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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Mirador View spotlights Tri-Valley's economy

If you want an excellent snapshot of the \$42 billion Tri-Valley economy, download a copy of 2020 Mirador View that reviews 2019.

It's put together by Mirador Capital of Pleasanton, headed by founder Don Garman and compiled by the team there including executive vice president Lauren Moone. When Garman founded the firm in 2010, he started the Mirador Tri-Valley Index that tracks the performance of publicly traded companies headquartered here versus the S&P 500.

Investing in the Tri-Valley companies has been an excellent strategy. The S&P was up a robust 29% last year and still trailed the Tri-Valley companies by 4%.

Over the 10-year period, Tri-Valley public companies grew nearly nine times faster than the S&P 500. The local index gained a new member last year when fast-growing 10x Genomics, headquartered on Stoneridge Mall Road, went public last September with a strong initial public offering at \$54. Stock currently is trading at \$83.

In addition to startups and other interesting companies, the report also featured the 33-year-old Black Tie Transportation and its owner Bill Wheeler as well as Wente Vineyards, which will celebrate its 140th anniversary as a family-owned winery in 2023.

The report cites the valley's geographic advantages (roughly equidistant from Silicon Valley and San Francisco with the intersection of two interstates, BART and a highly educated workforce plus access to skilled labor in the San Joaquin Valley). It's also the single most educated region in the Bay Area with 26% of adults holding a master's degree.

One of the features I appreciate in the report — other than the statistical update — is the spotlight that Mirador shines on innovative local companies.

• Cowbell, based in Pleasanton, launched its first product in January to provide standalone and tailored insurance coverage for cybercrime. It's targeted at small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) and has a platform that promises near real-time coverage.

CEO Jack Kudale told Mirador, "Only cyberattacks against large corporations make it into the news, but SMBs are equally targeted. In 2019,

43% of breaches were on SMBs who have also been underserved by cyber insurance providers. When hit by a cyber incident, SMBs often discover that their coverage sub-limits are grossly inadequate for the financial burden of returning to normal operations, notifying customers and dealing with potential legal fees."

• Headquartered in Pleasanton, IrisVision has developed a virtual reality headset coupled with a Samsung smartphone that allows people with advanced macular degeneration to regain their sight.

Founded by CEO Ammad Khan and Frank Werblin, a UC Berkeley professor of neuroscience, the software essentially fills in the blanks where the eyes are not functioning to "remap" what the brain perceives so they can see. IrisVision has formally partnered with Samsung as well as working with Cal and Johns Hopkins to develop the software and technology.

• Vector Atomic CEO Jamil Abo-Shaeer spent eight years working for the defense department's research arm, DARPA, and learned how quantum technology might be commercialized. They started their company at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's new Advanced Manufacturing Lab before moving to their own headquarters.

Their goal is to build a much more accurate clock, using atomic sensors based upon quantum technology, that could be used in GPS, submarine navigation and other applications. GPS is based on precise timing — the current clocks are updated twice daily to ensure the necessary precision.

• The best performing public company in the Mirador Index was Form Factor of Livermore, with nearly an 85% appreciation in the stock price. It manufactures semiconductor test and measurement devices.

CEO Mike Slessor told Mirador that it's a \$1.5 billion market that Form Factor leads with 30% to 40% market share. Among their customers are Intel, Samsung and SK Hynix.

Form Factor sells capital equipment, but Slessor pointed out that it's the consumable probe cards that are driving the business as chips get ever smaller and faster. The 1,800-employee business had revenues of \$589 million in 2019. ■

About the Cover

Photo collage looks back at rally/march protest in Pleasanton last Friday and car protest in Pleasanton on Sunday. Photos by Ryan J. Degan (top, middle left, bottom right), Mike Sedlak (middle right) and Megan Foster (bottom left). Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

★ Sold in a Flash Rising Star of the Month



Kristina Costanzo, an Amador Valley High School sophomore with a passion for leadership and community service, is already being recognized as a young leader in her community. Kristina serves on Pleasanton's Youth Commission and Public Policy Committee where she helped develop, and then present to City Council, ordinances for youth voting rights and the ban on e-cigarettes and flavored tobacco. A member of the National Charity League, she has volunteered over 300 hours to local organizations, served many leadership roles including Class President, and was honored to receive the Three Pillars Award for the Class of 2022. She is also a Girl Scout Senior and is currently working towards her Gold Award project, which she hopes to complete next summer.

At Amador, she is a proud member of the AVHS Sideline Cheer and Stunt teams and was honored to serve as Sophomore Captain of the JV Cheer Squad last season. She also played on the AV Girls Frosh-Soph Basketball Team last year and was presented with the Outstanding Don Award for her contributions to the team. Her love of basketball led to her first job this year as a CYO Referee for the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, where she is also a member of the Youth Group and Confirmation program.

Even with all of her activities, Kristina has made Honor Roll every semester since 6th Grade. She's a member of the California Scholarship Federation Club and hopes to be selected for the Leadership Program at Amador next year. After high school, Kristina plans to attend a 4 year college and hopes to spend time studying abroad. We're excited to see what the future holds for this Rising Star. **Congratulations Kristina!**

The program, created to bring the community together, honors local youth ages 10-18 who demonstrating character, integrity, love of learning, involvement in school and community activities and/or the ability to overcome challenging life circumstances without compromising their education. The core of the Rising Star Student of the Month program is the student who makes a difference in their home, school & community with sincerity and passion. Send your nominations to Sue@SoldInAFlash.com

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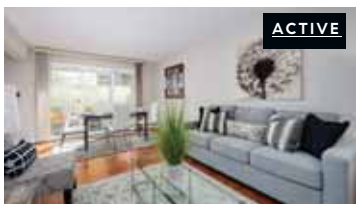
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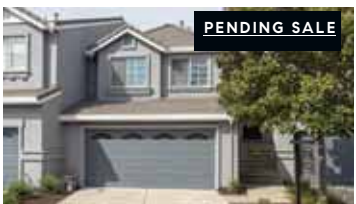
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Now that businesses and services are reopening, how, if at all, do you plan to handle your re-entry into the community?



David Hubbard
Retired

I plan to get out and about a bit, and reintegrate into the community, maintaining a safe social distance. I will continue to wear a mask whenever I am in close proximity to others, for everyone's comfort. And I will assume, whenever I see someone wearing a mask, that they are smiling at me.



Vicki Hubbard *Retired*

Well, for one thing, masks are a must. I will wear one every time I go into an enclosed location, like a store. I will also continue to use Zoom so that my "transition" is gradual. I will be happy to be able to blend back into a crowd rather than be in the front and center of a computer screen. But I will be careful to avoid large crowds in tight spaces, for sure.



Sheri Holland
Lawyer

I plan to re-enter slowly and wisely, and will closely follow the information of trusted, reputable professionals. I will wear a mask, avoid crowded, confined spaces, and keep a safe social distance at all times. I won't go anywhere where it's not possible to do that.



Loren Bombardier
Advertising

I'm not planning to go anywhere at all any time soon because I'm pregnant. There is so little known about how, if at all, the coronavirus affects a developing fetus. So I am erring on the side of caution and staying safely put, in my house, preparing for our new arrival.



Kent Milagros *Teacher*

Honestly, I'm really not worried about catching the virus. I'm young and strong and healthy, so the odds are that even if I get it, I won't get very sick. I might even be totally asymptomatic. However, because I can spread it to others who are at higher risk, I will keep my distance from my parents and continue to Zoom with them frequently.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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DIGEST

RV fire

A recreational vehicle sustained serious damage and was considered a total loss after catching fire in a Pleasanton parking lot last Saturday evening, according to a Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department spokesman.

The incident occurred in the parking lot of the Taco Bell on Johnson Drive, not far from the freeway off-ramp.

"The owners/occupants were residing in the RV with their possessions and were attempting to relocate to the foothills when they pulled off in Pleasanton to deal with the mechanical issue," LFPD deputy chief Joe Testa told the Weekly.

The fire began in the engine compartment and spread from there, according to Testa. LFPD firefighters arrived and extinguished the flames, but the RV was heavily damaged. There were no injuries.

Camp Shelly closed

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District announced last week that Camp Shelly, its family campground in South Lake Tahoe, will remain closed for the entire 2020 camping season due to COVID-19 considerations.

"The health and safety of our community is a top priority," LARPD officials said, adding that their decision was made "with an abundance of caution and careful consideration."

Camp Shelly is a seasonal 25-site campground located in South Lake Tahoe operated by the Livermore district. For more information, visit www.LARPD.org.

LAFCO opening

The Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has been accepting applications for an alternate public member seat. The deadline to apply is next Friday (June 19) at 5 p.m., with interviews to follow the following week.

To learn more or to apply, call 510-670-6267, email rachel.jones@acgov.org or visit www.acgov.org/lafco. ■

Correction

Last week's story "2020 Ed Kinney Community Patriots" should have stated that Joyce Shapiro was a former board member of the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley; she is not on the current board. Also, Bob Shapiro has been board chairman for the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation since May 2014; Joyce Shapiro was co-chair from May 2014-17 but became a vice-chair in October 2017. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the errors.

Mayors urge quicker reopening locally as county health lifts some restrictions

ACPHD allows some activities, 'social bubbles'; face coverings now required at all times in public

BY JEREMY WALSH

As Alameda County health officials relaxed some restrictions in their COVID-19 shelter order, the mayors of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore co-signed a letter last Friday calling on the county to allow the Tri-Valley to reopen businesses and activities more quickly.

Citing low coronavirus case rates in the Tri-Valley cities and more expedited reopenings for nearby San Ramon and Danville in Contra Costa County, the mayors encouraged the Alameda County Public

Health Department to take a sub-regional approach to lifting shelter-in-place (SIP) restrictions, instead of countywide mandates.

"Let us be your pilot area," mayors David Haubert (Dublin), Jerry Thorne (Pleasanton) and John Marchand (Livermore) said in their joint letter to Dr. Erica Pan, interim public health officer for ACPHD.

"Let us prove to you that we can navigate COVID-19 safely, that it is just as safe to shop at a local music store and gift shop, as it is to shop at Walmart and Home Depot. Let us prove that kids in team practice

is no different than essential workers' children in day camps," they said in part, adding:

"We know that a shift in strategy is not easy, but we are in unprecedented times that require adaptive thinking. We believe that if you were to assess Eastern Alameda County as a sub-region, the data proves our communities should re-open and get our economies moving forward again."

The letter had gone unanswered, publicly, as of press time Wednesday.

ACPHD has been among the

slowest counties to loosen COVID-19 shelter restrictions, even among its Bay Area counterparts.

Alameda County has the highest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in all of the Bay Area with 3,985 positive patients and 102 deaths, as of Tuesday's data update.

But, the mayors argue, the three Tri-Valley cities' case count is a very low percentage of the county's total and appears to have been slowing in recent weeks — Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, combined,

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CHUCK DECKERT

Thousands marched in Pleasanton last Friday, protesting against racism, injustice and police brutality. Here, protesters took a knee in the street for a moment of silence in honor of George Floyd.

Taking to the streets

Thousands participate in march, caravan protests in Pleasanton in support of racial justice in America

BY RYAN J. DEGAN AND JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton residents showed up in force to protest against racism and police brutality at two well-attended demonstrations last weekend.

On Friday, more than 2,000 protesters peacefully took to the streets of Pleasanton, shutting down roadways and uniting together in opposition to the mistreatment of African Americans both locally and nationally — on what would have been the 27th birthday of Breonna Taylor, a black woman who was fatally

shot by Louisville Metro police on March 13.

Then on Sunday, hundreds of cars drove one behind the other in a coordinated loop around central Pleasanton, including downtown, in a caravan to support the Black Lives Matter movement and oppose racial injustice in America.

Both peaceful demonstrations, organized by teens and young adults in Pleasanton, drew supporters from across the spectrum by the hundreds — wrapping up a weeklong stretch of large-scale, non-violent protests in

each Tri-Valley city inspired, like others nationwide, by the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police.

The student-led protest and march on Friday afternoon began with a rally at Amador Valley Community Park, followed by a walk up Santa Rita Road and across Valley Avenue to the Hopyard Road intersection where a moment of silence was held for eight minutes and 46 seconds — in recognition of the amount of time Floyd suffocated while

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Authority pursuing \$400M for Valley Link

Also: Recent analysis looks at economic impacts of project

BY JULIA BAUM

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) recently opened a 45-day comment period to consider requests from the Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority in an effort to secure \$400 million for the planned Valley Link project.

Among the actions being sought, the rail authority is seeking recognition as a new agency in Alameda County in order to receive Measure BB transportation sales tax funds from ACTC, removing the BART to Livermore project and adding Valley Link to the expenditure plan.

In a statement, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who sits on ACTC and is chair of the Regional Rail Authority, said that "the significance of this action cannot be overstated."

"The residents of the Tri-Valley have waited for more than half a century for the BART to Livermore extension that never happened," Haggerty said. "When this action is complete, almost 25% of the cost to build Valley Link will be secured and we will have taken a significant step to actually seeing rail transit service in Livermore and beyond."

Following the 45-day comment period, ACTC is slated to consider

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MIKE SEDLAK

Some businesses in downtown Pleasanton boarded up windows in anticipation of potential violence and looting; however, each Tri-Valley protest last week was peaceful and non-violent.

PROTESTS

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Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck on Memorial Day.

“It is extremely important that Pleasanton and neighboring areas let our voices be heard because this is a predominantly white community and with whiteness comes a special privilege and power that is needed to ignite change,” 19-year-old McKenzie Reese, a protest organizer, said at the rally. “We are here to take a stand and show the world that all lives cannot matter until black lives matter.”

“This fight doesn’t stop here today, we must continue to deconstruct laws and policies that perpetuate social injustice and replace them,” she added.

“African American people are five times more likely to be killed by the police and 2.5 times more likely to be convicted for something they didn’t even do. That’s a problem with the system all the

way from the top to the bottom. That’s an issue that needs to be changed,” added Foothill High School sophomore Aryan Ohri, a fellow protest organizer.

Like similar displays in Dublin, San Ramon and Livermore before it, the Pleasanton protesters came together in condemnation of white supremacy and institutionalized racism found in communities throughout the country.

Last Friday’s protest was led and organized by a group of local teenage activists, who actively encouraged their peers to join in and participate in the ongoing movement.

“There is power in your words. It’s my duty to fight for what I believe in and express it with my words,” 19-year-old Joy Moore said at the pre-march rally. “To my fellow youth, y’all know we aren’t just the future; we are the present, and never let anyone tell you that it is too early to fight for justice. Continue to educate yourself on your rights and get active in the change.”

Protesters worked in collaboration

with the city’s police department in order to ensure a safe and peaceful demonstration, with Pleasanton police providing officers to close off roadways in advance of the procession.

Police Chief David Swing, who was in just his second week with the Pleasanton Police Department, attended the rally and spoke briefly about his condemnation of Floyd’s killing and expressed his support for the peaceful gathering.

“The death of George Floyd is reprehensible and wrong. The city of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Police Department condemns the actions of those four officers in Minneapolis,” Swing said at the gathering. “We are committed to transparency and to partner with the community so we can understand the needs of the community that we serve, and that starts with listening and seeing.”

Friday marked the fifth sizable peaceful protests against racism and police brutality held in the Tri-Valley during last week, with the first held



IVAN ARZOLA

A reader sent us this color-edited photo from the June 5 protest, which was led by local youth activists who grew up in Pleasanton.

in Dublin on Monday, followed by one in Danville on Tuesday, one in San Ramon on Wednesday and one in Livermore on Thursday.

Then on late Sunday afternoon, hundreds of students and families from throughout the Tri-Valley took part in a caravan protest through central Pleasanton in support of racial justice.

Many participants held signs or decorated their cars to share their messages in support of Black Lives Matter and in opposition of racism, injustice and police brutality.

The two-hour-long car caravan began at the U.S. Post Office at 4300 Black Ave. and headed toward downtown. Participants reached major checkpoint intersections at Main Street and Bernal Avenue, Bernal Avenue and Valley Avenue,

Valley Avenue and Hopyard Road, and Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road. Police appeared to provide traffic control during the event.

The peaceful protest was organized by students from Amador Valley High School’s class of 2019, in affiliation with Black Lives Matter.

“Organizers, participants, students seek to publicize the issue of racial injustice and police brutality in Pleasanton. Protesters want to denounce the presence of racism and complacency in our community. Organizers hope to demonstrate that participation in the movement for racial justice is possible without having to sacrifice health safety concerns,” organizers told the Weekly in advance of the caravan protest. ■



MIKE SEDLAK

Sunday’s car protest was also greeted with signs of support from bystanders.



RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton’s protest last Friday proved to be the largest in the Tri-Valley, with thousands attending a rally at Amador Valley Community Park and proceeding to march through town.

Bay Area leaders take aim at policing reform

Swalwell co-sponsors federal bill; O'Malley announces new policing advisory council

By JULIA BAUM

In the wake of George Floyd's killing over two weeks ago, many of the nation's leaders, including those in the Bay Area, are calling for a change in law enforcement.

Video footage of Floyd, an African-American man struggling to breathe while a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck before he died, ignited worldwide protests, riots -- and now possibly reform.

Tri-Valley Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) promised this week to do all that he can to make the Justice in Policing Act of 2020 into federal law.

The comprehensive policy proposes an overhaul of current policing practices by ending racial and religious profiling, banning chokeholds and no-knock warrants, limiting military-grade equipment in police departments and requiring the wearing of body cameras by law enforcement. Individuals could also pursue damages in civil court by eliminating qualified immunity for police officers.

The bill's journey started Wednesday with a Judiciary Committee oversight hearing on policing and law enforcement accountability.

"We can look back over our history and compile a long list of victims, but unfortunately there is a woefully short list of federal reforms," said Swalwell, one of the bill's original co-sponsors. "Republican and Democratic-led Congresses alike have failed to step up as we've needed, so today we have a responsibility to do what is right."

Swalwell joins more than 200 other House members who stand behind the Justice in Policing Act, including Speaker Nancy Pelosi, as well as several dozen senators.

Also this week, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley announced the formation of the Fair and Equitable Policing and Prosecution Advisory Council.

The council will consist of selected members from O'Malley's office, other government agencies and residents from Alameda County, particularly from the African American community. A variety of individuals representative of the entire county will be included in the council as well,



Eric Swalwell

including attorneys, academics, business leaders and "those with lived experiences," according to a statement.

"As prosecutors, we are in a unique position to be leaders of change," O'Malley said. "I will seek input and sage advice through listen and learn dialogues. I will value the counsel of the diverse Advisory Council as I continue to build a justice system that is equal and equitable for all."

O'Malley said that she and staff members "are often adversaries to the public defenders in the courtroom, but not on this issue and not in this moment. We support, honor and stand in solidarity with our colleagues in the Public Defender's Office, as well as our community, calling out police brutality, racial profiling, social inequalities and systematic inequities committed against African Americans in our community and communities across this country."

O'Malley formed the Fair and Equitable Policing and Prosecution Working Group in 2015, which has worked since then "to eradicate implicit bias and racism facing people of color that have historically existed."

'My racially diverse staff wholeheartedly believes that Black Lives Matter. To us, those are not just words; they are a call to action.'

Nancy O'Malley,
Alameda County District Attorney

Recognizing the various circumstances and experiences that led some people to engage in illegal activity, O'Malley said several opportunities for people charged with certain crimes have been "created and enhanced" as alternatives to serving jail time, leading to "positive and important outcomes" for those individuals.

More than half of those employed in O'Malley's office — 52% — are people of color, the result of a "very mindful" recruitment effort to hire "professionals who reflect our community."

"I have very intentionally recruited and hired attorneys of color and women," O'Malley added. "My racially diverse staff wholeheartedly believes that Black Lives Matter. To us, those are not just words; they are a call to action." ■

Former DSRSD director Howard appointed to finish Misheloff's term

Also: District wastewater service charge hearing next week

By JULIA BAUM

A couple of years after stepping away from the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors, former director Dwight "Pat" Howard has come out of retirement to fill the vacant board seat left by the recent death of Director Maddi Misheloff.

The other directors appointed Howard to complete Misheloff's term that ends in December during their June 2 regular meeting; his appointment was effective immediately.

"We are pleased to have Director Howard return to the DSRSD board to finish Director Misheloff's term," Board President Ed Duarte said in a statement. "He has always been a thoughtful contributor to the District and



Pat Howard

supportive of its mission."

Howard retired from the board in 2018 after originally serving on the DSRSD board for 14 years. He was succeeded by current Director Ann Marie Johnson.

Misheloff, the immediate past board president, died from bladder cancer in April. Originally appointed to the board in 2015, Misheloff was elected the following year.

Three board seats are up for election in November — the first election as DSRSD switches from an at-large to a by-division election system in response to a compliant under the California Voting Rights Act. The candidate nomination period opens July 1.

Interested parties from Divisions 1, 3, and 5 can get more information on the "DSRSD Elections" webpage. Divisions 2 and 4 are up for election in 2022.

In other news

DSRSD will hold a public hearing during the Board of

Directors regular meeting next Tuesday (June 16) about a potential wastewater service charge for Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The online hearing will take place starting at 6 p.m.

The service charge placement would be "for the purpose of wastewater collection, disposal and treatment on the secured property tax rolls for the counties of Alameda and Contra Costa," according to a public notice posted on the agency's website.

Annual rates for residential properties would be \$322 for condos, \$468 for single-family dwellings or townhouses, \$937 for duplexes, and accessory dwellings would command \$272.76 per unit.

Copies of the annual wastewater service charge report and the proposed resolution are on file in the office of the District Secretary. For more information, visit www.dsrdsd.com. ■



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Fiesta on wheels

Car parade at CreekView celebrates Bob Athenour turning 91

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

One vehicle after another decked out with balloons and colorful signs paraded slowly in front of CreekView assisted living community Sunday to say “Feliz cumpleaños” to Señor Bob Athenour, who turned 91 on June 8.

Led by an Alameda County Fire engine, a hundred carloads of friends, old and young, paid tribute to the popular retired Amador Valley High School Spanish teacher who was also a founder of the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association in 1983.

The birthday parade was a surprise for Athenour, said his daughter Anne Athenour Martin, who asked everyone to arrive between 1:30 and 2 p.m.

“We wheeled him out at 1:30, and there were lots of cars,”

Martin said. “I had a microphone and amplifier to tell him who was coming.”

Some of the guests blasted music, including his favorite Mexican song, “El Rey.” Elderly friends were driven by their children. One friend of at least 60 years “appeared” via FaceTime on his daughter’s telephone. Another man drove through on a bicycle decorated with a sign and balloons.

“We had cupcakes with Mexican flags, and water,” Martin said. “Everyone wore masks and gloves.”

The parade took about an hour and a half, and Athenour removed his mask at one point to toast his friends with tequila and a slice of lemon.

Martin said her frequent outings with her dad have been

reduced to weekly talks through his window and connecting on FaceTime, and she wanted to do something festive during this period of isolation.

Bob Athenour, who graduated from Amador Valley High in 1947, moved to CreekView several years ago with his wife Marilyn, who died May 27 last year.

“They lived for connections with family and friends,” Martin said. “He always has had friends visiting and taking him out for breakfast and happy hour during the week. Then it came to a screeching halt.”

Martin’s brother Tom flew in from Colorado, her daughter Jenna came from San Diego, and son Mikey from Boise. They had scheduled a window meeting with Bob at 11 a.m. and brought lunch so he thought his birthday



CHUCK DECKERT

Bob Athenour toasts his friends with tequila and lemon at the car parade held Sunday to celebrate his 91st birthday.

festivities were done, Martin said. Then he was wheeled out for the parade to begin.

“It was all a surprise,” Martin said Monday. “He and I are both exhausted today.” ■

Livermore skilled nursing home closing at end of month

Stanford-ValleyCare to enhance, expand other programs in facility’s place

By JULIA BAUM

Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare plans to close its skilled nursing facility in Livermore at the end of June, but a number of other medical services currently offered on the campus will be supplemented or expanded in the facility’s place.

There have been no in-house patients at the skilled nursing facility since late April, when local, state and federal guidelines for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic prompted Stanford-ValleyCare to

postpone all elective and non-urgent procedures, and temporarily suspend operations in many of its clinical facilities “with an unknown timeframe for reopening,” according to officials with the hospital system.

“This specific decision to limit admissions was made out of an abundance of caution and to ultimately reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission to a vulnerable, high-risk population within a congregant living environment,” Denise Bouillercce, spokesperson

for Stanford-ValleyCare, told the Weekly.

Though the pandemic is credited as the reason for suspending operations at the 26-bed facility, Bouillercce said, “Over the last several years, the facility has had declining patient volumes, and has not had any patients in the unit since April 24.”

As a precaution, ValleyCare has declined to readmit patients to the skilled nursing facility in the future. Bouillercce added, “By maintaining another congregant

living environment within the community we would unnecessarily be contributing to the increased COVID-related risks associated with this vulnerable population.”

Instead, patients will either be managed at the hospital for post-acute care, discharged home if appropriate, or referred to another local skilled nursing facility in the preferred network developed by ValleyCare’s case management team.

“This network will serve our

patient populations extremely well given the new realities that we face as healthcare delivery organizations during COVID-19,” Bouillercce said. “There are an adequate number of skilled nursing facility beds within the Tri-Valley community to meet the demand for patients seeking that level of care.”

ValleyCare plans to soon add to its services in Livermore as well — pain management specialists are being brought into the chronic pain clinic, and the organization is expanding its orthopedic care program. A pulmonary clinic serving people with minor to acute issues is also in the works.

The Livermore campus continues to offer urgent care, diagnostic imaging, outpatient and ambulatory surgery, cardiac rehabilitation, and a number of programs for physical therapy and sports medicine, and also houses several labs, a pharmacy and doctors offices.

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, which supplements numerous services and programs including advanced cancer treatment, cutting-edge technology and equipment for the emergency department and cardiac surgery, has also made the site its home. Local nonprofit Open Heart Kitchen and Spectrum/Meals on Wheels have space there as well.

The skilled nursing facility’s 40 staff members received 30 days paid notice and severance packages for medical and vision benefits. Some employees may be eligible to transition into new roles at Stanford-ValleyCare. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Consistent with State and County Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the virtual meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and streamed at tri-valleytv.org youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton.

- Consider introduction of an ordinance to amend Pleasanton Municipal Code Chapter 9.32 to add a Tobacco Retailer Permit requirement and referrals to counseling for persons under age 21 in possession of tobacco products; and provide policy direction on other tobacco sales restrictions
- Consider adoption of a resolution accepting the FY 2020/21 Mid-Term Operating Budget
- Consider approval of an Emergency Rental Assistance Program for renters affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

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PLEASANTON
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF BUDGET INSPECTION,
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The governing board of the Pleasanton Unified School District will conduct a public hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2020/21, in accordance with the provisions of Education Code Section 42127 and Executive Order N-56-20 at their regular board meeting on June 25, 2020. The public hearing is called to convene at the Pleasanton Unified School District, Board Room, 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA at 7:00 p.m. Any interested party may inspect the Proposed Budget on June 19, 2020, any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Unified School District Office, 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA and may appear before the governing board at the public hearing starting at 7:00 p.m. and speak to the Proposed Budget. Inspection is also available at <http://www.pleasantonusd.net>.

L. KAREN MONROE, Superintendent
Alameda County Office of Education
By: Teresa Santamaria
Executive Director

Tri-Valley Relay for Life canceled; virtual luminaria still going forward

Organizers also encourage residents to donate to cancer relief

By EMMA HALL

The annual Relay for Life of the Tri-Valley, previously scheduled on June 27, has been canceled due to the current COVID-19 outbreak, but local volunteers of the American Cancer Society will still hold a virtual luminaria ceremony to honor those impacted by cancer.

Relay for Life is a fundraising all-day event that consisted of participants creating teams for a walk relay, typically around a school track. Each lap and the 24-hour format, according to the Relay for

Life's website, symbolize the ongoing fight against cancer.

But the organization is taking caution by canceling the event to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"Relay for Life is all about togetherness," Anh Nguyen, the event manager, wrote in a press release. "But the safety of our patients, survivors, volunteers, and staff is always a top priority."

Usually at the event, relayers would see decorated luminarias with names or dedicated messages for loved ones who battled cancer.

This year, the organization is asking participants to still decorate luminarias, but instead of showing them off onsite at the relay, local organizers want supporters to photograph their luminarias and send them to anh.nguyen@cancer.org in order to be included on the website. Participants can also place their luminaria on their porch or outside their home.

Relay for Life of the Tri-Valley and ACS will still be raising funds based on the luminaria donations. Those interested can donate online.



COURTESY OF ACS

Though the 2020 Tri-Valley Relay for Life has been canceled due to COVID-19, organizers hope the luminaria displays will continue, either on supporters' porches or virtually.

"Funds raised help the American Cancer Society to continue with cancer research, the 24/7 helpline,

and for continuing services to get the care and support they need where we can," Nguyen said. ■

REOPENING

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account for less than 4% of the positive cases on record to date.

The mayors' letter was made public on Friday evening, about an hour after the county health department announced a revised shelter order that took effect Monday allowing a few more business and activities to resume, authorizing small gatherings with "social bubbles," and expanding the county's face covering law.

Now permitted to reopen are child care providers for all children (not just children of essential workers), along with conditions under which youth extracurricular activities can resume; certain businesses with person-to-person contact like appliance repair and pet groomers; libraries for curbside pickup; and educational institutions for career internship and pathways programs.

County officials said, "Residents can expect that outdoor museums, outdoor restaurant dining, religious services, and additional outdoor activities (like outdoor fitness classes) will resume in phases in upcoming relaxations to the Shelter-in-Place restrictions."

ACPHD also authorized small gatherings of people from different households to occur in outdoor settings, subject to conditions including "social bubbles."

A social bubble is a group of 12 or fewer people from different households that can interact in small outdoor gatherings. The bubble should be maintained for at least three weeks, people can participate in only one bubble at a time, and social-distancing guidelines are strongly encouraged, county officials said.

"As we move forward in Stage 2 of the reopening plan, we increase the level of exposure to infection among Alameda County residents," Pan said. "This is still a highly contagious virus and medically fragile residents and our disproportionately impacted communities are still at

high risk for this disease."

Another key to Pan's new order is expanding the county's face covering law to mandate they be worn at all times in public, including outdoors when exercising within 30 feet of another person outside of their household. (The mask does not have to be worn the whole time exercising, but it must be carried and then put on when within 30 feet of other people.)

Children between 3 and 12 years old do not have to wear a face covering; children 2 years old or younger should not wear a face covering, according to Pan.

"A face covering helps prevent transmitting the virus that causes COVID-19," Pan said. "Face coverings protect everyone because people may have COVID-19 and not realize it ... My face covering protects you and your face covering protects me."

All other aspects of the county's previous shelter order remain intact, unless amended by the new order that took effect Monday. Read more on the www.acphd.org.

But the three Tri-Valley mayors want more allowances for their jurisdictions, even proposing for Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore to serve as a test case for more aggressive reopenings in Alameda County.

"We urge you to consider a more refined, sub-regional strategy," wrote Haubert, Thorne and Marchand.

"Not only will this reflect the data, it will allow regions of the County to reopen and provide you with the needed evidence/data that areas, like ours, can open safely and responsibly. This will also be helpful in giving you more confidence as you make decisions about more impacted areas in the County," they added.

The mayors said the COVID-19 case data show the Tri-Valley's overall case count, as well as weekly rates over the past three weeks, are significantly lower than the rest of the county.

As of Tuesday, ACPHD reported

65 positive cases in Pleasanton residents, 58 in Livermore and 30 in Dublin — plus 56 at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, which is kept in a separate statistical category.

That compares to more heavily impacted parts of the county such as Oakland (1,549), Hayward (731), Fremont (202) and San Leandro (176).

The mayors also cite their cities' partnership to offer a COVID-19 regional testing site for their residents by Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton — which was scheduled to remain open until 1 p.m. today.

The mayors revealed that the regional testing center has tested more than 3,000 people to date, with a positive rate for COVID-19 that is less than 1.5% as of last Friday. (That marks the first time the cities have confirmed testing site data publicly; in the past, the cities, Stanford-ValleyCare and the county had either deferred or declined to release test result data to the Weekly.)

"As cities, we have worked tirelessly in our communities during this SIP, particularly with our business community and with our families who are eager to return to a sense of normalcy," the mayors said. "We are doing our part and making a difference."

"Compliance will become a bigger issue without a change in strategy," they added. "Our business community will need to reopen in order to stay alive, and we will find it difficult to effectively enforce more restrictive orders. We will face even more intense political pressure from our business community to re-open and we are already seeing that occur now."

The mayors' letter, addressed to Pan, was also sent to all three city councils, county supervisors Scott Haggerty and Nate Miley, the director of ACPHD and the director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.

"We look forward to hearing

your thoughts and we would be open to hosting a constructive dialogue with you to take the next steps. Thank you for your

continued work to support the public health of Alameda County," the mayors said to conclude their letter. ■

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Sunflower Hill benefiting from upcoming fun run gone virtual

Local nonprofit remains active in midst of stay-at-home restrictions

By EMMA HALL

Sunflower Hill, a local nonprofit that supports adults with developmental disabilities, has been selected as the beneficiary to the Sun's OUT Fun's OUT Virtual Fun Run, a fundraiser of the Alameda County Fairgrounds reimaged because of the pandemic.

The event, which will run from June 19-28, was originally set to be held on the opening Saturday of the Alameda County Fair. However, due to county's stay-at-home order and the cancellation of the annual fair, the fundraiser has been adapted virtually as a 5K run or walk.

And it is now not restricted to local participants. As a result of the fundraiser becoming remote, registration has no location boundaries. Anyone from anywhere can participate.

Participants can register themselves as a team as part of the

fundraiser to make a donation. Teams will also receive a free 2021 fair admission and virtual fitness classes from JOYA and Dragonfly Yoga. To take part in the event, it costs adults \$25 and \$10 for those under 18 years old.

Based in the Tri-Valley, Sunflower Hill aims to create residential spaces for adults with developmental disabilities. In addition, they provide employment opportunities for disabled adults.

While the shift to online operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic could be seen as a challenge to some, Sunflower Hill continues on with more project updates and changes to activities.

"When the shelter-in-place order was placed, we immediately knew our program participants with developmental disabilities are very accustomed to their routines," Edie Nehls, executive director, told the

Weekly last Friday. "So it can be very unsettling for those routines to be disrupted. We knew we had to act quickly."

As a response to this call to action, Sunflower Hill created an online activity program.

Now in its 11th week of an online-only system, the program is hosting online activities through pre-recorded videos such as recipes, arts and crafts, yoga classes for all abilities and functional fitness classes. These videos not only serve as recreation for program participants but to individuals in the whole Tri-Valley. Recently, Sunflower Hill has created a weekly chat reserved for only program participants.

The Sunflower Hill Garden in Livermore is also continuing strongly. In fact, while the stay-at-home order has been placed, Sunflower Hill has donated over 400 pounds in produce. Currently, the organization

is selling organic produce on Thursdays and Sundays. At \$25 per box, each week's list of a variety of plants and vegetables are posted every Monday on the Sunflower Hill website. All proceeds go directly back to the organization and its efforts.

Sunflower Hill has also been giving back to the community by donating produce to organizations like Shepherd's Gate, a nonprofit that offers housing programs for women and children escaping abuse, homelessness and addiction. Produce is additionally going to other nonprofits like Culinary Angels and Tri-Valley Haven.

"Our team is really dedicated to ensuring that the food we're growing is getting into the hands of people who are most vulnerable in our community," Nehls said.

Recently, Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch, the nonprofit's housing project in Pleasanton for developmentally

disabled residents, is one month from completion, according to Nehls.

Irby Ranch is now in the resident qualification process. Nehls said she foresees having residents move in mid-summer. The Satellite Affordable Housing Associates are furthermore handling the qualification lease out process with regional centers in the East Bay.

Despite changes that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused, Sunflower Hill has adapted diligently. Sunflower Hill is not only excited about the Irby Ranch project but determined to keep going, according to Nehls.

"At the beginning of the whole pandemic, it felt like we were on this ever-shifting pile of sand where we would make a decision about how we were going to do something — then things would change," Nehls said. "We had to go forward." ■

Danville OKs street closures for outdoor dining

Indoor dining anticipated to return in Contra Costa County on July 1

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Citing the town's effective local curtailment of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Danville Town Council on Monday approved a set of limited street closures downtown to allow restaurants to expand their outdoor seating options.

Town staff said the move will help local restaurants stay in operation while indoor dining remains closed through at least the end of June due to the Contra Costa County shelter-in-place order.

"Your Town Council has been working hard these past weeks to get the Contra Costa County Public Health Officer to allow our stores and restaurants to reopen. Danville and Contra Costa County had a great success story in controlling the spread of the virus, so we worked hard with our Supervisor Candace Andersen to make our point," Danville Mayor Karen Stepper said in a statement.

"Please be ready to support these businesses who have had to deal with boarding up windows, waiting to hire staff, and setting new menus. We are counting on you to show the Danville stores and restaurants that you will be at their doors as soon as possible," she added.

Set to go into effect for up to the next three months (although that timeframe can be extended or retracted at the council's discretion), streets set to be affected by the temporary closures include segments of Church Street and West

Linda Mesa Avenue, as well as the parking spaces on Hartz Avenue and on Rose Street.

Local restaurants interested in participating will need to receive an administrative "Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit," which can be acquired on the town of Danville's website and filed at no cost.

Danville's decision to open its streets to restaurants was preceded by Contra Costa Health Services' announcement last week that outdoor seating at restaurants would be among the activities to resume countywide under a new health order.

In addition to allowing for outdoor dining, the revised Contra Costa health order included a schedule projecting when it would be safe for other industries closed by the pandemic to reopen. Scheduled openings include the following:

- June 17: Hair salons and barber shops.
- July 1: Indoor dining, bars, indoor religious services, gyms and fitness centers, limited indoor leisure (arcades, billiards, bowling alleys), indoor museums and hotels.
- July/August: Schools.

"We can't express strongly enough how much we appreciate the patience shown by our businesses and residents, and for those businesses still affected we will continue to advocate on your behalf until all of Danville is open," Stepper said. ■

Fairgrounds offering drive-in concerts, food trucks with fair favorites

With annual fair canceled, events aim to keep spirit alive this summer

By JEREMY WALSH

Summer 2020 was always going to be much different in Pleasanton with the annual Alameda County Fair canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but fair officials have announced two pop-up programs to bring fair favorites back in a socially distanced format — concerts and the food.

Today and Saturday will see three rock tribute bands perform both nights as part of the fairgrounds' "Drive-In Concerts," this weekend only.

Those same nights, the fairgrounds will usher in the start of its weekly "Grab-n-Go Food Trucks" series, featuring some of those fair food favorites plus other cuisine including cultural dishes and comfort food.

Tickets were still on sale (\$100 per car), and not yet sold out as of press time Wednesday, for the drive-in concerts this weekend, with gates opening at 6 p.m. and shows running from 7-10 p.m. on both tonight and Saturday night. Enter via Gate 8 or Gate 12.

Performing sets both nights will be Journey Revisited (tribute to Journey), Hot for Teacher (tribute to Van Halen) and Beer Drinkers & Hell Raisers (tribute to ZZ Top).

Also tonight will be the start of the food truck series, to be held on Friday and Saturday evenings through Aug. 1 (except for July 4).

"Food is the number one reason why guests say they come to the Fair," officials said in announcing the series. "Opening weekend, June

12 and 13, expected Food Trucks include Big Bubba's Bad BBQ, Twister Food Truck, O My Crepes, Candy Wagon, Kona Ice, and more. These Grab & Go Food Trucks offer a wide variety of food options for guests, including Fair favorites such as corn dogs, funnel cakes, BBQ, street tacos, Indian comfort food, and more!"

"Park, place your order, get your food and take home to enjoy," they added.

The food trucks will be open from 5-9 p.m. each night. Attendees will be charged a parking fee of \$10 per vehicle, either in advance or at the gate. Food will be sold separately.

To check out the weekly food truck rotation and menus or to learn more information, visit <https://alameda-county-fair.com>. ■

VALLEY LINK

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the authority's requested actions later in September.

Valley Link is a proposed commuter light rail system that would connect Livermore, the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) train system and San Joaquin Valley communities to the BART system in Pleasanton and Dublin.

A report presented to the Regional Rail Authority last month states that the Valley Link project will also have a significant economic impact in the Tri-Valley. The independent analysis included both immediate and long-range impacts of both the construction phase and ongoing operations and maintenance on employment, income and value added.

Key findings of the analysis project

that around 22,000 jobs will be created during the construction phase with worker income of \$1.35 billion, and generate \$3.5 billion in local business sales. When operational, Valley Link is expected to support about 400 jobs annually with labor income of more than \$19 million per year, and generate \$69 million in annual business sales.

"I am very pleased by the results of this analysis of the economic impact of Valley Link," Haggerty said. "This project will not only get our vital workforce to their jobs once complete, but will also add 22,000 jobs to boost the economy during the construction phase."

Tracy City Councilwoman Veronica Vargas, the authority's vice chair, also said Valley Link's value as a transportation option that will provide nearly 30,000 rides a day

"cannot be overstated," and that the project will "provide a significant job stimulus in the region" during a time of economic stress brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first phase of the Valley Link rail service project will connect the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART station to the proposed ACE North Lathrop Station over a 42-mile stretch by using the I-580 median, the abandoned railroad right-of-way through the Altamont Pass and the Union Pacific Railroad corridor. Service would be extended from the North Lathrop station to the ACE and Amtrak Stockton Station in its second phase.

Trains would be scheduled to conveniently transfer riders to BART. The first Valley Link trains are currently estimated to be in service as early as 2027. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Police: Report of robbery at Dublin Lowe's was unfounded

A report of a takeover robbery in progress at the Lowe's in Dublin early Tuesday morning that drew a large police response appears to have been a false report.

Dublin police were still on scene into the afternoon on Tuesday investigating the incident and interviewing employees trying to get to the bottom of exactly what transpired, according to Capt. Nate Schmidt of Dublin Police Services.

"There was no looting at Lowe's. The robbery report was unfounded, and we are currently investigating to determine if a crime was committed by any Lowe's employees," Schmidt told the Weekly.

The original call to 9-1-1 was a serious one, coming in around 3:30 a.m. Tuesday and claiming that approximately 15 robbers had taken over the Lowe's on Dublin Boulevard and were potentially holding employees hostage. "With the recent looting and civil unrest, we responded with multiple patrol units to handle the situation," Schmidt said.

But as the investigation unfolded, it became clear that the original

report was unfounded, according to Schmidt. The investigation remained ongoing as of press time Wednesday.

"The store is open for business, but unfortunately we are still sorting through a lot of evidence and records. No arrests have been made at this time and the investigation continues," he said.

Three fatal crashes

Multiple divisions of the California Highway Patrol are investigating fatal crashes with Tri-Valley ties across the Bay Area in the past several weeks.

- In the most recent incident, a Concord woman faces suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and felony DUI for allegedly driving the wrong way on Interstate 680 in Danville early Sunday morning and crashing into an oncoming car, killing its two occupants.

The arrestee, 27-year-old Camille Veraanne Kimball, was placed under arrest but remains in the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries, according to Contra Costa CHP.

Both victims died at the scene. They were identified as 46-year-old Nettie Perkett and 26-year-old Taurean Lee, both from Antioch, according to the Contra Costa County Coroner's Office.

The fatal crash unfolded at about 3:45 a.m. Sunday when a 2020

Ford Fusion was spotted driving southbound in the northbound lanes of I-680 in the San Ramon Valley, according to the CHP.

The Fusion then slammed head on into a 2012 Honda Civic that was traveling in the correct northbound direction just past the El Pintado Road/El Cerro Boulevard interchange in Danville. Right after that collision, the Civic was then involved in a secondary crash with another vehicle that resulted in no injuries, according to the CHP.

Perkett, who was behind the wheel of the Civic, as well as her front-right passenger Lee, were pronounced dead at the scene, according to the CHP.

The driver of the Fusion — later identified as Kimball — sustained injuries that were not life-threatening but required medical attention. She was transported to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek for treatment, the CHP said.

The initial investigation determined that Kimball was driving while impaired, the CHP said. She was placed under arrest on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and felony DUI at the hospital, where she will remain until discharged into law enforcement custody for booking into the county jail.

- Three days earlier, a young man from Lathrop was killed in a chain-reaction crash on Interstate 580 just

beyond the Livermore city limits.

The victim was identified as 19-year-old Victor Herrera, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau.

Herrera was a 2019 graduate of Lathrop High School who had been working as an auto detailer, according to a family obituary online. A memorial service, in line with COVID-19 guidelines, is scheduled to be held this Saturday at 11 a.m. at Fry Memorial Chapel in Tracy.

The fatal four-vehicle crash unfolded just before 4 p.m. June 4 on eastbound I-580 east of North Livermore Avenue in unincorporated Livermore, according to Officer Tyler Hahn of CHP's Dublin office.

Herrera was behind the wheel of a 2000 Honda Accord driving in the No. 1 lane of I-580 when he apparently failed to notice the two cars directly in front of him come to a stop because of stopped traffic ahead, according to Hahn. Traffic was reportedly stop-and-go at the time.

The Accord slammed directly into the back of a 2013 GMC Terrain at approximately 65 mph, with the Terrain at a complete stop according to witnesses, Hahn said. The force of the crash pushed the Terrain into the back of a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado.

The driver of a fourth vehicle, a Chrysler Pacifica traveling behind the other three, apparently either failed to notice the collision or was

slow to react and crashed into the back of Herrera's Accord, according to Hahn.

Herrera was pronounced dead at the scene.

Hahn did not share injury information about the other three drivers, whose names were not released but were identified as a 21-year-old man from Ceres (GMC Terrain), 40-year-old man from Lathrop (Chevy Silverado) and a 64-year-old man from Moraga (Chrysler Pacifica).

CHP continues to investigate the case. "Charges in this collision are still pending as we continue the investigation," Hahn said.

The officer also explained that initial reports of someone fleeing the scene were ultimately incorrect. Several people living in a homeless encampment near the freeway walked up to look at the crash scene but then walked away from the area, causing confusion among some witnesses.

- CHP San Jose is still investigating the death of 60-year-old Pleasanton resident James "Jim" Yacorzynski, whose Tesla was involved in a crash down a cliff northeast of Mount Hamilton late last month.

The crash and Yacorzynski's body were found around 2 p.m. May 26 off of Mines Road near Turner Gulch Road in Santa Clara County, according to Bay City News Service. CHP officers initially reported being unsure how long the crashed Tesla had been down there before being discovered.

CHP San Jose had not responded to the Weekly's request for more information as of press time Wednesday. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

June 7

Theft

- 8:56 a.m., 2600 block of Vista Diablo Court; theft from auto
- 4:58 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Drug violation

- 9:06 a.m. at Hopyard Road and West Las Positas Boulevard
- 3:46 p.m. on the 500 block of Boulder Court

Burglary

- 10:09 a.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Court

June 6

Assault/battery

- 3:54 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 6:58 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Warrant arrest

- 3:58 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Drug violation

- 10:26 a.m. on the 5000 block of Owens Drive
- 9:11 p.m. at Owens and Hacienda drives

Theft

- 10:32 a.m., 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; theft from auto
- 12:32 p.m., 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; theft from auto
- 4:56 p.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 2:46 p.m. on the 5900 block of Knoll Woods Drive

Domestic battery

- 7:53 p.m. on Mohr Avenue

June 5

Theft

- 4:11 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Vandalism

- 6:04 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Del Valle Parkway

June 4

Theft

- 12:21 p.m., 7600 block of Driftwood Way; theft from auto
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Weapons violation

- 4:04 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

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Drug violation

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- 6:53 p.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 6:34 a.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

- 8:32 a.m. on the 5000 block of Franklin Drive

June 2

Burglary

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'The Ballad of Don Lewis' — pulling out all the stops

Documentary tells tale of musician who revolutionized the synthesizer

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

After more than a decade of filming, friendship and hard work, "The Ballad of Don Lewis: The Untold Story of a Synthesizer Pioneer" has been released.

"The reviews have been fantastic — 5 stars across the board," producer Ned Augustenborg said. "I somehow successfully told this complicated story of a complicated man in a way that is educational, warm and dramatic."

He sums up the documentary: "An African American from Dayton, Ohio, alters the world's musical landscape in his pursuit to revolutionize the synthesizer, experiencing a lifelong journey hindered by technological limitations, dated commercial practices and racial stereotypes."

But Don Lewis, 78, is perhaps best known around Pleasanton for his music programs for children and his thousand-watt smile as well as his electronic music. He is a longtime Rotarian, as is his wife Julie, who co-produced the film.

His lifelong mission to discover and play every conceivable musical note began as he grew up singing and playing the organ in church.

"In high school I was in an electronics course, which was in the '50s," Lewis recalled. "We built AM radios and FM radios, and high fidelity and stereo were starting to happen."

But he was most fascinated by the organ.

"Playing the organ is really like the original idea of making different sounds, pulling the stops for different pieces," Lewis explained.

After college at Tuskegee Institute, Lewis joined the U.S. Air Force, serving in New Mexico as a nuclear weapons specialist. He next moved to Denver where he worked as an engineering technician and continued entertaining with his organ music at restaurants.

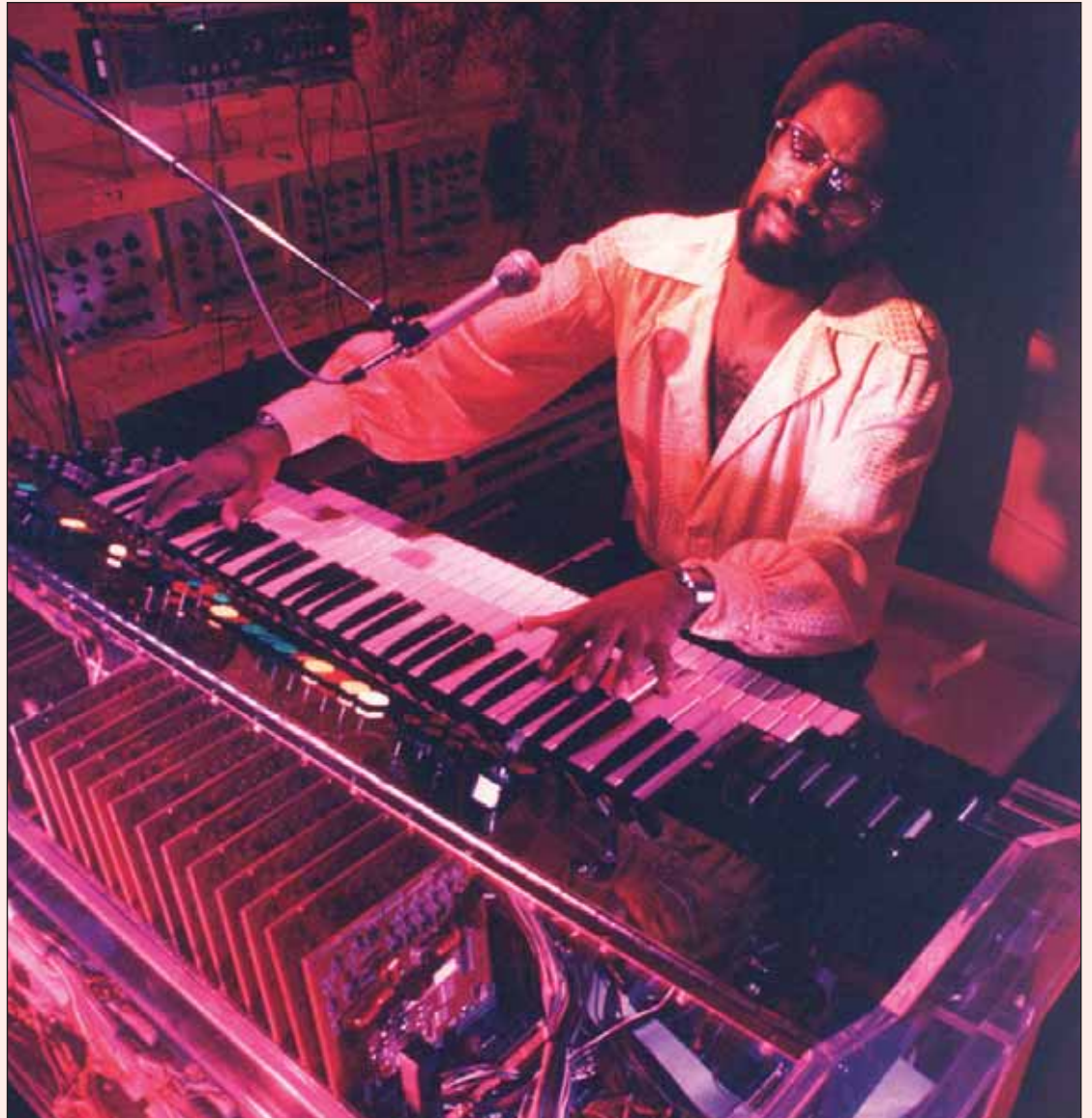
"But in 1968 I heard Wendy Carlos' 'Switched on Bach' — I wanted to do that," Lewis recalled.

The recording, on a Moog synthesizer, required two years in a studio, playing every note on a multi-track recorder, Lewis said. His idea was to make these sounds — indeed, all the sounds of an orchestra — on one electronic instrument.

Lewis moved to Los Angeles to pursue music full time, and in the '70s he toured with the Beach Boys, and played in studio with Sergio Mendes, Michael Jackson, Quincy Jones and other music greats.

Meanwhile he continued work on his Live Electronic Orchestra (LEO), a synthesizer system he completed in 1977 that became an inspiration for Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI).

Lewis performed with LEO regularly at the Hungry Tiger at



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Synthesizer pioneer Don Lewis and his Live Electronic Orchestra (LEO), which he created in the 1970s, are the subject of a newly released documentary.

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'Death in the Holler' — who done it?

Livermore author's latest mystery novel set in Kentucky

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Looking for a change of scenery? Consider a trip to Kentucky to solve the "Death in the Holler" along with Game Warden Luke Ryder and Sheriff Jim Pike.

The mystery novel, written by John G. Bluck of Livermore, is being released on Monday in paperback and digital form on Amazon.

An unknown man is found shot dead by an unusual flintlock firearm on a farm near a "food plot," where fodder is left to attract deer to be hunted.

"It is potentially a real place," Bluck said. "My brother-in-law used to hunt deer a long time ago,

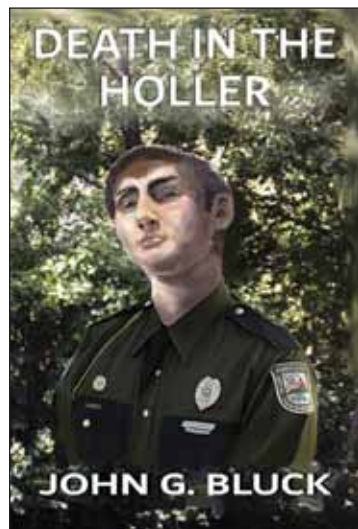
and he had a food plot."

His son-in-law is also a Kentucky hunter, and his daughter works at a hospital in Lexington.

"I have been back there quite a few times, and I've been to two food plots," Bluck said.

Action also takes place in Lexington, about an hour away, and Louisville, and the book includes bar settings, love scenes and some unsavory characters. Through all the action, readers will be pulling for Luke Ryder as he works to reveal the killer as well as struggling to fight the demon drink.

Author Bluck retired from NASA in 2008 as a public affairs officer at



Moffett Field. Earlier in his career, he worked as a TV cameraman in Washington, D.C., where he covered news stories such as President Richard Nixon's resignation but also homicides and bank robberies.

"I feel like I'm there," Bluck said of the crime scenes in his novels. "I

can get some reality."

He also wrote the mystery novella, "The Knight Prowler," and two science fiction novels, "The Ship Finder" and "The Aliens of the Valtrit," as well as a book of short stories, "Venus Warning & Other Tales."

"'Knight Prowler' is about a TV reporter, a cameraman who works in San Francisco. His brother is a detective in Livermore," Bluck said. "I decided to do more of that."

This latest mystery has a slight science fiction element — "Death in the Holler" is set in the year 2029, although the world is pretty much the same as it was in 2019 with references to Netflix, Kleenex and Miller Lite.

"Science fiction can explore human interaction," Bluck noted. "What you invent could very well change things dramatically, be used for good or evil."

Bluck was born in Chicago and earned a bachelor's degree in

communications and a masters in radio and television news from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. During the Vietnam War, he served as an Army journalist and radio newscaster at Fort Lewis, Wash.

He said that as he commuted on ACE train for many years from Livermore to Mountain View, he had time to write for his own pleasure.

"I kind of eased into writing," he recalled. "I wrote one short story, 'Venus Warning,' where lizards on Venus start dying off with global warming — we were worried about global warming even back then."

Bluck is working on another short story book, "Florida Grand Theft and Other Tales."

"I need to write another half dozen stories for that," Bluck said. "I'm shooting for September."

"I'm probably doing more writing now because I am not playing golf," he added with a laugh. ■

DON LEWIS

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Fisherman's Wharf from 1977-84 after he moved to San Francisco. But as his following grew so did Musicians Union Local 6's unease with the prospect that one musician on a synthesizer might put many others out of work, and its leadership focused on Lewis, picketing his performances.

"Don was a threat," Augustenborg said.

He thought this persecution by the union — which still listed black musicians separately from white musicians — was an inherent part of the story, but he had to convince Don and Julie.

"One of their strengths is they are so good at staying positive," Augustenborg said. "But it seemed obvious to me that the union made Don a national enemy. They finally acquiesced."

Augustenborg, who has received multiple Emmy and CableACE Awards in the categories of entertainment, documentary, news and sports, met Don Lewis about 16 years ago when the Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad acquired LEO and hosted a fundraiser with Don and LEO providing entertainment.

"I was working for the local TV operator, and the museum wanted us to feature Don's visit," Augustenborg recalled. "I'd always loved the synthesizer, so I thought I'd bring in some friends and do a three-camera shoot of the concert."

He added a few interviews, put together a one-hour concert video, and invited Don and Julie Lewis to take a look.

"Then it was a long process in determining what we were going

to do with the footage — a long but enjoyable process," Augustenborg said.

The agreement to produce a full-length documentary brought a host of new challenges.

"How do you tell an audience ... the importance of frequency modulated synthesis?" Augustenborg said. "I had to put something together that made sense."

He ended up conducting interviews with 17 of Lewis' former associates in the electronic music world, which was a series of enjoyable reunions.

"Julie booked every single person in the film, and in a lot of cases, they hadn't seen Don and Julie in years," Augustenborg said.

In the film, musicians recall that in the '70s everyone had their own idea of what a synthesizer should sound like, and Lewis defined a whole new way to listen and to create sound. He is compared to Galileo with his pioneering, going beyond what most people were even dreaming of let alone putting a screwdriver and a soldering iron together to make the sound.

Composer/producer Quincy Jones explains the reception of the synthesizer: "They embraced it, they welcomed it. It allowed us to go in between notes."

"The *Ballad of Don Lewis*," which runs 93 minutes, documents a unique moment in the world of music and sound.

"And the technology keeps changing — that's one of the things that made this documentary so much fun," Augustenborg noted. "And Don was ahead of the technology."

"This creation of Don's is the only LEO in existence," he added, "and he's likely the only musician

in the world possessing the unique talents and disciplines needed to play it."

A rough cut of "The *Ballad of Don Lewis*" was aired at the Firehouse Arts Center four years ago, to check reactions of viewers.

"It was good to hear people laugh at the right time, and to cry at the right time," Augustenborg said. "The tears I didn't expect."

"The place was packed, with a lot of wonderful friends in our community and quite a few Rotarians," Lewis remembered.

The Lewises moved to Pleasanton in 1981.

"We were living in a flat in the city and I had a whole bunch of instruments there and I was trying to play them all the time," Lewis said with a laugh, remembering their impact on the neighbors.

A friend introduced them to Pleasanton, which Lewis said they loved for, among other things, the freedom it allowed sons Marc and Paul to ride their bikes and benefit from the school system.

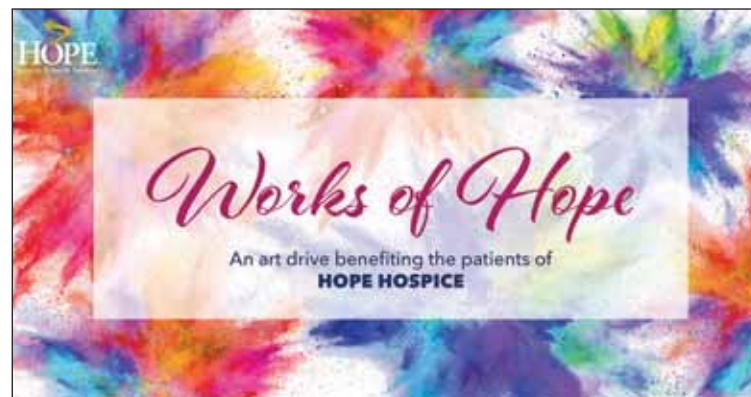
Now "The *Ballad*" is finalized, and DVDs can be ordered through theballadofdonlewis.com or Amazon.com; it can be streamed locally on Xfinity cable network, VOD/PPV. Augustenborg said it was exciting that so many outlets wanted the film.

Last year, in a step to help heal the country's racism and chaotic political moods, Lewis released his album, "Amazing Voyage," a synthesized rendition of seven songs starting with "Amazing Grace" and including "We Shall Overcome."

"It's always been about hope," Julie Lewis said, "something that can make the world a better place." ■

Hope Hospice looking for artwork

With visits suspended, art can brighten surroundings



Hope Hospice is inviting people to create art to be displayed in the homes of patients during this time when volunteers cannot visit.

"When a person is facing the end of his or her journey on this earth, the patient and family experience a range of emotions that vary from day to day," said Nikki Tildesley, manager of volunteer services. "Our volunteers play a significant role supporting the patient and family in whatever ways are needed. Often, it's just being a comforting presence at the bedside.

"But with face-to-face visits from volunteers being suspended in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this new art program is a

creative way to continue brightening our patients' surroundings."

Hospice suggests that people make a piece of art in any medium that can be displayed on a wall or tabletop, perhaps working together with friends or family. Another option is to donate already existing works of art.

Help is also needed to collect and deliver artwork contributions to the Hope Hospice office in Dublin.

For more information, visit HopeHospice.com/art or contact Josephine Fealy at hospice volunteer services by emailing josephinef@hopehospice.com or telephoning 829-8770. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Soroptimist Tri-Valley awards two scholarships

Madison Janes, Chloe Bercy of Dublin High chosen for their dedication

Soroptimist International of the Tri-Valley community service club has announced the winners of two scholarship awards.

Madison Janes of Dublin High School is the winner of the annual Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award, which honors young women who make their community and their world a better place through volunteerism.

Janes has raised two dogs for Guide Dogs for the Blind during the last three years.

"The time dedication that is required to raise a puppy into a working Guide Dog is substantial and requires real commitment on the part of the volunteer," said Michele Garcia, president of Soroptimist International of the Tri-Valley. "Madison is a great example of teens committed to volunteer action."

Janes was awarded \$1,000 for college expenses, and a donation of \$500 was made to Guide Dogs for the Blind in honor of her hard work. Janes intends to go to University of San Francisco and study nursing with the goal of becoming

an OBGYN nurse.

The Dale Vaughn-Bowen Scholarship is going to Chloe Bercy of Dublin High School. This scholarship, established to honor a past member, goes to a student who has lost a parent to cancer.

In her application, Bercy described the devastating loss of her father to cancer and the formative role he played in her life. She was awarded \$1,500.

"Her grit and determination to continue to excel in school, in life and help others is a true testament to the love her father showed her," said scholarship chairwoman Kelly Knabe.

To honor her father's memory, Bercy chose to focus on being the best helper and role model she could be for her family. She continued to volunteer for Kindred Hospice, while working diligently toward her education and career goals.

Bercy will attend San Jose State University in the fall, pursuing a degree in computer science. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



MIKE SEDLAK

Don and Julie Lewis, shown last year at their home studio, worked with producer Ned Augustenborg on the newly released film, "The *Ballad of Don Lewis: The Untold Story of a Synthesizer Pioneer*."

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LETTERS

Thank you, Pleasanton

Thank you to the kids who decorated their skateboard in support of Black Lives Matter; to the biker who circled around the protest loop three or four times; to the passersby who shared their kind words and stood with us; to the people chanting from their sunroofs; to everyone who beeped their horns in a symphony of honks across Pleasanton; to everyone who decorated their cars and proudly held up their signs; to everyone and anyone who showed up today — thank you.

What we've seen today is heartwarming and inspiring — to know that so many of us stand together in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.

Let's make meaningful change happen. This movement is not over: we must keep fighting. The work and the momentum does not end here. Continue to donate, advocate, educate and protest until black voices are heard. We refuse to rest until we achieve justice for all.

Today was a huge show of solidarity for the Black Lives Matter movement in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley. This is but a single part of a national and international movement for ending anti-black racism. This is a national movement, and your voice makes a difference.

If you're interested in keeping up with local Black Lives Matter outreach and activism in the Tri-Valley, please sign up for our email list at <http://wtpforjustice.org/signup>.

We're currently compiling a list of charities, petitions and protests in the Bay Area, which we will share shortly. We encourage you to continue actively pushing for justice. We cannot be passive. No justice, no peace.

—Robin Hwang, Kavya Katragadda, Andrew Periera, Zoe Yao (organizers of June 7 car protest)

Thank you, Ms. Knaggs

On June 4, Pleasanton Unified celebrated Ms. Emily Knaggs's retirement after 39 years of dedication to the Pleasanton community, the district and students. The 39 years she had spent imparting the right skills and knowledge onto the students and colleagues.

Emily is an achiever, open-minded, generous, knowledgeable, modest, courageous, responsible and highly respected special educator. She spent her career in Pleasanton as a speech and language pathologist, program specialist and a leader in inclusive practices for students with special needs.

She is always tolerant and eager to help when needed. Her

exceptional qualities have inspired us in so many ways. This we will all remember her for, and the positive differences she's made will always remain in our hearts. She has instilled tolerance, kindness, patience onto us, worked tirelessly and now it's time for her to enjoy all that she has labored for over the years.

And may she find life after retirement a happy moment with a lot of beautiful memories. On behalf of the Special Education Department and district, we wish her good luck and all the best for the rest of your life as you bow out after spending meritorious 39 years teaching what you know how to do best.

—Doris Kwok

Let's temporarily close Main Street for our businesses and community

As we begin week 10 of shelter in place, many of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce members are struggling to hang on to their businesses until they can begin to reopen. Our business community has diligently followed the county's orders and is anxiously awaiting the county's approval of Phase 2 so they can take the next step to open their business in a safe way.

Let's face it, many will not make it through this pandemic, as we heard recently with Nordstrom, JC Penney and Specialty's Cafe & Bakery, to name just a few. Fortunately, others have pivoted their business so they can continue to operate and pay their bills and staff. The federal government, state and city are providing loan opportunities.

However, this is not enough. We need to pivot as a community and seriously consider temporarily closing Main Street to traffic in a thoughtful way to allow our downtown businesses to serve their clients in a safe and open-air environment.

Our farmers' market recently reopened with strong support from our community. First Wednesdays were held for years downtown and were very popular and successful. Why can't we do the same for our downtown businesses and community?

Due to COVID-19, downtown traffic has decreased and parking is more available than ever before. Now is the perfect time to temporarily close Main Street to traffic in a thoughtful way so we can bring more consumers downtown to support our businesses. Let's do this Pleasanton!

—Steve Van Dorn, President/CEO Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce (Published online May 18)

Police reform

Congratulations to the young people of Pleasanton for organizing

the amazing protests last week in response to racial violence by police. They have resoundingly pierced the Pleasanton bubble of willful indifference to important national and global issues. It holds great hope for our future as a society.

But many Pleasantonians are unaware that we have had our own problems with police violence.

While not racially motivated, three individuals have been killed by our police in the last five years while being arrested or detained after using what many consider to be excessive force. At least two of these individuals were in emotional distress at the time of their arrest and were unresponsive to police techniques to forcefully gain their compliance.

In the wake of the George Floyd killing there has been calls across the country for local police department reform.

These include the institution of cultural and racially competent policing strategies, prohibition of the use of choke-holds, lower legal standards to pursue criminal and civil penalties for police, a national registry to track misconduct, the de-militarization of crowd control, an emphasis on de-escalation, non-lethal force in mental health emergencies, and the establishment of civilian and citizen oversight of police practices and activities.

The Pleasanton city government has long resisted calls for changes like this. It's time for Pleasanton to emerge from its bubble, get on the right side of history, and join these calls for police reform.

—Matt Sullivan
Pleasanton City Council, 2004-12

Seek out and copy success

Our country has been steadily professionalizing policing since 1789.

But, when videos of police brutality surface, many wonder if we're slipping backwards — are such outrages the work of rogue cops? ... the effect of quasi-military police culture? ... of having to deal day-after-day with the addicted, the drunk, the violent, and untreated mentally ill (street cop burnout)? Overt or subtle racism?

Mass protest at some point has to give way to constructive, actionable reforms — most people realize that rage, blame and alienation directed at our police departments is not going to produce the desired results. So, what will?

Reforms of the type needed are already being tried in various locations. Neighborhood-oriented policing is enjoying major success in Detroit, Houston, NYC, Tempe and Houston. Independent police accountability mechanisms (e.g. Citizen Review Boards, independent

prosecutors) are established in dozens of cities (Atlanta, Nashville, Sacramento, Miami). Police chiefs are working to improve hiring, psychological screening, academy training, and programs to address burnout and PTSD.

Would it be asking too much of our journalists to seek out and report on successes where they are occurring? A continual diet of having the worst policing failures shoved in our faces begs the question of balance. If success stories don't rate front-page attention, what is the news media's claim to being informative?

—Pierre Bierre

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Start at roller hockey and end at water features. Do it now! There is a spot for everyone to participate. You will not be disappointed.

—Peter Miller

Leave my own neighborhood?

Please don't tell me to leave my own neighborhood — I have lived in Danville for over 40 years.

Perhaps people who are paranoid about change are the ones who should seek another place to live — a place with walls and bunkers!

—Peter Petroski
(In response to Town Square comments)

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Uncertainty remains for the return of high school sports

Amador, Foothill football coaches keep training going remotely

One day spring sports were in full swing, almost halfway through the season. Then the next, every sport was put on hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It hit everyone, as high school seniors saw their final season of athletics stopped. It was with good reason without a doubt, but it was still a crushing end to the school year.

The uncertainty of the spring has now become the uncertainty of the summer and the fall.

Kids who are now seniors are starting at their final fall season of sports perhaps not happening. There has been talk of some sports taking place — non-contact like tennis and golf could resume, but that is about it.

What about sports like football? Friday Night Lights is in many ways a fabric of society. Communities rally around the games, and football is

one of the few revenue-producing sports for the schools.

Most importantly, it would be the beginning of a return to some sense of normalcy, not just for the schools, but for the community as well.

Everyone understands we need to err on the side of caution, including the coaches: Greg Haubner at Foothill and Danny Jones at Amador Valley. At the same time, everyone is hoping for the best.

"I'm just trying to be nothing but positive for the kids," Haubner said. "It's been tough. There is a sense of hope, but there is so much uncertainty. For the most part, the kids are



Greg Haubner

doing well."

"We are in a wait-and-see situation," Jones said. "For the most part it has been good, especially when we are able to meet (online), but it has been tough. Even I have to go out on a run to get my head together."



Danny Jones

Both coaches had a system in place before the pandemic hit, making the transition from no spring practice or summer passing league, easier, but obviously far from perfect.

"We had leadership set, splitting up into groups," Haubner explained. "We have it set up through Google Meet. There are ones where you work on your own, one where you work your groups and one where we all meet as a team."

Doing the best they can, with the restrictions they face, Haubner has the team working on upper body, lower body and core.

"I have literally been working out with them," he said. "Not everyone has weights at home so it's been backpacks filled with canned foods and a chair that can support their weight."

For Jones and the Dons, it has been pretty much the same.

"At first it was virtual strength conditioning," Jones said. "Then we had spring ball on Zoom and we have put together leadership groups. We had the past week off, but we will be back at it (June 8) and we will meet

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virtually through June."

What happens remains to be seen. The most likely scenario would be to get the kids in the district back to school. That is important not just from an educational standpoint, but for socialization and face-to-face interaction.

If the kids are back in school and there is no spike in new COVID-19 cases, then all sports could be reintroduced, even if it means starting later than normal and perhaps playing a reduced season.

One other scenario that realistically Amador and Foothill could be facing this year because of scheduling is not meeting on the field. When Clayton Valley was added to the East Bay Athletic League, it brought the total number of schools to 11 creating a scheduling imbalance.

With the Dons and Falcons sitting

in two different divisions in the EBAL, in order for the Dons to be able to schedule Clayton (a mandatory league game), the Amador-Foothill game has been rescheduled to Week 4 of the season.

In other words, if the season does not start until week five, there would be no crosstown game this year.

"We've been talking about what we can do," Jones said of the Amador-Foothill game. "We have to figure it out. It would be ridiculous if we do not get it done."

There is also the uncertainty of fans even being allowed at games. But playing the games is the first thing in the coaches' mind, with or without fans.

"No fans — if that had to happen, I would take it," Haubner said. "I just want to be out there coaching and see the kids out there playing." ■

TV30 Athletic Awards

Top high school athletes, Coach of the Year honored

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley Community Television continued its tradition of recognizing the best of the best in high school sports — albeit in remote format this spring, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and shelter order.

TV30's 10th annual "Outstanding High School Athletic Awards" program was presented by video only, instead of the usual packed-house ceremony. The program debuted on TV30 on May 22, and the full 49-minute video remains viewable online at www.tv30.org.

"We put our heads together and figured out how to still honor the students in these changing times," added Dr. Marshall Kamena, president of the TV30 Foundation. "We appreciate the support of the sponsors who stuck by this event with all its changes. The program has turned out to be very special, not just for the students but for all involved."

Produced by TCTV, the foundation and the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton, the program honored three dozen of the best

high school athletes from the 2019-20 season in the Tri-Valley.

They also revealed the winner of the sixth annual Coach of the Year award: Quaran Johnson, boys basketball coach of Granada High School in Livermore.

Johnson was the top vote-getter among the 20 coaches to receive nominations for the award, which seeks to "honor the coach who not only achieves success in their sport, but also positively impacts and makes a difference in the lives of his or her athletes."

Those who nominated Johnson lauded him, offering testimonials such as "he changes lives," "totally empowering," "an exemplary role model," "he has contagious energy" and "he is the greatest coach I ever played for."

The student honorees included Shaun Smith (Livermore football), Peter Montini IV (Foothill football), Nick Costello (Dublin football), Cal Ewanich (Amador Valley football), Ishana Ram (Foothill volleyball), Eric Hunter III (Amador football), Jasmine Chen (Foothill golf),

Charlotte Ryoo (Amador golf), Jasmin Krishna (Foothill golf), Kannon Dote (Amador football) and Grayce Olson (Foothill volleyball).

Also winning were Christopher Middleton-Pearson (Dublin cross-country), Bryce Lombardi (Foothill football), Elijah Nuddleman (Livermore football), Jessica Holbea (Dublin tennis), Jaclyn LaHa (Amador golf), Anthony Roy (Dublin basketball), Josiah Knight (Granada football), Anthony Guerra (Granada cross-country), Josh Heverly (Amador football), Mateo Wilde (Granada basketball) and Elisabeth Dombrow (Granada basketball).

Rounding out the list were Elijah Alonso (Dublin basketball), Camden Kiernan (Livermore water polo), Kendra Grant (Dublin basketball), Kennedy Mayo (Amador soccer), Noelle Marceno (Amador soccer), Jayden Johnston (Granada basketball), Jaden Saunders (Dublin basketball), Carter Bailey (Granada wrestling), Devon Jackson (Dublin basketball), Madison Silva (Livermore basketball), Isabella Mauricio (Amador basketball), Timothy Cowan (Livermore wrestling), Julian Victoria (Dublin wrestling), Malik Jackson (Dublin basketball), and Jennie Yang (Amador basketball). ■

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Music

BRILLIANCE AT THE BANKHEAD — RESCHEDULED Out of caution and concern for our artists, patrons, staff and volunteers, organizers decided to move their signature event, Brilliance at the Bankhead, starring Grammy award winner Vanessa Williams, from its planned date this September to

next spring, June 5, 2021. Bankhead Theater, 2400 1st St, Livermore.

Gardening

AAUW GARDEN WALK 2020 The tour will be held Friday and Saturday, July 17-18, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Five homeowners in Danville and Alamo are opening their spectacular private grounds to garden enthusiasts from all over the Bay Area in order to raise money to support women's education. The suggested donation is \$35 per person. Children must be over 12. No pets. Registration is open at <https://daw-ca.aauw.net/garden/>.

Family

POP-UP DRIVE-IN MOVIES The Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton hosts drive-in movies this summer, featuring movie classics, Friday and Saturday nights from June 12 to Aug. 1 (except July 4),

starting at dark, but not before 8:45 p.m. A parking fee of \$25 per vehicle will be charged in advance online. Visit AlamedaCountyFair.com.

GRAB-N-GO FOOD TRUCKS Friday and Saturday nights from June 12 to Aug. 1 (except July 4), food trucks will set up on the fairgrounds to sell fair favorites. Food trucks will be open from 5-9 p.m. each night. A parking fee of \$10 per vehicle will be charged in advance online or at the gate. Food is sold separately. Visit AlamedaCountyFair.com.

Business

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP VIRTUAL WORKSHOP Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group invites you to a free virtual workshop at 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 16, to inject clarity and point out exciting unknowns, as the Tri-Valley Innovation ecosystem charts a path for a 2040 economy robustly rooted in innovation. Contact Inaylor@innovationtrivalley.org.

PET OF THE WEEK

Fern here

My friends describe me as an independent, sweet and cuddly couch potato. I love napping, exploring and hanging out together. A 6-year-old domestic short-hair, I prefer to watch the action from my safe place and explore new things at my own pace. I'd love a home with lots of safe spaces and not too much noise, and someone who will chill with me and cuddle. Find out more about how to adopt me and mention you are interested in me, Fern, on your application at eastbayspca.org/adoptions/how-to-adopt.



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Government Meetings

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS The next Pleasanton City Council regular meeting is scheduled for June 16 at 7 p.m. — expected to be held virtually due to

the pandemic and related shelter order. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PUSD BOARD MEETINGS The next regular meeting of the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees has been changed to June 25. At the request of both the trustees and staff, the PUSD meetings have been updated to "virtual" instead of in-person. Visit www.pleasantonusd.net.

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Sequoyah Counseling Center
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North Rotary donates \$10,000 to Hively

Pleasanton North Rotary donated \$10,000 to local nonprofit Hively on May 20 to assist its effort to feed Tri-Valley families struggling with the COVID-19-related financial crisis. The funds will help pay for healthy and fresh food and home essentials, which are produced in partnership with Pleasanton's SideTrack Bar + Grill and Eddie Papa's American Hangout and then delivered to families in need.

Employment

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How COVID-19 has affected real estate in the Tri-Valley

‘Real estate professionals ... are having to reinvent how they do business’

By EMMA HALL

As the COVID-19 pandemic and shelter order have impacted the Tri-Valley, real estate agencies have had to change operations in the midst of a shifting market.

David Stark, the public affairs director of the Bay East Association of Realtors, reflected on the current state of the local real estate market in a recent interview with the Weekly.

“Real estate professionals throughout the Tri-Valley are having to reinvent how they do business,” Stark said. “They’ve had to learn very quickly how to work with restrictions of the shelter-in-place. They’ve had to be very nimble in terms of sharing with their clients the properties that are available, allowing their clients to safely access properties and just managing the expectations of buyers and sellers.”

Specifically in the Tri-Valley, the market has taken a hit due to the shelter-in-place. In Pleasanton, home sales were 62% lower in May compared to the same month in 2019, according to data provided by Bay East.

Home sales were down in every

Tri-Valley community, year-over-year — the decreases ranged between 54% to 73%.

The median sale price in Pleasanton dropped by \$66,000 year-over-year, a 5% decrease. Currently the median price for a home in Pleasanton is \$1,213,000. Alongside that, there are currently fewer homes on the market in the Tri-Valley altogether.

Stark described how overall they’ve seen a high fluctuation in market conditions since the COVID-19 outbreak. Still, individuals remain interested in buying housing, even in the midst of the pandemic.

“What we’re seeing in Pleasanton is similar to other communities that have an extremely high quality in life,” he said. “That is while the supply of particularly single-family detached homes has been decreasing throughout this year, at the same time there is a significant interest in home-ownership that has kept sale prices at historically high levels.”

Real estate has been classified as an essential business in the East Bay. With this change, interest rates have lowered as homes are taken off the market,

according to Stark.

One positive for Tri-Valley sellers that Bay East’s May 2020 market data noted was homes were on the open market for fewer days than in May 2019 in San Ramon, Danville and Pleasanton.

“Once it was deemed that real estate was an essential business, we started to see some properties, especially owner-occupied properties, come off the market because the sellers wanted to pull back to wait and see what was going to happen,” said Tina Hand, the president of the Bay East. “We are seeing showings out there, the interest rates are phenomenal, so the buyers can grab a whole lot more house with lower interest rates.”

According to Hand, the spring market was when more properties were supposed to be placed on the market. But due to COVID-19, these sales will overlap into the summer.

“It has started to pick up. I predict that it will be a good market. There will be price appreciation, although not in double digit figures,” she said. “Although I do believe total sales will be down year-over-year.” ■

HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold from March 30 to April 4 in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and May 4-8 in San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 3482 Vermont Place** W. Harbourne to M. & R. Kumar for \$1,200,000
- 7252 Valley View Court** O. Carrillo to B. & T. Ko for \$885,000
- 1989 Taboada Lane #60** I. Georgiyesh to U. & M. Kulkami for \$323,000
- 7463 Stonedale Drive** Scott Family Trust to J. & J. Chen for \$817,000
- 4587 Shawnee Way** Holmes Family Trust to S. & S. Sandhu for \$650,000
- 3227 Runnymede Court** L. & W. Smith to M. & B. Shah for \$1,305,000
- 7742 Redbud Court** S. Simao to X. & Y. Cai for \$895,000
- 3259 Pueblo Way** D. Goradia to R. & M. Kather for \$635,000
- 1793 Paseo Del Cajon** Maher Trust to R. & N. Verma for \$1,106,500
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- 2855 Jones Gate Court** Murphy Trust to J. & B. Ro for \$1,485,000
- 2830 Garden Creek Circle** C. & B. Das to R. & R. Agnihotri for \$1,065,000
- 2893 Garden Creek Circle** Huang Family Trust to C. & N. Mirashi for \$1,080,000
- 4402 Del Valle Parkway** Chen Family Trust to A. Wang for \$640,000
- 3897 Brockton Drive** A. Gilani to G. Maran for \$575,000
- 3006 Bersano Court** M. & M. Obrien to J. & K. Nanney for \$2,370,000
- 3875 Belmont Way** A. Narayanan to P. & A. Herrera for \$667,500
- 2961 Amoroso Court** Foehner Trust to S. & A. Wight for \$1,969,000

Dublin

- 8163 Via Zapata** C. & P. Johnson to B. & J. Yoo for \$1,065,000
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HOME SALES

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7672 Tuscany Drive #56 L. Simonsen to G. & N. Alka for \$608,000

3971 Summit Road Taylor Morrison of California to P. & A. Mittal for \$927,000

7787 Starward Drive Gomez Family Trust to K. & L. Mojica for \$900,000

11565 Soleado Court C. & R. Rubio to M. & K. Gustafson for \$1,200,000

8072 Marquita Court A. Price to L. & S. Novak for \$916,000

4904 Hibernia Drive #95 T. Booth to S. & W. Huang for \$810,000

7893 Firebrand Drive L. & A. Quilici to R. & R. Lewis for \$820,000

5321 North Esprit Loop C. & N. Patel to A. & S. Siddamshtetty for \$800,000

3385 Dublin Boulevard #206 R3 Holdings LLC to W. Wan for \$477,000

11243 Champagne Court Sharbach Family Trust to M. He for \$1,217,000

3715 Branding Iron Place D. Lee to T. & A. Mirgoli for \$540,000

7318 Bower Lane #3 Khetrpal Family Trust to V. & K. Gadkari for \$755,000

8144 Aldea Street R. Lavallee to K. & N. Broadwater for \$950,000

Livermore

648 Vivian Drive Olson Family Trust to E. & R. Hackl for \$935,000

4154 Torrey Pine Way M. Mata to S. & K. Riddle for \$650,000

3993 Stanford Way A. & S. Guha to N. & M. Laflamme for \$710,000

5362 Scenic Avenue J. & G. Vidal to D. & L. Moon for \$667,000

602 Saddleback Circle D. Dawson to M. Arcibal for \$820,000

1320 Roselli Drive G. & T. Lane to K. & T. Nguyen for \$818,500

1857 Pine Street J. Niemuth to J. & H. Stratton for \$760,000

1923 Paseo Laguna Seco #43 M. & A. Graver to Van Horn Trust for \$455,000

5527 Oakmont Circle J. & C. Gordon to A. & M. Fontaine for \$799,000

170 North N Street #114 Jason Trust to M. & E.

Morrison for \$575,000

1085 Murrieta Boulevard #103 L. & B. Brassfield to R. Chavez for \$320,000

1085 Murrieta Boulevard #110 A. Orenberg to M. Onorato for \$415,000

731 Misty Circle A. Smith to L. & F. Gomez for \$786,000

5663 Mimosa Court & D. Matkins to Kelly Trust for \$1,101,000

1377 Lillian Street O. Mullins to S. & P. Payan for \$955,000

635 Laurelwood Court Miller Living Trust to J. & E. Reimer for \$1,120,000

782 Laurel Drive F. & G. Pan to X. & Z. Zhao for \$760,000

575 Hanover Street J. Wright to M. & A. Wright for \$425,000

6480 Forget Me Not Morrow Living Trust to M. & S. Das for \$565,000

5648 Dresslar Circle Weiss Trust to T. & R. Paolinetti for \$1,270,000

1154 Del Norte Drive B. Torok to M. Henning for \$555,000

2466 Cowan Way Anderson Living Trust to H. & Y. Singh for \$1,365,000

337 Chris Common #105 M. Tamura to K. & S. Hwang for \$358,500

2827 1st Street #806 Ashburn Family Trust to C. Gendron for \$535,000

This week's data represents homes sold during May 4-8

San Ramon

776 Bridge Creek Drive Allman Family Trust to A. & P. Kupersmidt for \$1,150,000

4085 Canyon Crest Road Dadgari Living Trust to C. & D. Lombardo for \$1,090,000

4054 Dunbarton Circle A. Barberena to K. & M. Witt for \$1,233,500

5138 East Lakeshore Drive Miles Family Trust to A. Basavaraju for \$1,075,000

2732 Moet Lane S. & R. Pandey to I. & M. Yudanin for \$975,000

32 Palamos Court Srkrf Residl Prop LLC to M. & S. Park for \$945,000

820 Pinehurst Court Cafiero Family Trust to B. & P. Chokshi for \$1,260,000

304 Rubicon Valley K. & M. Shaieb to N. & A. Kozhokaru for \$1,380,000

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Highest sale reported: \$2,370,000
Average sales reported: \$1,120,000

Dublin (March 30-April 4)

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$477,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,217,000
Average sales reported: \$900,000

Livermore (March 30-April 4)

Total sales reported: 24
Lowest sale reported: \$320,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,365,000
Average sales reported: \$735,000

San Ramon (May 4-8)

Total sales reported: 8
Lowest sale reported: \$945,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,380,000
Average sales reported: \$1,120,000

Source: California REsource



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