brad Gersich (bradley.gersich@us.dlapiper.com) and John Baer (john.f.baer@gmail.com).

Fall sports are here!

I wanted to take the time to put this out there one final time as the fall sports are all going on!

It is the time of year that I am looking for results from Amador Valley and Foothill teams this season. The deadline each week is noon on Sunday.

It is an easy job for a parent of an athlete to help take the burden off the coach. Here is what I am looking for the fall:

Volleyball: The final score and the opponent. Highlights can include the leading hitter, blocks, assists, digs and service points, to name a few. Also, if there was a streak of points

run off by your team that was a key to winning.

Water polo: Final score, as well as all goal scorers and any other pertinent stats like blocks, steals and goalie saves. It can also include names of people that played well and match details.

Tennis: Final score and who won their matches. Can include the details of an important match.

Golf: Opponent, course the match was played at (with par) and scores from your team. If you have players from the opponent that shot great rounds, please include that as well.

Cross-country: Opponent, final score, where the race was run and the top times for the race along with the distance.

Sending pictures is a bonus as we love to get in as many as possible, with the following: names of athletes in the picture, as well as who gets the credit for taking the picture. We cannot accept pictures that were taken by another media outlet though.

One final thing that will help is a roster of your team so I can get the correct spelling of each name!

Send all the information by noon on Sunday afternoon — you can submit it earlier in the week as well — and email to acesmag@aol.com. ■

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

Public Notices

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Pleasanton RADD athletes compete in Special Olympics regionals

Softball event in Walnut Creek

Pleasanton RADD (Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled) athletes earned a series of medals at the Special Olympics Northern California 2022 Walnut Creek Regional Softball Competition held last weekend at Heather Farm Park.

The RADD A team won gold after two victories, including a walkoff home run to end the first game, according to coach Kay King.

The RADD B team took home silver after playing three games. Adam Pinney, the only RADD athlete to compete in the skills division, also captured a silver medal, King said.

"Participation in Special Olympics dropped off during the pandemic and even though SONC adapted with virtual activities, etc., many athletes stopped



Pleasanton RADD teams celebrate after their medal-winning performances at the Special Olympics softball regionals in Walnut Creek.

participating. Socialization and physical activity is key and is truly what the athletes and coaches enjoy," King told the Weekly. "It is wonderful to be able to have in-person sports again and now our goal is to encourage more to join us." ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Entertainment

CITY CENTER UNPLUGGED

Celebrate summer with City Center Unplugged, a Friday evening outdoor music series featuring an array of local bands. Grab an outside table, enjoy a leisurely dinner and catch some of the tunes that will be filling Alexander Square. 6-8 p.m.

A MOON FOR THE MISBEGOTTEN

A production of A Moon for the Misbegotten, by Eugene O'Neill, will be the centerpiece of the 2022 Eugene O'Neill Festival at the Tao House in Danville. Tickets \$60. Sept. 10-11; 16-18; 23-25. Visit eugeneoneill.org.

BRILLIANCE AT THE BANKHEAD

Ben Folds, award-winning singer-songwriter, musician, composer and record producer, headlines the annual Brilliance at the Bankhead fundraising gala, 5:30 p.m., Sept. 10. Tickets \$195-\$500. Visit livermorearts.org.

AUDITIONS FOR VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE

The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs three concert sets a season with a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary and folk to jazz. Auditions Sept. 12 and 19. Visit valleyconcertchorale.org/join-us.

THE GOLDEN FOLLIES

The Golden Follies is a fast paced Las Vegas style revue featuring talented and high energy senior performers ages 60-88. These talented seniors sparkle as they execute stylish choreography, are adorned in lavish costumes and strut their stuff to memorable tunes. 2 p.m., Sept. 18. Tickets \$17-\$27. Visit firehousearts.org.

Talks

RANGER LED TOURS-WOODPECKERS

Explore the many types of different woodpeckers that live in Sycamore Grove Park and take a walk to see them in the wild.

2 p.m., Sept. 3. Call 925-960-2400 or email natureprograms@larpd.org. 5049 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Garden Up! Vertical Gardening Ideas is the topic of the next zoom meeting of the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club. Guest speaker Rebecca Sweet will discuss uncomplicated ways to take your garden to new heights. 7 p.m., Sept. 8. Contact club president Jeri Stark at jstarkhome@comcast.net. Visit lavgc.org.

HOPE HOSPICE PRESENTS "DEMENTIA BASICS"

Hope Hospice's dementia specialists will discuss the nature and progression of dementia and the various diseases and conditions that can produce its symptoms. Participants will gain a basic understanding of the ways in which dementia can impact the brain and behavior. 10-11:30 a.m., Sept. 8. Visit hopehospice.com.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS-SWITZERLAND

Werner Schlapfer, a native of Switzerland, will discuss his extensive travel to his native land as a tour guide and hiking leader. His slideshow will feature photos of classic hikes and scenic rail journeys, as well as historic villages and towns. 1:30 p.m., Sept. 8. Civic Center Library, Storytime Room.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH KRISTINA McMORRIS

Towne Center Books in Livermore welcomes author Kristina McMorris for Coffee and Conversation. Kristina will give a presentation followed by author/audience participation and refreshments. 10 a.m., Sept. 9. Tickets \$5 available at the door or at townecenterbooks.com. 2375 Railroad Ave., Unit 100.

IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK

From the Ohlone to today this walking tour covers how the land along Main Street was used and developed over time. Learn about early settlements, the Railroad, Pleasanton's entrepreneurs and

this town's agricultural bounty in the 1890s. 10 a.m., Sept. 10. Museum on Main.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

"Cowboys and Ranchers in the Livermore Area" is the presentation topic of this month's meeting. Livermore City Historian Richard Finn will tell tales from the bygone era of cowboys and ranchers in old Livermore during this virtual presentation. 7-8:30 p.m., Sept. 12. Visit l-ags.org.

RAE DOROUGH SPEAKER SERIES

Rae Dorough Speaker Series Presents Building the Golden Gate Bridge. Paul Giroux, a construction engineer and civil engineering historian, will bring to life the extraordinary story of the Golden Gate Bridge's construction using a combination of historic photographs, video and dynamic animation techniques. 7:30 p.m., Sept. 15. Tickets \$10-\$35. Visit livermorearts.org.

CORAL KINGDOMS AND EMPIRES OF ICE

Explore rarely seen undersea worlds with two photographers and follow them into the world beneath the Antarctic ice, then north to the Gulf of St. Lawrence to see whales, wolfish and harp seals. 7 p.m., Sept. 15. Tickets \$35. Visit blackhawkmuseum.org.

Festivals

FORKFUL IN DOWNTOWN

Downtown Pleasanton restaurants will serve the perfect forkful of food along with a number of beer/wine/cocktail pairings. The event kicks off at the Museum on Main where participants receive a matte black commemorative fork and a glass of champagne to get the fun started. 2-5 p.m., Sept. 3. Visit pleasantondowntown.net/event-details/forkful-2022.

FIRST WEEKEND ON MAIN

Every first weekend of the month enjoy street closures for roaming in historical downtown Pleasanton featuring events and outdoor dining. Sept. 2-5.

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Caring Camembert

Camembert is a caring cat mama who is curious and cunning — and chooses when cuddles can occur. This cutie can be your clear-cut choice! Learn more about Camembert and other cats and dogs at valleyhumane.org. Email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. #ShareTheCare

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GATHERING AND GAMES

California's largest and longest-running Scottish Festival returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Labor Day Weekend. Celebrate the very best of Scottish culture, competitions, cuisine and entertainment at the 156th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games. Sept. 3-4. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

SPLATTER

Immerse in Dublin's diversity with an array of arts and crafts activities celebrating the many cultures represented in the community. Take a stroll through the world craft bazaar and shop for a unique and diverse array of goods and enjoy live and interactive multi-cultural performances throughout the day. 12-8:30 p.m., Sept. 10. Emerald Glen Park.

TINYFEST CALIFORNIA

TinyFest California is a weekend festival celebrating tiny living. Tour a variety of tiny houses, including tiny houses on wheels, van & school bus conversions, shipping container homes, ADUs/ backyard cottages and more. Tickets \$15-\$25. Sept. 10&11. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Farmers' Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET

The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is Saturday year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. W. Angela St. Visit pcfma.org/pleasanton.

LIVERMORE THURSDAY NIGHT FARMERS' MARKET

The popular Livermore Thursday night Farmers' Market is 4-8 p.m., Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St.

LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS' MARKET

Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J Street and L Street.

DUBLIN FARMERS' MARKET

The Dublin Farmers' Market is every Thursday, 4-8 p.m., through September. Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Pkwy.

Exhibits

CALIFORNIA VOTES EXHIBITION AT MUSEUM ON MAIN

Chock full of maps, historic photographs and voting information, the non-partisan exhibition, California Votes: Exercise Your Right!, will be on display at Pleasanton's Museum on Main through Oct. 8. This timely exhibit is designed to demystify the terminology and processes around propositions and voting. 603 Main St.

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE

The Firehouse Arts Center is hosting local award winning photographer Vanessa Thomas as its newest featured solo exhibition artist. Visitors will be able to view the up-close intricacies of nature and floral scenes from the images. The exhibition is presented by the Firehouse Arts Center and Harrington Gallery. On display through Sept. 3.

ART EXHIBITION: FERMENT

The UNCLE Credit Union Art Gallery's New Exhibition: Ferment celebrates the beauty of vines, hops and fermented drinks. Free and open to the public, Thursdays-Sundays, 1-5 p.m., through Oct. 2. Bankhead Theater.

PICTURE THIS - A PUBLIC ART EXHIBIT

Picture This is a temporary public art exhibit that will be featured this summer in parks and picturesque areas throughout the Tri-Valley. The Town of Danville, City of Dublin, City of Livermore, City of Pleasanton and the City of San Ramon have partnered together to bring this new exhibit to life. The frames will be on display through Sept. 30. Visit danville.ca.gov/1002/Picture-This.

THE BEAUTY OF LIFE'S JOURNEY EXHIBIT

This Firehouse Arts Center exhibit includes paintings from 20 California artists renowned nationwide that depict transitional elements working in oil, pastel, watercolor and other mediums. On display until Oct. 22. For more information visit firehousearts.org/gallery.

TAKE US ALONG



Friends since high school

Nancy Wright of Pleasanton took the Weekly along when visiting her friend Ellen Horn on Catalina Island. Nancy and Ellen attended high school together in Brookline, Mass., and have been friends ever since.

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

CALENDAR

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Support

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS GROUPS Tri-Valley Haven will begin a support group for survivors of sexual assault. The weekly support groups are confidential and conducted by licensed professionals and participants must pre-register. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sept. 6. Tri Valley Haven, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Contact Olga or Sharon at 925-449-5845.

FREE HOT MEALS Prepared by Open Heart Kitchen. Monday-Friday, 1-3 p.m. 4444 East Ave, Livermore. Dine-in or take-out. Visit openheartkitchen.org.

FREE SHOWER & LAUNDRY SERVICES Monday-Wednesday, 12-4 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore.

TRI-VALLEY HAVEN ACCEPTING DONATIONS Tri-Valley Haven's Thrift Store sells items at great prices and all proceeds go to Tri-Valley Haven programs. Items such as game systems, books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs and home decor can be donated Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11a.m.-1p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. 116 N L St., Livermore.

Business

LIVERMORE CHAMBER BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting is held virtually on the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. 8-9 a.m., Sept. 7. Visit livermorechamber.org.

ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR DAVID HAUBERT Join Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert at this wine country event, titled "The County's Role in a Strong Economy". 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 8. Purple Orchard Wine Country

Resort and Spa. For more information visit livermorechamber.org.

PLEASANTON CHAMBER GOLF OUTING This is the Chamber's one true fundraising event of the year, a fun-filled afternoon of golf, great food, drink and fantastic prizes, with lots of great networking, business promotion and contacts to be made. 12:30 p.m., Sept. 23. Callippe Preserve Golf Course. Visit pleasanton.org.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 6. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular Board meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School District are scheduled the second and fourth Thursday of each month and are open to the public. Meetings of the Board are hybrid, in person and zoom. The next meeting is 6 p.m., Sept. 8. Visit pleasantonUSD.net.

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION The Pleasanton Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Sept. 14. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT The next meeting of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is 7 p.m., Sept. 6 at the District Office, 685 East Jack London Blvd. Visit livermoreschools.org. Livermore Valley

LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION The Livermore Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Sept. 6. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 12. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 5-8 for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol, and July 25-28 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4498 Bacon Court** E. & P. Choin to K. Tuen for \$1,625,000
- 862 Bonde Court** Hage Living Trust to R. & M. Gruber for \$1,476,000
- 1618 Calle Santa Anna** Dunn Living Trust to Koo Trust for \$835,000
- 967 Clinton Place** Reynolds Family Trust to K. & R. Chattopadhyay for \$1,526,000
- 6122 Corte Trancas** Anderson Living Trust to J. & Y. Park for \$1,360,000
- 2784 Curry Street** B. Wang to Z. & Y. Sun for \$1,406,000
- 7307 Elmwood Circle** Benham Living Trust to A. & N. Gaonkar for \$1,750,000
- 4218 Fairlands Drive** Broderick Trust to Kumar Trust for \$1,450,000
- 4648 Fall Court** Lough Family Trust to S. & Y. Vani for \$2,150,000
- 1096 Harvest Circle** Wolski Family Trust to P. Kamali for \$1,577,500
- 4248 Mairmont Drive** Esser Family Trust to R. & P. Shelar for \$1,600,000
- 690 Marsala Court** R. Kissinger to C. & S. Pattanaik for \$2,400,000
- 2131 Raven Road** K. & J. Cooper to M. & J. Asuncion for \$2,062,500
- 6249 Robin Court** K. & R. Convery to S. & V. Akula for \$1,700,000
- 4490 Sierrawood Lane** L. & R. Morrow to Sathiamoorthy Trust for \$1,595,000
- 544 Sycamore Road** Robinson 1996 Family Trust to Robinson Family Trust for \$2,225,000
- 1109 Vintner Way** Supan Family Trust to P. & K. Kothapalli for \$1,675,000

Livermore

- 1529 Arrowhead Avenue** J. & T. Montgomery to N. & A. Patil for \$1,285,000
- 1151 Bannock Street** K. & A. Hutchings to S. & N. Dhanaram for \$1,010,000
- 375 Basswood Common #1** J. Brannan to B. Wong for \$930,000
- 5194 Bianca Way** Sundby-James Family Trust to A. & M. Fernandez for \$920,000
- 5321 Celeste Avenue** J. Dejuarez to C. & E. Phew for \$915,000
- 502 Escondido Circle** Mcdonald Family Trust to H. Tran for \$1,150,000
- 335 Estates Street** J. Spriggs to J. Moore for \$1,075,000
- 4055 Findlay Way** C. & C. Voegele to E. & A. Arsondi for \$1,335,000
- 5813 Flora Common** Erickson Living Trust to A. & A. Porwal for \$1,210,000
- 3162 Golden Crest Common #3** Heule 1999 Trust to T. & C. Conflenti for \$778,000
- 626 Heligan Lane #4** L. & K. Libert to Maze Properties LLC for \$975,000
- 676 North K Street** Siebeneicher Family Trust to P. Nguyen for \$695,000
- 1337 Kathy Court** K. Youngblood to A. & T. Petersen for \$1,100,000
- 356 Marie Common** Trimm Trust to Cheung Family Trust for \$750,000
- 1531 Merritt Lane** J. & M. Felcansmith to S. & B. Nonn for \$1,680,000
- 1825 Monterey Drive** K. Mcelligott to T. & V. Feeser for \$580,000
- 787 Partridge Common** Puckett Living Trust to H. & M. Adams for \$700,000
- 1172 Pine Street** L. Fagundes to D. & A. Maddalon for \$860,000
- 240 Scherman Way** J. Garza to Rescue Home Now LLC for \$1,000,000
- 1536 Spring Valley Common** A. & A. Lau to P. Karki for \$749,000
- 736 Sunset Drive** G. Bal to R. & D. Preston for \$1,176,000
- 6425 Tiffany Common** J. & M. Martin to S. & A. Lipton for \$1,050,000
- 865 Tranquility Circle #9** T. Kubatina to J. & D. Kerrick for \$930,000
- 315 Wall Street** R. Scott to A. & K. Quaresma for \$1,100,000

- 5492 Wildflower Drive** Waschau Living Trust to Bbys LLC for \$1,350,000
- 842 Yolo Way** Jess Living Trust to Z. & J. Zhu for \$1,130,000

Dublin

- 5656 Apex Drive** S. Lo to C. Leng for \$1,040,000
- 3685 Branding Iron Place** D. & K. Balan to J. & J. Lee for \$1,050,000
- 8617 Briarwood Lane** N. & E. Punongbayan to P. & G. Betha for \$1,350,000
- 5870 Cadence Avenue** K. & D. Minch to A. & N. Avva for \$1,230,000
- 3438 Cydonia Court** J. Gondes to J. & S. Vengala for \$1,860,000
- 3674 Finnian Way** S. & J. Kim to Kim Trust for \$900,000
- 7412 Kenwood Road** Lovan Family Trust to D. & L. Wai for \$1,785,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #120** A. Uoo to A. & S. Saxena for \$805,000
- 6091 Round Hill Drive** Joe Living Trust to Grover Family Trust for \$2,485,000
- 7564 Silvertree Lane #18** C. & T. Nikolakopoulos to D. & R. Derose for \$849,000
- 5700 Sterling Street** M. Chen to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$1,663,000
- 7725 Woodren Court** Hutchinson Trust to S. & A. Eftekar for \$1,300,000

Sunol

- 3453 Little Valley Road** Ulrech Living Trust to E. & P. Chain for \$1,950,000

San Ramon

- 2006 Amaryllis Circle** A. Ashraf to A. & V. Kumar for \$1,250,000
- 129 Black Calla Court** Onorato Family Trust to M. & S. Lad for \$1,975,000
- 6277 Byron Lane** M. & B. Cheong to P. & G. Kumar for \$1,150,000
- 74 Canyon Green Way** M. & J. Scotcher to S. & S. Ajrawat for \$1,988,000
- 103 Compton Circle #D** L. Merry-Diamantine to J. & K. Baker for \$490,000
- 1543 Craiglee Way** V. & B. Bergeron to K. & S. Maganahalli for \$1,480,000
- 5032 Fioli Loop** S. Uppari to Opendoor Property Trust I for \$1,133,500
- 3049 Lakemont Drive #2** A. Diamantine to Y. & Q. Zheng for \$925,000
- 45 Longwood Court** Sauer Family Trust to B. & B. Jin for \$1,898,000
- 23 Pinkerton Court** L. & R. Maldonado to A. & A. Gutierrez for \$1,720,000
- 285 Reflections Drive #23** H. Li to A. & V. Adhikari for \$612,000
- 225 Reflections Drive #15** J. Chan to L. & S. Strickland for \$480,000
- 204 Riverland Court** Chung Family Trust to A. & A. Karra for \$2,375,000
- 319 Santa Cruz Place** L. & G. Leong to C. & T. Chu for \$1,710,000
- 121 Stone Pine Lane** S. Coontz to Hester Living Trust for \$649,000
- 1261 Stoney Creek Drive** Santos Trust to Pinto Trust for \$1,650,000
- 2053 Watermill Road** C. & E. Samson to M. & S. Lim for \$1,035,000
- 2 Welford Ranch Court** Lillard Trust to S. & V. Venkatesh for \$3,045,000
- 932 Winsford Court** V. Cheung to C. & S. Narayanan for \$3,675,000
- 2801 Winthrop Avenue** J. & R. Breece to J. & M. Chun for \$1,350,000

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (July 5-8)
Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$835,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,400,000
Average sales reported: \$1,600,000

Livermore (July 5-8)
Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$580,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,680,000
Average sales reported: \$1,005,000

Dublin (July 5-8)
Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$805,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,485,000
Average sales reported: \$1,265,000

Sunol (July 5-8)
Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$1,950,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,950,000
Average sales reported: \$1,950,000

San Ramon (July 25-29)
Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$480,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,675,000
Average sales reported: \$1,415,000

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

PLEASANTON
4854 Braxton Place **\$2,680,000**
 Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 5BD/3.5BA
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 925-694-0806

FREMONT
41555 Paseo Padre Pkwy **\$2,099,000**
 Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 5BD/3BA
 Armario Homes - Keller Williams Tri-Valley
 925-694-0806

LOS ALTOS HILLS
13581 Wildcrest Drive **\$5,988,000**
 Sat 1:30-4:30 5BD/4.5BA
 DeLeon Realty 650-900-7000

PALO ALTO
785 Wildwood Lane **\$2,488,000**
 Sun 1:30-4:30 3BD/2BA
 DeLeon Realty 650-900-7000
3513 Waverley Street **\$5,498,000**
 Sat 1:30-4:30 5BD/5BA
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5 BED | 3.5 BATH | 3,609 SQFT



NOW LISTED AT \$2,099,000
4471 LINDA WAY, PLEASANTON
4 BED | 3 BATH | 2,180 SQFT



LISTED AT \$950,000
1474 GOLDEN MEADOW SQ, SAN JOSE
2 BED | 2 BATH | 1,056 SQFT



LISTED AT \$1,875,000
39955 SAN SIMEON CT. FREMONT
4 BED | 3 BATH | 1,914 SQFT



LISTED AT \$999,000
7368 STONEDALE DRIVE, PLEASANTON
4 BED | 2.5 BATH | 2,119 SQFT



\$2,150,000
5174 MOUNT TAM CIRCLE, PLEASANTON
5 BED | 3 BATH | 2,792 SQFT



\$3,700,000
3401 DEER RIDGE DRIVE, DANVILLE
REPRESENTED BUYERS



\$3,100,000
2701 EAST CLIFF, SANTA CRUZ
REPRESENTED BUYERS



\$1,500,000
967 CLINTON PLACE, PLEASANTON
REPRESENTED SELLERS



\$1,390,000
981 S. ATWOOD LN, MOUNTAIN HOUSE
REPRESENTED BUYERS



\$1,200,000
985 RIESLING DRIVE, PLEASANTON
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1038 DIVISION STREET, PLEASANTON
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FOR SALE
Listed at \$2,295,000

1147 Mataro Court, Pleasanton
4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 2,401 Square Feet



FOR SALE
Listed at \$2,795,000

6900 Riddell Street, Pleasanton
5 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms | 3,246 Square Feet



FOR SALE
Listed at \$4,950,000

12400 Morgan Territory, Livermore
5 Bedrooms | 5.5 Bathrooms | 5,992 Square Feet



FOR SALE
Listed at \$6,500,000

1012 Shotwell Court, Pleasanton
6 Bedrooms | 6.5 Bathrooms | 7,129 Square Feet



FOR SALE
Listed at \$1,449,000

2631 Curry Street, Pleasanton
3 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 1,820 Square Feet



COMING SOON

7456 Sundrop Court, Pleasanton
3 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 1,890 Square Feet



PENDING
Listed at \$2,589,000

6625 Amber Lane, Pleasanton
4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 3,440 Square Feet

