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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## Lessons learned living, serving orphans in Uganda

Back in 2000, Mike McCoy of Danville thought he had his retirement planned.

The Danville businessman owned a lot in a golf course community about an hour from Squaw Valley so he could spend winters skiing and his summers golfing. But God, through his wife Mary Ann, had a different plan.

The AIDS epidemic was raging in sub-Saharan Africa, leaving thousands of kids orphaned. Mary Ann felt called to do something about it.

That started in 2000 with a \$250 donation to sponsor an orphaned child in Uganda. That led to a trip to Uganda to meet her and then bringing her to the United States — after a divine intervention at the U.S. embassy so she could get a visa — and then adopting her in 2005.

Meanwhile, Mary Ann and Mike sponsored other children and then Mike suggested she would need more help than the family checkbook, so she set up a nonprofit organization in 2001. On a 2002 trip she worked alongside a woman named Grace. In contrast to today, being HIV-positive meant death because the antiretrovirals (ARVs) drugs had limited distribution.

The village where they worked was full of widows whose husbands had died of AIDS and it was just a matter of time before their wives would die. Mary Ann was stunned when Grace told her she would not see her again and asked she take care of her children.

Mary Ann promised she would do all she could, God willing. Grace died six weeks later. Mary Ann changed the group's name to Children of Grace. Or, as Mike told members of the San Francisco Bay Barnabas Chapter, "Grace died, and Children of Grace was born."

The organization's mission is to provide an education and health care to children impacted by AIDS.

Mike made his first trip in 2004, and they decided to buy land and build a school. That led to the first of several key lessons they learned. You need to understand the culture and you can only do that when you live there. After their experience with the local person, they parted ways and got out of the school business.

That led to them to move to Uganda where they lived for 10 years. They've seen much fruit with 700 to 800 kids in their education program

that is complemented by health care, a mentoring program with home visits and camping programs. Fourteen students have completed college, including two physicians in residency and another three in medical school.

He was particularly proud of one graduate who won a MasterCard Foundation scholarship to Arizona State. At ASU he was awarded the Nelson Mandela Award as the most influential black person on campus. He received a 50% scholarship to attend the ASU business school, but had no way of raising the necessary \$75,000 to match it. He didn't tell Mike because he felt they already had done so much for him. Mike finally learned of it and, encouraged by a Barnabas partner, the two of them raised the \$75K in one day. To date, they believe they have touched 10,000 kids.

Mike shared the key lessons they learned while working in an impoverished country with a high unemployment rate.

"If I walked in their shoes, believe me, I would have the same attitude. You know, you get deceived. You don't have transparency. You get lied to and your money really doesn't go where you think it's going to go. Projects eventually get finished, but at two to four times the cost," he said.

That's why living there and understanding the culture is critical. When they built the school in 2005, he felt they had good controls in place and spent the money well. It wasn't the same for their child sponsorship program that has more money flowing through it. They set up their own Ugandan nonprofit in 2007.

When doing business there, he always requires an MOU that he said works very well with Ugandans. There's also the understanding that to get anything done requires a facilitation fee. He uses local lawyers and noted that one time it took three submissions of the same paperwork before it moved ahead.

"I cannot give anybody a bribe. I ask the lawyer to get it done and send me the bill," Mike said, adding:

"I will tell you this. As I look back on it today, my wife and I would not trade the last 15 years for the best golf course home or skiing Squaw Valley or anything else we might have done. We had a chance to kind of learn life over again. I would encourage anyone." ■

### About the Cover

Tri-Valley mental health professionals, such as Brent Robery from the Community Presbyterian Counseling Center, have had to adjust their care during the coronavirus pandemic — one primary way is to offer remote therapy sessions via videoconference. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Amy Levine.

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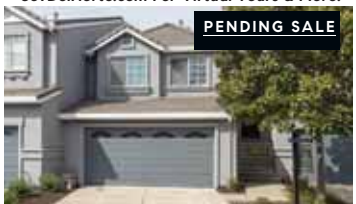
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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## If you could change something about your past, would you?



**Stephanie Leeds**  
*Marketing*

I wouldn't change a thing. I've had many ups and downs in my life. High highs, and low lows. Every experience has made me who I am and gotten me to my current station in life. And it's a really great place.



**Rick Robertus**  
*Software engineer*

I think I should have been more careful about my words when I was younger. I've said some hurtful and insensitive things to people over the years. I've already apologized profusely, but wish the words had never come out of my mouth.



**Michelle Garrison**  
*Retired*

I would have traveled to see and spend with my mother more while she was dying of brain cancer. I regret that I didn't realize back then that I had the power to leave my job temporarily in order to take every possible opportunity to spend time with her.



**Walter Adams** *Insurance sales*

I wish I had expressed more gratitude to the people in my life, like my parents, who facilitated my ability to grow into a well-adjusted, successful person, and to impart so many good lessons and values to my son. I thank them all the time, now that I'm an adult, but I regret that I didn't show more appreciation toward them during my youth.



**Jeff Garrison** *Retired*

I regret that as an adult, my profession took me so far away from my childhood home, such that I didn't get to spend enough time with my parents, and they didn't get to see their grandchildren often enough. At the same time though, had I not moved to California, I would not have the same great life that I have today.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Council coverage

The Pleasanton City Council majority on Tuesday directed city staff to bring forward a draft action plan that will outline the process for future community conversations and public consideration of issues related to policing policies and practices in Pleasanton.

They tentatively set a special council meeting for July 14 to discuss the future draft action plan only, with a community listening session before the council to follow by the end of July.

More coverage of that item, and others from Tuesday night's regular council meeting, can be found on [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com) in the coming days and in the upcoming print editions.

Other key topics from the meeting including affirmation of the city's midterm budget update reflecting more effects and estimates from the COVID-19 crisis, the city's new emergency rental assistance program providing grants to help impacted residents pay their rent, further decisions on tobacco retailing regulations, a LGBTQ Pride Month proclamation and a 28-item consent calendar.

### In honor of Juneteenth

Tri-Valley Haven is commemorating Juneteenth (which is today) with a special community display at its community building at 3663 Pacific Ave. in Livermore.

The nonprofit is inviting people to leave a sign or token describing what they celebrate about diversity and what they can do to help end racism. The community display, along with a banner honoring Juneteenth, will be available for all to see through the end of the month.

Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in America, the day federal Emancipation Proclamation orders were read in Texas on June 19, 1865.

### More drive-in concerts

The Alameda County Fairgrounds has announced its next round of drive-in concerts, to be held next weekend.

Starting today, tickets will go on sale for two showings of country superstar Garth Brooks' upcoming one-night video concert that is airing on 300-plus outdoor theaters on June 27. Show times in Pleasanton will be 8:45 p.m. and 11 p.m.

One night before, on June 26, the fairgrounds will welcome three tribute bands to the stage while concert-goers watch live from their cars. Running from 7-10 p.m., the show will feature Stung (The Police tribute), Heartless (Heart tribute) and Queen Nation (Queen tribute).

For tickets or more information, go to [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com). ■

## County to allow outdoor dining, all retail; Main Street closing on weekends to help

Religious services, outdoor fitness classes also due to reopen under new health order

**BY JEREMY WALSH**  
Outdoor restaurant dining, larger religious services and all retail stores are on track to be allowed again in Alameda County today, under proposed updates to the COVID-19 shelter order unveiled by the county's health officer last week.

In response, Pleasanton city officials — who'd advocated for the Tri-Valley to reopen sooner due to lower infection numbers locally — agreed to close Main Street to vehicular traffic on weekends starting this afternoon (June 19) to give restaurants

and shops more room to operate outdoors.

"We are pleased to hear Alameda County Public Health Department has accelerated the reopening of some local businesses, including indoor and outdoor retail and outdoor dining," Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho told the Weekly last Friday.

"Having this announcement now, will give our businesses some time to plan and prepare to open on June 19," Fialho added. "At the same time, it's up to all of us to maintain safety standards locally through

social distancing and the necessary use of face masks while in public. I'm confident Pleasanton is up to the challenge."

In announcing the new health order, scheduled to take effect today, Alameda County health officer Dr. Erica Pan cited stabilizing conditions in recent weeks but encouraged residents to exercise caution and still adhere to social distancing and personal hygiene recommendations.

"The indicators we monitor to determine if we should continue moving forward through reopening are stable or improving," Pan said in

a statement.

"We will continue to have more cases, but the steady increase in hospitalizations and the steep increase in the case rate we were seeing in late May has slowed and the hospitalizations have stabilized. We are also making significant progress in expanding and improving the efficiency of our contact tracing teams," Pan added.

The new order issued by ACPHD comes one week after the three Tri-Valley mayors co-signed a letter

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RYAN J. DEGAN

From left: Barry Mew, Larry and Rita Fisher and their daughter Cindy after the neighborhood procession June 12. Rita had been away from home for 3-1/2 months recovering from a bad case of coronavirus.

## 'Welcome home!'

Neighborhood parade greets Pleasanton woman returning after long battle with COVID-19

**BY RYAN J. DEGAN**

A Pleasanton neighborhood joined together last Friday to celebrate one of their own returning home following a lengthy battle with a serious case of COVID-19.

After 3-1/2 months spent in hospitals and rehabilitation centers due to becoming infected by the coronavirus, Pleasanton resident Rita Fisher arrived back at her home in the Village at Ironwood — a seniors-only neighborhood on the east side of town — and was greeted by a social-distancing procession of about 150 neighbors.

"Oh my God, it's amazing," Fisher told the Weekly in a brief interview from her driveway on Friday.

Fisher, who said she was stunned by the surprise congregation, added that after so long away from home, she was most looking forward to sleeping in her own bed and eating "real food."

"We're a community of seniors and when one of our own gets ill, it affects all of us," said Barry Mew, Fisher's neighbor. "Rita and (husband) Larry got a chance to feel the love from the neighbors

here at Ironwood. So many of us prayed and were thinking of them. She overcame a really difficult situation, so we are just really thankful."

To greet Fisher — who spent a month and a half in the intensive care unit battling COVID-19 — when she finally returned home, Mew reached out to Ironwood friends to organize a little welcome home party for their long-absent community member.

On Friday morning as Fisher drove into the gated community

## Brown, Pentin running for mayor

Narum announces she won't seek top seat opening up this fall

**BY JEREMY WALSH**

Sitting Pleasanton City Council members Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin, who are terming out of their current positions this year, each announced in the past week that they will be seeking elevated office with the city by running for the mayor's seat in November.

The second-term council members are the first two candidates to launch their campaigns for the mayor's chair, which will be fully up for grabs with Mayor Jerry Thorne ineligible for re-election due to the city's term limit laws.

"I have the experience needed to lead the city, and to take on the challenges our city faces as we recover from our current economic hardships, manage our public health and listen to residents' concerns about city and police policies. I remain committed to listening to



Karla Brown



Jerry Pentin

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# Farmers' market manager resigns after LGBTQ+ Pride Flag argument

Director ordered bakery owner to stop handing out flags; video of verbal exchange went viral

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The California Farmers Market Association (CFMA) stepped down Tuesday as manager of the Livermore Farmers' Market after an argument between its representative and members of Livermore Pride and a local bakery owner earlier this month went viral.

The incident occurred on June 7, when Dan Floyd — owner of Dan Good Cookies, a vendor at the market — and Livermore Pride Executive Director Amy Pannu were handing out rainbow flags in honor of LGBTQ+ Pride Month, but CFMA Executive Director Gail Hayden told the duo to stop, saying the practice of distributing flags violated market policy.

Pannu captured the end of the ensuing conversation on video, which then went viral on social media and resulted in calls for boycotting CFMA because of Hayden's actions.

"Based upon the video and statements by Dan and Amy, Livermore Pride contends that the level of verbal escalation exhibited by Ms. Hayden was inordinate given the purported 'offense' she claimed was being made," Livermore Pride officials said in a statement.

"The hostility toward both Dan and Amy over something as simple as a small free flag being handed out optionally to Market consumers suggests that they were targeted because they were representing the LGBTQ+ community. Nothing else explains the outright vitriol and weighted language used in this recording," they added.

Livermore city officials confirmed that CFMA formally resigned its role as Livermore



LIVERMORE PRIDE

A still photograph pulled from the viral video showing CFMA Executive Director Gail Hayden ordering a farmers' market vendor to stop distributing the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag.

Farmers' Market manager to Livermore Downtown Inc. on Tuesday morning. The market will not be held this Sunday while Livermore Downtown Inc. works to find a new market organizer.

Hayden responded to the controversy in a phone interview with the Weekly on Tuesday.

"It's a standing policy. It had nothing to do with sexuality; it has nothing to do with that," Hayden said. "In fact, we have gay employees, we have gay people in our family, we have gay market managers, the consultant was gay. We don't have any problem with gay pride, but we have a problem with flags and it was blown out of proportion and it's very sad now because people are boycotting something that doesn't need to be boycotted."

According to the video (which captured just under three minutes of the conversation), Hayden told Floyd he was violating market rules by passing out the flags and

threatened to suspend him until he read the CFMA's rules.

"The mission of the market is not your political point of view," Hayden told Floyd in the video. "The mission of the market is for farmers. And you're in a different rights situation here because you're a non-(agricultural vendor) ... I don't even care what the flags are for, that has nothing to do with anything."

"My job is to run the market, not to satisfy your political point of view," she added, according to the video.

Floyd, in response that day, acknowledged that he had not reviewed the rules Hayden was referring to but did say, "Gail what is actually disturbing to me is how you are treating me right now. I have been very open with CFMA since I came here," according to the video.

Hayden disputes any claim of a lack of inclusion, and instead contends that the issue was one based on liability and protocol.

She told the Weekly that Floyd's use of his space as a platform for Livermore Pride was inappropriate because nonprofit organizations who want to have a presence at the market need to register prior to attending the event.

As for the physical flags themselves, Hayden said she witnessed children using the flags as toy swords and was concerned about the sharp points. She claimed that if Floyd had removed the stick and simply distributed the cloth flag part, then the act would have been acceptable at his booth. (She also contended she had once asked the American Legion to stop handing out flags in the past.)

For his part, Floyd — who did not return requests for comment as of press time Wednesday — was issued a citation by the CFMA for allowing a non-employee to be in his booth, and later stated he would not be attending the Livermore Farmers' Market in the future.

Livermore Pride officials stated that LGBTQ+ identity transcends politics and Hayden's use of words constituted "a targeted verbal attack against LGBTQ+ community members."

"The fact that LGBTQ+ identity is explicitly neither a political association nor choice is a dog-whistle to everyone who rallies around the false notion that being LGBTQ+ is somehow a choice to be exercised only under certain circumstances, when condoned by others, and out of the public eye," they said.

Livermore Pride also contended that Hayden's response to Floyd was not proportional to the alleged offense, further stating that they were no longer convinced that the market would be a safe

place for members of the LGBTQ+ community.

As for the decision to resign as market managers, Hayden said she had received threats of protests and boycotts and even got multiple death threats. These threats, she said, created an environment where CFMA officials felt wouldn't be safe for vendors.

Livermore Downtown, Inc., who had previously contracted with CFMA to manage the market, condemned Hayden's actions, saying they are "appalled by the actions of the executive of CFMA, the market operator for the Livermore Farmers Market."

"Livermore Downtown Inc. believes in equality for all. We stand with our community in supporting and celebrating our LGBTQ+ neighbors. The Livermore Farmers Market will be temporarily suspending operations and the search for an inclusive market operator has begun," The Livermore Downtown Inc. Board of Directors said in a statement on Tuesday.

In a Facebook post, Livermore city officials added: "The occurrence at the market that led to CFMA's resignation is not reflective of Livermore's values of inclusion and respect."

"The City Council believes that a city can best stand against bigotry, intolerance, and hate through leading by example and living our shared community values. This month, the rainbow flag is flying at City Hall as a colorful reminder of how our city is strengthened and enriched by the diversity of its residents, business owners, and students, and we continue to work toward a more inclusive community." ■

## Pleasanton alumni demand a 'race-conscious' education

More than 1,500 signatures on petition to overhaul PUSD history curriculum

By JULIA BAUM

As large demonstrations continue several weeks after the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Pleasanton students are calling for the introduction of a "race-conscious history curriculum" in local schools.

More than a dozen recent high school graduates phoned in during a meeting of the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees last week, urging district officials to support an overhaul of the history curriculum for one that more deeply informs students about race relations, racial bias and discrimination, and white privilege.

Content for the AP History courses that Jennifer Mei took before she recently graduated from Amador Valley is widely dictated by the

College Board. But Mei said at the June 11 meeting there should be an "active effort to incorporate more race-conscious history" by PUSD that's lacking in current lesson plans.

**'It's not that all we learned about white history was obscured, but we just didn't learn enough about other races.'**

**Jennifer Mei, Amador Valley High alum**

"I can tell you a bit about the Mongols and maybe something about the Civil Rights movement, but that's about it. It's not that all we learned about white history was obscured, but we just didn't learn enough about other races," Mei said.

"I've grown up in an affluent suburban bubble my whole life and the curriculum has prevented me from seeing past a nice little history with a bow on top. If it weren't for

the extra 1,000 hours I put into researching for Comp Civics, I would feel utterly unprepared to talk about race issues with any sense of credibility," she added.

Mei continued that the district has a "responsibility to educate students

about more than just a white version of history, regardless of how uncomfortable it is," and to help students make meaningful connections between historic decisions like *Brown v. Board of Education* and modern-day events. Unaware until she did project research this year that a Marin County school district was ordered to desegregate last August, Mei asked "how this is not important enough to learn about in class."

"The disparity in education funding is essential for students to understand, and taking a day or two to teach about redlining and the racist housing policies that created these segregated districts can't hurt, especially when they affect our own education," she added.

Sean O'Sullivan said that youths need a "shared understanding" of how African Americans and other minorities were historically harmed by racist schooling and housing policies, as well as contemporary events.

"I'm calling for a shift in our curriculum to focus on more recent issues involving inequalities and injustices in America" such as the impact of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, O'Sullivan said.

In recent weeks, Arnav Garg reflected on a history education that he called "excellent" but said has "several holes that are critical to fix in this system, if we are to be able to educate our students to solve

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# PUSD braces to cut \$11 million from its budget

Teacher/staff retention are top priority for board as district awaits final verdict from state budget talks

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District has been busy working to create a new budget by the end of June that identifies and carves out \$11 million from district spending while staying prepared to respond to significant moves by the state.

California's economy has taken a huge hit since the onset of shelter-in-place orders forced a number of businesses and organizations to reduce or cease operations entirely, causing a fiscal chain reaction throughout the state.

Governor Gavin Newsom's May budget revision projects a \$41.2 billion revenue decrease and \$12.8 billion increase in expenditures for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Under Newsom's budget, Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) would experience a 10% decrease, prompting California public school districts — including PUSD — to brace for state cuts.

During an update at the board's regular online meeting on June 11, assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami said the State Legislature has been developing an alternative budget that rejects the majority of Newsom's proposals and reallocates funds to the LCFF, while using possible federal funds to minimize impacts to schools during the financial crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

State leaders are also looking at adding Assembly Bill 1835 as part of the proposal, a proposed law currently working its way through the legislature, which Sheikholeslami said "requires any supplemental and concentration grants that school districts don't use in a particular year would need to be kept with those students, and to be used in out-years, and so that could be swept into other parts of the budget."

Newsom and legislators still need to work out a number of differences before the state's final budget is adopted next month.

"We may be in a situation that there won't be greater clarity until early in July, and so that puts us into a precarious situation where we have to build our budget based on more conservative assumptions that we know for now," Sheikholeslami said.

PUSD is considering a multiyear suspension of the districtwide mariachi music program and cutting back funding to the high school career and technical education program. Library specialists at the elementary school level could also see their hours decreased by half from five hours per day.

The district has also managed to identify some opportunities to increase revenue such as requesting additional donations from the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation and using remaining gift funds from the defunct Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation on existing music and STEM programs.

The trustees and staff will work through those issues next week before the board's final budget vote on June 25, Sheikholeslami said, "knowing that most likely that budget will need to be revised and refined once the state budget is approved." Some of the reductions and plans in the district's budget won't be implemented until staff has greater clarity.

Trustee Joan Laursen asked why the district would "need to follow the May Revise numbers and not go with the hope and prayer the legislature is planning." Sheikholeslami replied that the Alameda County Office of Education wants school districts to prepare budgets that can handle worst-case scenarios at this time.

"That's their approach right now, a prudent approach. It does put us in a precarious situation but I think we have to plan that way," he added.

Laursen then inquired whether the county would accept PUSD's plans for adjustments that have not

been finalized yet, specifically those requiring negotiations with the district's collective bargaining units.

Sheikholeslami informed the board that staff had discussions with the county about trigger options "so that if certain options were not available to the district and certain options weren't advantageous to the operations of the district, that there would be other levers by which the district could exercise."

Trustee Jamie Yee asked if the district had considered offering early retirement to some employees. A recent cost analysis of the proposal indicated some savings but Sheikholeslami said, "The timing of that plan for initiating is very compressed given the situation that we were in, and we felt that it would be more strategic to use that in a second-year planning process."

Board President Steve Maher wondered about cuts across the board so that "everyone kind of suffers but then no one loses a position so that we don't lose people."

"I'm afraid that if we start cutting in certain areas, people will seek elsewhere for employment. If that does happen, we will lose people so that when we do add money back in, we won't have someone to take up that position," Maher said.

"There may be other types of budgetary assumptions that are good business practice that we should be looking at in terms of our business operations and tightening the belt," Sheikholeslami added. "Because as we indicated previously, our structural deficit spending, we were in that mode prior to this and the fiscal challenges that lie ahead of us are not going to go away in a single year. The earlier we can start with some of those smart reductions, they will pay out better in the out-years as well."

The board is set to vote on the final budget at its June 25 regular meeting; the trustees had a special budget workshop scheduled for last night, after the Weekly went to press. ■

## EDUCATION

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race-related problems in this country." Garg said he felt so strongly about the matter that he reached out to several of his social studies teachers "and they agreed with me."

Within a few days, Garg posted an online petition calling for the district's history curriculum to "incorporate race-conscious education programs into all levels of education." More than 1,500 people had signed the petition at the time of this

article being published.

There were also big holes in the lessons that James Dormer learned during elementary school about the fate of the Ohlone Indians who lived in the Tri-Valley for 5,000 years. "Oddly enough, I never learned what happened to them," Dormer said. "It was as if they disappeared, never to trouble the white landowners."

Only last year in his junior year of high school did Dormer finally learn about the state-sponsored genocide of Indian tribes including the Ohlone and how their killers were awarded with jobs in government.

Following public comment, Superintendent David Haglund praised the graduates and other Pleasanton youths in his latest report for their activism, calling it "remarkable to see our students lead a peaceful and powerful demonstration this last week here in Pleasanton, advocating for awareness and moving these conversations forward. These students, as we expect and celebrate, are busy making a better world."

The graduates' statements came during the non-agenda public comment portion of the board's meeting. ■

## 25th Wedding Anniversary Cindy & Kevan Kryslar June 10, 1995

Cindy and Kevan Kryslar are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. They were united in marriage, June 10, 1995 in Oklahoma City, OK. They have three children, Matthew, Claire and Trevor who have grown up in Pleasanton. Cindy and Kevan didn't know what blessings life had in store for them, but they have had an amazing 25 years. They have been a blessing to their parents and we wish them many more years of happiness.



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# Woerner, Nop announce bids for Livermore mayor

## McCorriston running for Dublin City Council

By JEREMY WALSH

Election season is starting to ramp up in neighboring Livermore and Dublin.

Within the past week, Livermore Vice Mayor Bob Woerner and local real estate professional Mony Nop launched their campaigns for the city's mayoral seat, which is fully up for grabs on the Nov. 3 ballot with Mayor John Marchand terming out.

And over in Dublin, financial professional Michael McCorriston announced his bid for Dublin City Council this fall.

They appear to be the first candidates to publicly declare their intent to run for their respective offices. Typically, candidates in municipal elections would have started kicking off their campaigns publicly by spring, or even before, but the coronavirus pandemic has shifted that norm.

Woerner, who was first appointed



**Michael McCorriston**



**Mony Nop**



**Bob Woerner**

to the Livermore City Council in 2012 and then won election to full four-year terms in 2014 and 2018, said he seeks the mayoral position because he wants to "build upon the progress we've made as a community and spearhead change as needed in the city we love."

Among his priorities, Woerner pointed to addressing the needs for more diverse housing, supporting smart and balanced growth, applying sound fiscal management to city budgeting and making sure police

and social services are responsive to the community's needs.

"We must meet these extraordinary times with thoughtful and proven leadership. My constructive relationships with key local and regional leaders in the public and private sectors will be very beneficial as we join together to implement change. Livermore's future is bright and full of opportunity, but we have difficult challenges and decisions ahead of us that the next Mayor must be able to tackle on day one," he said.

Nop, a former Livermore police officer for 17 years who now works as a Realtor, said he is seeking his first elected office "to be a true leader in Livermore."

attendance to 25 people and provide services outdoors.

To support business reopenings in Pleasanton, city officials have signed off on the Pleasanton Downtown Association's proposal to close Main Street to vehicles for eight successive weekends starting this weekend.

The closure will include the length of Main Street from Bernal Avenue to Del Valle Parkway, with openings for cross/through traffic at St. John/Ray streets and Rose Avenue/Neal Street.

It will start at about 2 p.m. on Fridays and continue through about 10 p.m. Sundays — operational from 4 p.m. Fridays to 8 p.m. Sundays, with two hours on either end for setup and breakdown.

"During this street closure, restaurants, retailers and other downtown merchants will be allowed to expand their outdoor footprint to serve customers, following industry guidance and other applicable standards set out by the County and State," Fialho wrote in his letter to the PDA.

Downtown businesses that extend outdoors onto Main Street can extend 15 feet into the street but must leave current sidewalk clear. The middle 15 feet of Main Street will remain clear for emergency vehicle access and social distancing for pedestrians.

To expand into the public right-of-way, a business must provide the city with "a simple site plan." Restaurants can pursue extending their alcohol service by applying with the state for a temporary catering authorization.

The city and PDA will work to identify curbside pickup spots for retail on side streets as well as parking and safety protocols. They will also evaluate the street closure on a weekly basis, according to Fialho.

For the county's part, Pan reminded all businesses that operate "must complete the Site-Specific Protection

"I am so looking forward to the opportunity of serving others. Being a mayor is about leadership, understanding people's plight, uniting people and guiding them through the pain and struggles they are experiencing now," Nop said in his campaign launch statement.

He also outlined the "five-point vision for Livermore" that will drive his campaign: protect public safety, build downtown now, mitigate homelessness, increase access to affordable housing and bring high-paying jobs to Livermore.

Vying for one of two regular Dublin City Council seats on the ballot this November, McCorriston said his candidacy will focus on fiscal sustainability, smart development and housing solutions for his city.

"Our city is facing some tough

budgetary decisions over the next few years, and the current health crisis has compounded the financial uncertainty to the community," he said. "As a council member, I will use my leadership experience in finance to ensure city resources are balanced with sound fiscal strategies and to objectively evaluate initiatives that are truly in the best interest of Dublin."

McCorriston is a longtime Dublin resident with 35 years of experience in banking and finance, the last 20 of which has involved treasury operations for large multinational corporations. ■

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## OPENING

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calling on Pan to take a sub-regional approach to the county regulations and reopen the Tri-Valley because of low coronavirus case rates in three cities and more expedited reopenings for nearby San Ramon and Danville.

The mayors also pointed to the collaboration among the three cities, Stanford-ValleyCare and the Alameda County Fairgrounds to operate a regional COVID-19 testing site open to residents of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore with no out-of-pocket cost nor appointment. City officials announced late last week that the fairgrounds testing center would be extended through July 10 — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays for adults and kids 10 years old and up.

Pan formally denied the mayors' request last Friday afternoon in a response letter that cited her department's new order allowing more reopenings countywide starting today.

"Our responsibility as a Health Department is to the whole county, and we can't risk losing ground we've gained against COVID-19 by introducing regional complexity at this time. We've heard you and others in the community and think our modified reopening plan addresses some of the concerns raised and keeps us on the road to safe reopening," Pan wrote in the response letter to mayors David Haubert (Dublin), Jerry Thorne (Pleasanton) and John Marchand (Livermore).

Haubert expressed support for the latest health order and said he thought the Tri-Valley mayors' letter played a key role in the more expedited reopenings.

"I'm pleased that Dr. Pan listened to the Mayors of the Tri Valley and I'm thankful to Supervisor Haggerty

for also supporting our request," Haubert told the Weekly last Friday evening.

ACPHD reported as of Tuesday there were 4,481 confirmed COVID-19 cases (previous or active) and 112 deaths among county residents. The Tri-Valley had recorded 67 cases in Pleasanton, 67 in Livermore and 35 in Dublin — plus 57 at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, which is kept in a separate category.

That represented upticks of two cases in Pleasanton, nine in Livermore and five in Dublin compared to one week earlier. (Countywide increases were 496 positive tests and 10 deaths during that weeklong period.)

The revised Alameda County health order will focus on increased personal and economic activities in group settings with safety protections in place — outdoor dining at restaurants, indoor and outdoor retail, religious services, outdoor fitness classes and outdoor museums.

Pan said her department also expects to loosen restrictions in two-to four-week increments under its reopening plan that outlines phasing for the potential future return of all activities.

Retail and outdoor dining will be authorized to reopen at reduced capacity to ensure physical distancing and safety plans must be implemented, in alignment with the state's guidance. Pan "strongly recommended" those businesses continue to focus primarily on pickup and delivery options to limit lines and crowds.

Limited religious services will be allowed to resume too, for up to 100 people or less than 25% of building capacity, whichever is lower. Pan encouraged faith groups to continue virtual services (especially for high-risk congregants) and limit

Plan template and implement risk assessment and individual control measures, physical distancing, disinfecting and cleaning protocols, and employee training to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

She advised employers to

implement COVID-19 health screenings before work and employees to complete self-assessments. She also encouraged residents to wear face coverings, including while protesting — and if you protested, get tested for COVID-19. ■

## Las Positas launches new film studies major

### Degree to be offered starting in fall

By EMMA HALL

Las Positas College in Livermore will introduce a film studies program alongside an Associate of Arts degree or Certificate of Achievement in the field this fall.

Students will learn about the history and analysis of filmmaking, film production, film acting, music composers in film, multimedia reporting and more, according to LPC officials

"I'm most looking forward to enriching my understanding of film as an art form and applying the things I learn into practical knowledge of the process of creating a film, eventually using that knowledge to create my own content or help others create theirs," Travis Danner, a film studies student at LPC, said in a statement.

The creation of the film studies program began with Elizabeth Wing Brooks, a professor of humanities and film studies at LPC. Originally, the class was a part of the humanities program, but her students' inquiries about a major in film inspired her to put forward additional film courses.

"Elizabeth has accomplished

so much in the redesign and globalization of this curriculum and development of the film studies program, and has built a strong network of students during her short time here," Amy Mattern, the dean of arts and humanities, said in a statement.

The program will have a required core course, a revamped version of the original film studies class. In this course, students were allowed to customize the class to their own interests and goals. According to the college, it will give students an important and unique approach to focus on their own individual career path.

Due to the COVID-19 and classes becoming strictly remote, film studies faculty will be providing their teaching through Canvas and Zoom.

"I'm figuring out ways to transition online, though I prefer to be in the classroom with my students," Brooks said. "We use our library databases to show films from all over the world to teach about the world through film, so even though we aren't physically together, students will be able to 'travel' from home." ■

# The choice model

Dublin Unified advances plan for reopening schools

BY RIYA CHOPRA

The Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees is moving forward with a plan to reopen schools in the fall that allows families to choose whether their student is physically present at school full-time, two days a week or not at all.

Recommended by DUSD staff and endorsed in concept by the board majority last week, the so-called “choice model” includes purchasing and installing cameras in each classroom for \$1 million to \$1.4 million and purchasing a learning management system (either Canvas or Schoology) for \$75,000-\$150,000 for a two-year contract.

While logistics are still being worked out, the premise of the reopening plan is that families will be able to choose how often their children attend school in person in the fall.

In his presentation, Superintendent Dave Marken stated that if 25%-35% of students start school entirely virtual and 30%-35% of students attend school two days a week, then the district will be able to safely accommodate 40%-50% of students who must be in school

all week due to childcare concerns and other considerations.

“A key component of this approach is the use of camera systems in all classrooms that will allow students to study at home and participate in class almost as if they were there,” Marken said in a message to the community.

Students who are attending school virtually will be logging into their classes throughout the day, watching livestreams of their teachers and submitting assignments along with the rest of their class — with technological support from either Canvas or Schoology.

Student and staff safety was a primary guiding principle used to design the choice model, Marken said. The lowered number of students in classes will allow for proper social distancing protocols to be implemented, and there was some discussion of students and staff using proper personal protective equipment (PPE).

In his presentation on June 11, Marken maintained that the plan was designed out of a desire to allow families as much flexibility as possible to allow for vastly differing household needs. An official district survey indicated that 35%

of families wanted their students in school full-time, 21% wanted to only engage in distance learning, and 39% wanted their students to go to school two days a week. A survey of staff yielded similar results.

After a lengthy debate, the board voted 4-1 to approve the choice model and, in turn, the purchase of the cameras and learning software, with Board President Dan Cherrier dissenting.

“When we closed schools on March 13, we didn’t know very much about the virus and how it was going to move around,” Board Vice President Megan Rouse said. “I do feel like now we are in a different place. To date, there are 30 cases in Dublin; our community has a handle on social distancing and protocols that have really kept the virus to a minimum here.”

“I believe that this plan is the right way to approach this and that having an opportunity for kids to return to the classroom is absolutely the right way to go. Still, this plan makes sure that for those who aren’t ready to return, it’s not something we impose on them,” she added.

Three other trustees appeared

to agree with Rouse’s assessment, with Trustee Amy Miller insisting that parents should reserve the right to take the risk of sending their child to school in the fall if they feel that it is the best choice for their family.

Cherrier was the only board member to express hesitance at the idea of opening schools in the first place, arguing, “On March 13, we voted to close. Right now, the situation is worse.” In light of the pandemic’s growth, he felt that it was irresponsible to open schools as early as August.

Marken emphasized the flexibility that the choice model provides.

With the cameras installed and new software in use, students and teachers will be able to transition much more smoothly to full-time distance learning should COVID-19 cases spike once again in the fall. District surveys showed that both staff and students were disappointed with the confusion and inconsistency of distance learning during spring 2020, and having these systems in place would stop this from happening again.

Cherrier ultimately cast his dissenting vote solely because he was opposed to the source of the funds for the cameras. As it stands, the money for the learning management system will come from the district’s general fund, and the cameras will be paid for using

funds from Measure J; Cherrier felt that the cameras should also come from the general fund.

Marken noted that the district would be applying for a federal grant to cover all of the expenses, though he remarked that it is as of yet unclear whether school districts will be granted such provisions.

Another prominent concern brought up frequently in public comment was the privacy of students and staff with regards to the cameras being installed. “The solutions we are looking at are not 24/7 Big Brother cameras,” Marken said trying to assure those with concerns.

“Staff can turn them on and off as appropriate. Please do not be alarmed — we are, of course, going to address privacy concerns and other issues that go along with this investment. Allow us time to develop this part of our plan and we will report out when ready,” he said.

Ultimately, Marken cautioned that the logistics are still being worked out and that most questions will remain unanswered for the time being. The district has been sending out weekly communications to the community to update them on the process as it unfolds, all of which are available at [www.dublin.k12.ca.us](http://www.dublin.k12.ca.us). The first day of school is still slated for Aug. 11. ■

## MAYOR

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you and being your voice in city leadership,” Brown said in a statement on Sunday.

Pentin, who announced his campaign to the Weekly days later, said in a statement, “Addressing the pressing issues around traffic, schools, economic development, public safety and affordable housing is a challenge, and I’ve met these challenges. With your support, I will continue to represent Pleasanton with fiscal responsibility, common-sense values, and a collaborative work ethic. I will continue to work with the council and our city staff to prepare, plan and preserve the future of Pleasanton.”

The two seasoned city officials competing for the head chair — along with any future candidates for mayor who might declare in the weeks ahead — will lead a crowded Pleasanton city election on Nov. 3.

So far, four candidates have thrown their hat into the ring for the two regular council seats (four-year terms) that are opening up this fall, with Pentin and Brown terming out.

But one familiar name won’t be appearing on the ballot.

Vice Mayor Kathy Narum, who is in her second full term on the council and deeply contemplated campaigning for mayor this fall,

told the Weekly this week that she has decided not to run because of COVID-19 impacts on her “day job,” managing her family’s commercial property business in Iowa.

“Faced with the realization that I’m not going to be able to commit adequate time to campaign, I have made the difficult decision to not run for mayor this year. It simply isn’t the right time for me,” Narum said.

“However, I do want residents to know that I still have two years plus left on my City Council term. I will continue to be fully engaged during those years working to advance policies that ensure the health and well-being of our community so that Pleasanton continues to be a special place to call home,” Narum added.

Pentin and Brown each first earned election to the City Council in 2012 and were re-elected in 2016 (with Brown the top vote-getter both times). They have served the maximum number of terms allowed for regular council positions under the city’s term limit law, but each is eligible to serve up to eight more years on the council, as mayor.

A real estate professional who previously worked for more than 10 years in the semiconductor industry, Brown said her mayoral campaign will focus on listening to residents, supporting slow- and smart-growth policies, preserving the city’s historic downtown and

maintaining a safe drinking water supply while opposing potable reuse.

She also issued a campaign promise to voters, vowing to turn down campaign donations from “builders and developers who aim to influence her votes,” and encouraging fellow city

candidates to do the same.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who has spent his long civilian career operating a media production business, Pentin said as mayor he would continue to champion local initiatives, advocate for responsible growth, prioritize sound fiscal decision-making

and play “an active role in driving programs and policies that make Pleasanton one of the safest and most desirable communities in the nation.” ■

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# 13 residents displaced after fire in Livermore apartment complex

Two units destroyed, others damaged; two people sustain minor injuries

By JEREMY WALSH

A fire broke out in a Livermore apartment complex on Tuesday afternoon, destroying two units and displacing 13 residents in all due to damage throughout the building, according to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Two people sustained minor injuries in the fire, including one requiring hospital treatment, but a working smoke detector helped avert any serious injuries, according to deputy fire chief Joe Testa.

"A resident who was home and asleep at the time of the fire was awakened by a smoke detector and evacuated safely. This reinforces the importance of testing

and maintaining smoke detectors in the home," Testa said.

The incident unfolded just after noon Tuesday, when LPFD crews responded to a report of an apartment fire on the 700 block of Hayes Avenue, just off East Avenue near the Rotten Robbie gas station.

Testa said firefighters arrived to find two apartments on the second floor under heavy flames. LPFD crews, with help from Alameda County Fire Department firefighters, worked to put out the fire and prevent its spread to neighboring units.

In the end, the fire destroyed two upper-floor apartments while multiple adjacent units sustained smoke and water damage,

according to Testa.

All occupants at home at the time escaped on their own, including the resident roused by the smoke alarm. Two people sustained minor injuries, one of whom was transported by ambulance to an area hospital, Testa said. No animals were reported to be hurt.

The deputy chief said 13 occupants were displaced from their homes due to the fire damage. Those residents were working with the apartment manager and insurance company to obtain temporary housing, according to Testa.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but the flames appear to have started on a



Crews work to control the fire scene in a Livermore apartment complex on Tuesday afternoon.

second-floor balcony and spread to the inside of that apartment, Testa said. An early damage estimate for the fire was \$700,000 of loss to the

property and contents.

Firefighters remained on scene throughout the afternoon to continue mop-up. ■

## Make A Difference to expand board

Nonprofit seeks to truly represent the community

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A nonprofit group that works to serve the needs of Pleasanton is expanding its board of directors to make sure it reaches everyone.

"Recent national events and grievances have made the current board aware that our board could and should be representative of the membership of the community," said W. Ron Sutton, founder and president of Make A

Difference for Pleasanton.

Plans are to increase the board from three to at least 11, with each new member representing a "shared interest community" such as youth, seniors, family, business, government, women, ethnicity, race, health, faith and ranges of income, including those who work in Pleasanton but cannot afford to live here.

"Since Make A Difference for

Pleasanton focuses on the needs of our community, it is essential that our governing board be representative of the varied interests within our community," Sutton said. "I also hope to inspire others to do the same."

Sutton recalled he was taking part in the June 5 protest march and kneeling for eight minutes and 46 seconds in recognition of George Floyd's suffocation by a Minneapolis police officer when another demonstrator shared with him the news that the sole African American member of Pleasanton North Rotary had resigned his membership.

"That made my antenna go up," Sutton said, noting that he considered the fellow Rotarian to be a friend. "I challenged myself, what can I do specifically? It hit me between the eyes — I've got this thing called 'Make A Difference for Pleasanton' with just three old white people sitting on the board."

Make A Difference for Pleasanton, established in 2014, has created several programs, including the Fourth of July celebration at Lions Wayside Park; the annual Make A Difference Volunteer Festival, co-sponsored by the library; Ed Kinney Community Patriots

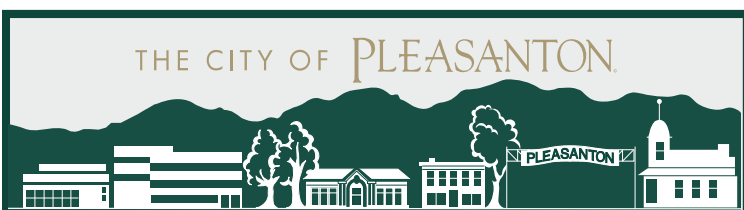
to recognize community service; and World Walk to Wellness, local walks each Saturday morning to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

"Only one event, the Volunteer Festival, seems to draw a cross section of the community," Sutton said. ■

Anyone interested in serving as a board member is invited to contact W. Ron Sutton by phone or text at 580-5962 or email at [wronsutton@gmail.com](mailto:wronsutton@gmail.com).

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Consistent with State and County Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic this will be a virtual meeting. Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available June 18 when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: [cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning\\_agenda.asp](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp)

#### • Amendment to Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code

Consider amendments to Chapters 18.08, 18.20, 18.28, 18.32, 18.36, 18.84, and 18.106 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to comply with state legislation for accessory dwelling units

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### PARADE

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with her husband, neighbors could be spotted on the sidewalk with "Welcome Home" signs, waving as she drove by and shouting words of encouragement.

When the car pulled into the driveway, a parade of neighbors marched by her home continuing to shout greetings and well wishes. The get-together culminated with a musical performance by some local teenage musicians who performed such hits as "Fly Me to the Moon" by Frank Sinatra on the saxophone and "You've Got a Friend in Me" by Randy Newman.

All participants wore masks and made a conscious effort to maintain a safe social distance from one another.

"Larry and Rita got a chance to feel the love from the neighbors here at Ironwood," added Mew, who took the lead in organizing the event.

"We kept asking Larry 'how's Rita doing, how's Rita doing?' And

it just didn't sound good for a long time and then finally Larry said I think she might be coming home," Mew said. "Once I heard there was a light at the end of the tunnel, it just came to me I thought 'Wow, we should have neighbors line the street with signs (to welcome her).'"

Fisher was exposed to the coronavirus while on a Princess Cruise back in March and had been in rough shape when she returned,

showing signs of a seemingly severe cough, according to Mew.

Friday's gathering also featured a prayer from Mew, who said, "Oh gracious God, Heavenly Father, I want to thank you for this beautiful day and that Rita can finally return home after over three months. We thank you for her family and friends who have been thinking of her and praying for her and for you having helped her overcome the coronavirus." ■



While Fisher and her family pulled up, local residents could be seen waving signs and shouting welcomes to their long-absent neighbor.

# Staying Healthy

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## Mental health care during lockdown

Local therapists find new ways to treat patients as reports of anxiety, depression increase amid pandemic

By RYAN J. DEGAN

**M**uch like the practice of wearing masks when venturing out in the world, feelings of anxiety, isolation and depression have become commonplace due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, and local mental health professionals want residents who are experiencing these issues to know that they are not alone and help is available.

As the Bay Area's shelter-in-place order stretches on into its fourth month, health care professionals in the Tri-Valley continue to document increases of certain mental health issues and have expressed a desire for local leaders to not neglect the negative mental health effects brought on by the pandemic.

"While I think it's important and critical to have infection control during times of global pandemic, we need to maintain a wide-angle view of what is going on for the overall health of the individual and our community. The inclusion of mental health in that view is essential," said Dr. Daniel Jon Kostalnick, MD, FAPA, who operates an independent psychiatric medical practice in Pleasanton.

According to Kostalnick, as a result of the pandemic and subsequent isolating shelter-in-place order, many patients have had recurring feelings of depression and anxiety — among both children and adults. These issues are compounded by other safety concerns such as an increasing number of patients who are having thoughts of suicide and increasing occurrences of domestic violence in homes.

In some cases certain patients have been required to shelter-in-place with their abuser.

"A concern that is a very clear interest to me is the person's mental health," he added. "One of the things that I am very concerned about at this time is the suicidal patient, the patient that is isolated and alone, the patient who is not

available and able to access community resources, perhaps because they are older and shut in and they don't know how to access care."

Kostalnick encouraged county health officials to take these issues into account when crafting policies related to the shelter-in-place order and to consider the full health of a resident, both physical and mental.

"In my view, (for coronavirus coverage) there's been very rare occasions that I've seen any reference to mental health, especially in the news and media," he said.

When it comes to the practicality of meeting with patients, while he does provide telehealth services for patients who are comfortable with meeting online, Kostalnick is still able to meet with patients in-person as an essential business but he did implement certain safety precautions outlined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

'Recognizing how you're feeling can help you care for yourself, manage your stress and cope with difficult situations.'

NAMI

The precautions include the extensive use of bleach on all contact surfaces and using social distancing practices when meeting with patients. He also has open windows to the outdoors with fresh air that enabled him to decrease the potential for infection.

The National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) — which has a Tri-Valley affiliation located in Pleasanton — has recommended that



RYAN J. DEGAN

Brent Robery, clinical director at the Community Presbyterian Counseling Center, now utilizes video conferencing for therapy sessions, a move many mental health professionals have taken due to the coronavirus pandemic.

individuals who are concerned with the spread of the coronavirus contact their health care provider about teletherapy or mental health services online, a practice that has been adopted by many mental healthcare providers throughout the Tri-Valley.

Any patients worried about access to prescribed medications are also encouraged to ask their health care providers about getting 90-day supplies as opposed to a 60- or 30-day supply.

"It's common to feel stressed or anxious during this time. It may be especially hard for people who already manage feelings of anxiety or emotional distress. For example, for those of us with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), public health recommendations about contamination and hand washing may make it more difficult to manage our symptoms," NAMI officials said.

"Recognizing how you're feeling can help you care for yourself, manage your stress and cope with difficult situations. Even when you don't have full control of a situation, there are things you can do," NAMI added.

Local groups such as the Community Presbyterian Counseling Center (CPCC) and Discovery Counseling Center of the San Ramon Valley, for example, provide extensive teletherapy services for patients.

"There have been studies done

(on therapy sessions) that telehealth therapy is just as effective as in-person therapy," Brent Robery, director of the CPCC, told the Weekly. "Some therapists since the shelter in place have gone exclusively to (teletherapy)."

Depending on the mental health situation a patient is dealing with, teleconferencing is not necessarily right for everyone; however, Robery explained that teletherapy still offers patients a beneficial, and socially-distancing conscious, experience.

"It is different. For example, you're not in the same room with each other so you might not be able to see some physical responses. However, there is also the opportunity that if you are not in the same room as each other; people have the ability to feel more open because they are not feeling judged," he said.

Robery explained that while at first patients and even many therapists were hesitant to try telehealth, recently individuals have become more receptive to the idea. In fact, after first seeing a drastic drop in referrals, over the past couple of weeks more and more patients have begun seeking out therapy and counseling, he said.

Adding that as the shelter-in-place order continues to stretch on, he has also documented increased feelings of isolation, depression and anxiety, as well as abuse among individuals.

"When this first came out, I think

people kind of pulled back from therapy because they didn't know exactly how long this was going to be and so they thought that this will just be a couple weeks and we'll be back at it. But what we're finding now is just that people are getting a little stir crazy and they're willing to come back and some of the people that have not been willing to do the telehealth are willing to jump into it," Robery said.

He further added the financial strains are another source of anxiety for many, and while his counseling center will aim to assist patients in whatever way they can, therapists also need to be compensated in order continue their work.

Residents interested in learning more about how to receive care or being put into contact with a mental health professional can reach out to Crisis Support Services of Alameda County's 24-hour confidential crisis line at 800-309-2131 or CrisisSupport.org, or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255, via text at 800-799-4889, chat or at SuicidePreventionLifeline.org.

"Some people feel that crisis lines are only to be used in a crisis. The accessible and free mental health crisis services that these centers offer are especially vital during these times of social-distancing and are a vital service," Dr. Kostalnick added. "They can help overcome the barriers of access to service." ■

# 'Love the skin you're in' — and protect it

Entrepreneur from Danville on mission to prevent skin cancer

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When she was at San Ramon Valley High School in the 1980s, Christie Covarrubias worshipped the sun as much as any California teen. But as an adult, when her cousin Renee died at age 32 of melanoma, the dangers of sun exposure hit home.

"She was six months younger than I was, and we grew up at Lake Tahoe. I remember us getting sun-burned together," said Covarrubias, co-founder of Sun50, a company that sells protective clothing.

"I could not understand how this could happen to someone so young and healthy. It could have been me," she added. "Her passing definitely had an immediate impact on the way I raised my three daughters — who were raised on the Santa Monica beaches — wearing hats, swim shirts and sunscreen always."

Covarrubias graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1991, then worked for Southern California companies in business development or marketing roles. In 2010, the family moved to Minnesota, and Covarrubias was surprised to

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Christie Covarrubias  
Co-founder Sun50

learn it has the country's third highest incidence of skin cancer.

"The statistics prove no one is exempt from the perils of skin cancer," Covarrubias said. "The good news is we can minimize our UV exposure by adhering to sun-safe practices, even on cloudy days. Skin cancer is 90% preventable if we look after ourselves diligently."

Covarrubias saw a need for sun protective clothing that is trendy, fits well, and is soft to the touch,

but she said no one was providing it. She and husband Jim Lockhart decided to fill the void and founded Sun50, getting a loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Their mission includes being socially and environmentally aware.

"We take a slow-fashion approach to the sourcing, manufacturing and sustainability," Covarrubias said. "The fashion industry is one of the most polluting industries in the world."

A search for a manufacturer brought them to Los Angeles.

"My husband and I went to the site where the clothes are made and met with the owner and the lead supervisor, and took a tour," she recalled.

The clothes are not inexpensive, but the workers are paid well and work in a healthy environment, she noted. Everything is hand-cut and sewn, plus there is minimum waste.

"When it is done overseas, over 80% goes into landfills," she said.

Sun50 uses eco-friendly fabrics like Tencel and organic cotton to



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Christie Covarrubias co-founded Sun50 to provide sun-protective clothing that is trendy, fits well, and is soft to the touch. Her dog Myrtle is the company's top dog and mascot.

reduce its carbon footprint and they are at least UPF 50, meaning only 2% of ultraviolet radiation can penetrate.

The first line came out in January, and Covarrubias was making presentations at 10 to 15 events a month. She was also working with 5-star hotels about selling her clothing. Then COVID-19 struck.

"When the pandemic came around, our production was halted," Covarrubias said. "They started making masks and hospital gowns. We were in full support of that."

Online sales at Sun50.co also slumped, but now business is returning.

"Our sales are up again — people are starting to think about going on vacation or being outside on their boats and going for hikes," Covarrubias said. "Our best-selling item is the white beach shirt."

She said their bandanas are also popular.

"I have heard from customers they keep it in their purse and have an instant sun shield and face covering," she said. "They are pretty and washable and feel like silk."

And Sun50 has added masks to its offerings.

"We have done really well with the masks," Covarrubias commented. "I think they are here to stay."

Sun50 already had a partnership with Feeding America, but recent events spurred management to take more action.

During June, a portion of Sun50 sales are going to We Love Lake Street in Minneapolis to help rebuild businesses, many owned by immigrants; and to Eyekonz Field Hockey and Lacrosse, which uses these sports to teach life lessons to inner city girls and boys in Philadelphia.

"We can't ignore what happened," Covarrubias said. "There is an issue here. And it's our mantra: 'Love the skin you're in.'"

"We have always been about love your neighbor, but now it is more than ever so important," she added. ■

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# Tri-Valley ramps up food assistance efforts

Emergency food distribution site open at fairgrounds Tuesdays, Thursdays

By JULIA BAUM

A new drive-thru food pantry at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton is giving Tri-Valley residents facing hunger an easy and convenient way to access healthy food during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The emergency food distribution site opened its operations earlier this month as part of a collaboration among partner agencies including the Alameda County Social Services Agency (ACSSA) and Alameda County Community Food Bank.

Nearly every aspect of daily life has been disrupted for most people since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, including being able to afford basic food items.

The number of Americans facing food insecurity is projected to jump from 37 million to 54 million this year due to COVID-19, according to Feeding America. The national organization recently declared that “demand for charitable food assistance has increased and is expected to continue to increase for the foreseeable future.”

The twice weekly drive-thru food distribution at the fairgrounds — also known as a community point of distribution, or C-POD — is a local response to the rapidly growing problem of food insecurity.

Replicating the same process as the Zhong Way Emergency Food Distribution site that’s been operating in Oakland since the end of March, Alameda County representatives said the fairgrounds C-POD “provides relief to area residents who have been hard hit by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“Making sure that every person in Alameda County has access to food during this difficult time is a priority,” said Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who represents District 1, including Livermore and Dublin. “I’m pleased that we are providing drive-thru emergency food distribution at the Alameda Fairgrounds.”

Close to 300 cars (or a total of 330 households) lined up for the first day of operation on June 2. Boxes filled with produce, meat and cheese provided from the California Association of Food Banks were loaded inside vehicles, following social distancing protocols.

“With the addition of a second food distribution site, we are able to expand our efforts to ensure that residents throughout the county have convenient access to the food resources needed to sustain them through this pandemic,” said Lori Cox, ACSSA director. “The county and partner agencies understand the importance of building and sustaining effective partnerships that are able to rapidly respond to the emerging needs of our community

during critical times like these.”

Last month, the county also launched an “all-out effort to raise public awareness” about CalFresh, the state’s food assistance program (known federally as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP), which currently serves about 131,000 county residents.

Public events have traditionally commemorated the month of May as CalFresh Awareness Month in Alameda County but the pandemic forced both organizations to regroup.

The digital outreach campaign, “Healthy Food When You Need It Most,” is an effort between Cox’s department and the food bank to educate the public on how to apply for CalFresh through social media, websites and email, and help connect residents to food distribution sites near them. With thousands of recent job cuts in Alameda County, new applications for CalFresh to ACSSA are up 120% from this time last year, and many more families and individuals in the area may be eligible.

Recent CalFresh policy changes triggered by COVID-19 include temporarily suspending the “Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents” (ABAWD) work requirement and interview requirement in some cases for CalFresh benefits, and providing emergency allotments to increase benefits to the maximum based on household size.

Due to school closures, children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals will also receive additional benefits to buy food called Pandemic EBT, or P-EBT. Families with children receiving CalFresh, Medi-Cal or foster care benefits do not need to apply.

“The need to increase awareness, outreach, and enrollment in CalFresh has never been greater, while reaching the public has never been more challenging,” Cox said.

As part of the campaign, more than 115,000 emails containing a link to apply online for CalFresh will be sent to those on the food bank mailing list. An online informational session for community-based organizations covering options to connect people with food benefits will also be organized by the food bank and ACSSA.

Pleasanton city officials have also given their support to local organizations that are providing food service to needy residents. Last month, the Pleasanton City Council agreed to fully fund the city’s annual human services grant requests this year, which include local nonprofits like Open Heart Kitchen, Axis Community Health, Sunflower Hill and Spectrum Community Services.

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Social services director

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# San Ramon high-schoolers target plastic pollution

Reusii sells reusable silicone bags to replace single-use plastics

By RIVA CHOPRA

In the midst of worrying about the personal health of ourselves and loved ones, issues like environmental health can often fall by the wayside. One group of local high-schoolers, however, recognized the influence that environmental health issues like plastic pollution can have on human communities.

Their solution? An online business, Reusii, which sells reusable silicone storage bags in an effort to lessen the use of plastics and prevent plastic pollution.

Led by six students from California and Dougherty Valley high schools, the group of 24 students who launched Reusii hail from seven different Bay Area

high schools. They originally met through an entrepreneurship program hosted by Junior Achievement of Northern California, which provided them with mentors who guided them through the process of building a company from the ground up.

“As a team we realized just how much plastic we use in our lives,” said Anish Lathker, one of Reusii’s heads of marketing, on what inspired them to tackle this environmental issue. “Coral reefs and other natural habitats are being destroyed due to plastic pollution. It’s a trickle-down effect in the sense that when these habitats are harmed; it starts a chain that affects everything else, including us.”

In addition, Lathker described

how constantly being surrounded by plastic products can increase the inhalation of microplastics that can be detrimental to human health.

Explaining how their product came to be, Lathker said, “When we began researching, we found there weren’t any proper alternatives to plastic that were easy, affordable, and useful. Our CEO, Rishika Vinnakota, had the amazing idea of creating a reusable silicone food storing bag.”

Now, the company sells the bags online at reusii.com in three different varieties: snack-, stash- and super-sized.

Lathker emphasized the ways in which they sought to improve on pre-existing reusable storage options.



REUSII

The Tri-Valley students who created Reusii aim for their food-safe silicone bags to be highly durable.

“We compared all of our competitors’ products to find any weaknesses or flaws to improve upon. Theirs may be reusable and dishwasher safe, but our products are also 25% cheaper on average, temperature safe and highly durable,” he said, citing that Reusii’s bags can be both frozen and microwaved safely.

Reusii also distinguishes itself from competitors by donating 10% of its profits to Project Aware and the World Wildlife Fund, both of which “work on reducing human impact on the environment and preserving wildlife,” according to Lathker. So Reusii customers can help the environment not only by purchasing eco-friendly products, but by directly contributing to prominent nonprofits dedicated to the cause.

Reusii was formed last fall, and its team has recently been looking to expand its scope. Earlier this year, they pitched their product to representatives of Clorox and Workday.

While the COVID-19 pandemic

stalled these endeavors, “an executive from Clorox who listened to their pitch remarked that their entrepreneurial acumen was MBA level extraordinary,” said Cristene Burr, CEO of Junior Achievement of Northern California and one of Reusii’s mentors.

Burr also noted that the students’ “commitment to reducing plastic waste through innovation and perseverance earned them a coveted spot in the National Student Leadership Summit,” highlighting the success of Reusii thus far and its potential going forward.

Junior Achievement of Northern California board member Mark Linsky expressed similar optimism for the future, saying that “the Reusii team has demonstrated incredible leadership, business acumen, teamwork and other 21st century skills” which leave them “well-positioned to be successful in careers where they can have an even greater impact with their passion for improving the environment.” ■



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City staff have also been helping Tri-Valley Haven pack and deliver groceries to seniors during the pandemics and doing meal preparation alongside Open Heart Kitchen at Ridgeview Commons Kitchen on a daily basis.

“The city historically has partnered and supports many local organizations and nonprofits to serve our residents in most need pre-pandemic. During the pandemic, the city continues to work with local nonprofits,” city

spokesperson Cindy Chin told the Weekly, including assisting Open Heart Kitchen with meal distribution at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

CalFresh recipients can now also use their benefits online to purchase groceries at retailers such as Amazon and Walmart.

The emergency food distribution site at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, located at 4501 Pleasanton Ave., is open Tuesdays and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The schedule may change according to demand. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. ■



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## Donald Victor Kleffman

December 27, 1926 – June 6, 2020

Don, a devoted family man and former president of Ampex International in Redwood City, CA, passed peacefully at home with his wife of 71 years and other family members at his side. He was 93 and succumbed to complications from a head injury.

Don was born in Creston, Iowa, to Arthur and Neva Kleffman and lived there through high school. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy as a communications technician. He graduated from Central Technical Institute in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1948, studying broadcasting during the pioneering days of television. It was in Kansas City that he met the love of his life, Virginia Purtle of Rosston, Arkansas, who was there visiting her older sister for the summer. He began his career as a radio broadcast engineer at WHBY(AM) in Appleton, Wisconsin, and a few months later switched to WHO-AM-FM-TV in Des Moines, Iowa, to focus on television.

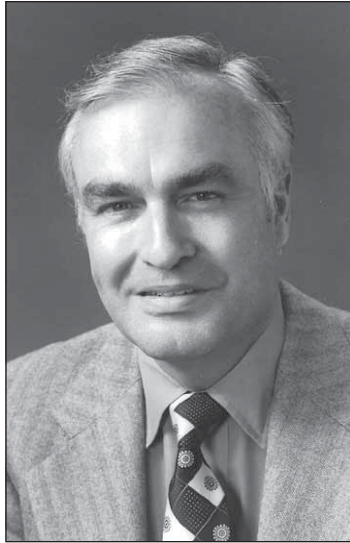
Don and Virginia married in 1949, beginning their decades of devotion, and had three children, Sandra, Debra and Timothy. In 1959, Don answered an employment ad and obtained a job as the first video applications engineer at Ampex, moving his young family across the country to California and settling in Sunnyvale. Ampex invented videotape, was a pioneering leader in slow motion instant replay and became one of the top makers of studio broadcast equipment. Don rose steadily through the ranks of the company, eventually overseeing several thousand employees in offices and manufacturing plants worldwide. Over the years, he had the opportunity to attend several Olympics to oversee the use of Ampex equipment in broadcasting the games. He became president of Ampex International in 1984 and remained in that position until he retired two years later. He was especially proud that he was instrumental in establishing a pension plan that made a major difference in the lives of hundreds of employees.

Despite all of his career success, Don once proudly told a magazine reporter that "I'm not a workaholic." By five minutes after 6 p.m., he was out of the office and almost never worked on weekends. One of his biggest joys was spending time with his wife and family, including his two grandchildren, Natalie and Kevin. He and Virginia and often other family members enjoyed frequent trips to Hawaii, Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and an African safari. He and Virginia especially loved Grindelwald, Switzerland, where they would sometimes be joined by Don's two sisters, LaVerna and Marilyn. He also loved deep sea fishing with his son. His biggest catch? A 417-pound marlin that was twice as big as he was. In 2013, Don and Virginia moved to the Village at Ironwood in Pleasanton to be closer to their children. Don will always hold a special place in the hearts of those who knew him and will especially be remembered for his sense of humor, kindness, humility, love of family, integrity and fairness.

Don was preceded in death by his father and mother, Arthur and Neva, and his sister, Marilyn. He is survived by his wife Virginia Kleffman of Pleasanton, his sister LaVerna Kleffman of Germany, his daughter Sandra Kleffman of Pleasanton, his daughter Debra and her husband Richard Lee of Livermore, his son Timothy Kleffman and his wife Deborah Rosa of Pleasanton, his granddaughter Natalie Kleffman of Washington, D.C., and his grandson Kevin Kleffman of New York.

Because of coronavirus restrictions, the family will hold a private celebration of life. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alameda County Community Food Bank, P.O. Box 2599, Oakland CA 94614. Their website is [donate.accfb.org](http://donate.accfb.org)

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### New details emerge about Pleasanton man's death near Mount Hamilton

Authorities are continuing to investigate the circumstances of how a Pleasanton man died outside of his car after it crashed down an embankment northeast of Mount Hamilton late last month, according to a spokesman with the California Highway Patrol's San Jose office.

James "Jim" Yacorzynski, 60, was found dead on the morning of May 27 at the scene of a solo-vehicle crash off of Mines Road in rural Santa Clara County, but

investigators believe the crash occurred on the afternoon before, according to CHP Officer Ross Lee.

Yacorzynski was behind the wheel of a Tesla driving on Mines Road near Turner Gulch Road when the car went off the roadway at a sweeping curve for unknown reasons around 1 p.m. May 26, according to Lee. There were no witnesses to the solo-vehicle crash.

A passerby spotted the wreckage the next morning, visible through trees and shrubs down a 20- to 30-foot embankment. Cal Fire responded to the scene first and found Yacorzynski unresponsive down on the ground behind the vehicle, according to Lee. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Initial evidence at the scene indicates that Yacorzynski got out of the

vehicle at some point after the crash but collapsed for unknown reasons, according to Lee. The officer said they are investigating whether Yacorzynski suffered a medical emergency that wasn't necessarily caused by the crash that afternoon, adding that "it did not look like he suffered great injuries in the collision."

The results of the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office autopsy remained pending as of Tuesday morning. "So, as of now, we do not have any new information to add," Lee said.

CHP investigators are still awaiting a response from Tesla whether an autopilot feature was engaged and possibly a factor in the crash, according to Lee. Speed is also being investigated as a potential factor. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### June 14

#### DUI

■ 1:24 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft from structure

■ 7:02 p.m. on the 900 block of Main Street

### June 13

#### Drug violation

■ 2:50 a.m. at Owens and Hacienda drives

■ 3:26 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Theft

■ 12:54 p.m. on the 500 block of Sycamore Creek Way

#### DUI

■ 2:05 p.m. at Foothill Road and Golden Eagle Way

#### Robbery

■ 3:14 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

### June 12

#### Theft

■ 1:09 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

■ 3:13 p.m. on the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

#### Drug violation

■ 2:10 p.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Road

### June 11

#### Theft from auto

■ 1:05 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

■ 9:23 p.m. on the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard

### June 10

#### Theft

■ 9:51 a.m., 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; theft from auto

■ 9:55 a.m., 3500 block of Rathbone Way; bicycle theft

■ 10:19 a.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto

#### Weapons violation

■ 6:57 p.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

### June 9

#### Drug violation

■ 4:46 p.m. on the 4400 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Warrant arrest

■ 9:53 p.m. at Owens Drive and Willow Road

### June 8

#### Drug violation

■ 1:36 a.m. at Owens and Chabot drives

■ 5:01 p.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 6:14 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Nevada Street

#### Vandalism

■ 9:05 a.m. on the 5000 block of Franklin Drive

#### Burglary

■ 10:17 a.m. on the 4900 block of Dolores Drive

#### Theft

■ 3:36 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

■ 11:09 p.m. on the 400 block of St. John Street

#### DUI

■ 7:42 p.m. on the 3500 block of Nevada Street

#### Missing person

■ 8:22 p.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Drive

## Linda K. Channell

September 9, 1948 – May 18, 2020

Linda Kay Channell (nee Young) passed away May 18, 2020, in Jackson, TN, at the age of 71. She was born September 9, 1948, to Reba (nee Michael) and Alva Dale Jr. Young in Salem, IL.

Linda was raised in Aurora, IL, and married James Channell on Nov. 30, 1964. They eventually made their home in Oswego, IL, where they raised two children. The couple retired in Tennessee in 2008.

After receiving her Realtor's license, Linda worked with Century 21 Mohler Realty for several years. She earned her broker's license and opened a very successful real estate office, Channell & Team, in Oswego.

Linda is survived by her husband of 55 years, James Channell; her children, Gina Channell (Steve Wilcox) of Danville, CA, and Jeffery (Heather) Channell of Oswego, IL; her grandchildren, Zachary (Erin) Allen of Cornelius, OR, Joshua Allen (Chandler Faggiano) of Henderson, NV, and Ashleigh Allen of Sonoma, CA; cousins Dale (Sue) Jourdan of Three Way, TN; Joyce (Bill) Pounds of Carthage, MO; and Jerry (Amanda) Jourdan of Beech Bluff, TN.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Reba Masters, in 2003.

A memorial service will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made in Linda's name to the Salvation Army.



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## GUEST OPINION

### Dear Big Tech: The time to act locally is now

As a full-service wealth management firm specializing in public and venture-backed startups in the Tri-Valley, we're frequently asked for our perspective on how the aftermath of the coronavirus will affect the Tri-Valley.

We felt like this was an appropriate time to share our take that we believe, if implemented, would work to the benefit of our clients, our region and Bay Area companies alike by creating a future that doesn't force valuable employees out of the state of California.

We're in a time in which we are all trying to balance the needs of our businesses and employees, along with the safety of our community. In essence, pre-pandemic normalcy and quarantine work-from-home are both unsustainable options as we enter into a world changed by the coronavirus. While technology connects us more than ever, we have truly come to value the synergy and collaboration of an

in-person work environment.

We strongly believe the Tri-Valley to be the "Goldilocks" region for Bay Area companies. If long commutes to elevators and high rises are too hot, and days filled with Zoom calls from home offices are too cold, the Tri-Valley offers the work environment that is just right.

The aftermath of the coronavirus will result in significant changes to the way businesses operate in communal working environments, putting a significant premium on personal space. The Tri-Valley offers a luxury that is unquestionably inadequate in other parts of the Bay Area: breathing room.

We believe that by trading in cramped cubicles in high rises for spacious offices with little-to-no



Don Garman

commute, Bay Area companies will create immense value for both their employees and their businesses. The region provides this much-needed space at a discount of 50% on average compared to San Francisco and Silicon Valley, while vacancies hover around 10% compared to the latter at 5%.

The Tri-Valley also leads the Bay Area in postgraduate education. By bringing offices closer to the most qualified talent, you can ensure the safety and well-being of your employees while offering them the most valuable asset of all: time.

We think this cultural shift is an opportune time to pick a more reasonable location for the office buildings that foster this sense of professional camaraderie and teamwork.

The Tri-Valley today possesses the same essential characteristics that birthed Silicon Valley 50 years ago. We are home to over a dozen publicly traded companies, two world-class

research laboratories and a myriad of startups that have attracted over \$2 billion in funding since 2015. In a time where significant change is inevitable, it is time to make the proactive shift toward a more promising future here in the Tri-Valley.

Offices will reopen. People will go back to meeting in person. We are encouraging you, as the leaders of the Bay Area's largest companies, to trade in the buses and the two-hour (each way) commutes for abundant commercial real estate and let your employees work locally and telecommute to team meetings — the happy medium that is not too hot, not too cold, but just right.

Take the next decade ride in the Tri-Valley instead of forcing your employees out of California. Watch the benefits of happier, healthier employees and families hit your bottom line. ■

*Don Garman is the founder and chief investment officer at Mirador Capital Partners, headquartered in Pleasanton. This letter was co-authored by Lauren Moone and Emma Garman.*

## GUEST OPINION

### Finding the friend for you

As families stay home and spend more time together, some are considering adopting a dog or cat from their local shelter. There are many benefits to bringing a furry friend into your home. Learning about shared responsibility, increasing your exercise and activity levels, and forging a strong emotional bond are just a few — not to mention the great feeling of saving a life.

As a result, Valley Humane Society and shelters across the country are seeing an increased interest in available dogs and cats. Prior to the stay-at-home orders being issued in the Bay Area, Valley Humane would receive roughly five inquiries for each available animal. Today, we can get as many as 50.

This increase is happening at a time when fewer animals are available.

Private surrenders — which occur when pets are voluntarily given up by their owners, often due to a lack of time to care for them — are down significantly. And strays in our region are at an all-time low, which means there are fewer animals to intake from public shelters and make available for adoption.

For animal welfare organizations, this is a good problem to have. We want every animal to be placed in a safe and loving home. But for people eager to adopt, it can be more challenging than they expected.

If you find yourself frustrated in your search, here are a few tips:

- Cast a large net: Your local animal shelters appreciate your support, but it's more important to find a pet that's right for you and your family, wherever that may be. Sites like

PetFinder.com and AdoptAPet.com list animals from a wide variety of sources, including local ones.

- Search frequently: Regularly check rescue and humane society web sites and be ready to submit a request when you see an animal who may be a good fit. Valley Humane also offers "Home-to-Home," a service that lists animals currently in homes who need new ones due to relocation or other circumstances. You can reach out directly to the owner and learn more about the animal before setting up an introduction.

- Be flexible: Many of us have an idea of the perfect pet; maybe a specific breed, age, color, etc. But consider expanding your search to include a lovable mutt or mixed breed cat that just wants a warm bed and plenty of belly scratches. You may find out the perfect companion looks nothing like what you had in mind.

- Check specialty organizations: If you are looking for something specific, contact groups that focus on individual breeds. Northern California



Melanie Sadek

has nonprofit rescues for virtually every kind of animal; a partial list can be found at [valleyhumane.org/resources-links](http://valleyhumane.org/resources-links). You may have to drive a little further, but you and your pet will benefit from the extra effort.

Most of all, be patient, and remember: you're bringing an animal into your family for a long and

happy relationship. It will be worth the wait. ■

*Melanie Sadek is executive director of Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton and secretary to the Board of Directors for the California Animal Welfare Association. She has a passion for making change that positively impacts all companion animals in California.*

### 60th Wedding Anniversary Brad & Sandra Hirst June 18, 1960

Brad and Sandra Hirst are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple was married June 18, 1960.



Brad and Sandra met at Fresno State College in 1957. Their first date was the Campus Queen Ball, where Sandra was First Attendant. They moved eight times early in their marriage and settled in Pleasanton Dec. 1, 1967.

The Hirsts have two children, Craig, 58, and Traci, 54, and four grandsons.

## Calendar notice!

As we return to print, Pleasanton Weekly staff hope to reconnect with event coordinators who can update us on the status of recurring meetings or one-time special events that have gone virtual this summer due to the pandemic and shelter order. Please input your information at [www.pleasantonweekly.com/calendar](http://www.pleasantonweekly.com/calendar) or contact Carolyn Chan at [cchan@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:cchan@pleasantonweekly.com).

## 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/>.

## 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.

## Fundraisers

**SUN'S OUT FUN'S OUT-VIRTUAL FUN RUN** Benefiting Sunflower Hill, a local nonprofit that supports adults with developmental disabilities, the Fun Run has been adapted virtually as a 5K run or walk. The event will run from June 19-28. Adults \$25, 18 and under \$10. Register at [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

## Census

**LIVERMORE 2020 CENSUS CARAVAN** "Increase Census participation in your community by spreading the word." Census La Familia is organizing a Census Caravan on June 20 at 10 a.m. that begins at St. Bartholomew's Parking Lot, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. For more information, contact [marlahoehn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marlahoehn@sbcglobal.net).

## 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](http://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

## PET OF THE WEEK



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## Have a little Puddin

Puddin, a pretty Italian Greyhound/Chihuahua mix, is just a puppy — so sweet and friendly with very long legs and white socks. She loves to give kisses and she seems to like everyone she meets. A petite princess, Puddin weighs only 8 pounds. She is active and fun, walks on leash, and she has been a wonderful guest in her foster home. Spayed, current on vaccines and microchipped, Puddin is available for adoption through Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Visit [tvar.org](http://tvar.org).

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](http://AlamedaCountyFair.com).

## Arts

**ONLINE ART CLASSES** Designed to be fun and engaging for children ages 5-10, each lesson requires only art materials found at home. June 23 and 25, 9:30-10:15 a.m., \$15 per week. Visit [www.livermorearts.com](http://www.livermorearts.com).

## Seniors

**PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER CLOSURE** The Pleasanton Senior Center is currently closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. They continue to offer transportation (70+) for grocery and medical appointments, senior lunch curbside to-go meals (60+), Friendly Calls and a variety of virtual programs. Contact: 931-5365 for more information. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

## Civic

**2020 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY - INSIDE DUBLIN** This fall the city of Dublin will host Inside Dublin, a leadership

academy designed to provide community members with knowledge of municipal operations and community activities. This is a seven-week program and due to COVID-19 may be held virtually. Go to [www.dublin.ca.gov/insidedublin](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/insidedublin).

## Government Meetings

**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](http://www.pleasantonusd.net).

## Theater

**ROMEO & JULIET - DIGITAL AUDITIONS** Las Positas College's Department of Theater Arts is accepting digital submissions for open auditions for its fall production of "Romeo & Juliet" by William Shakespeare. Auditions are open to anyone over the age of 15. Send resume, headshot and a self-tape no later than July 1 to [tlish@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:tlish@laspositascollege.edu).

# Marketplace

The Pleasanton Weekly offers advertising for Home Services, Business Services and Employment.

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# Public Notices

## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

Malhi Trucking  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 569473  
The following person doing business as: Malhi Trucking, 5122 Golden Road, Apt. 12, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: BNM Trucking, Inc., 5132 Golden Road, Apt. 12, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by BNM Trucking, Inc. a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Bhupinder Singh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 10, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 20, June 5, 12, 19.)

Fire Tool  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 569229  
The following person doing business as: Fire Tool, 18562 Carmel Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Matthew A. Thau, 102 Arroyo Drive, Danville, CA 94526. This business is conducted by Matthew A. Thau, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 3, 2002. Signature of Registrant: Matthew A. Thau, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 3, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 20, June 5, 12, 19, 2020.)

NorCal Placement Agency  
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File No.: 569476  
The following person doing business as: NorCal Placement Agency, 3321 Rosada Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the

following owner: Emal Numan, 3321 Rosada Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Emal Numan, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Emal Numan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 10, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 20, June 5, 12, 19, 2020.)

Superfly Wheels, Inc.  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 568969  
The following person doing business as: Superfly Wheels, Inc., 537 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Superfly Wheels, Inc., 537 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Superfly Wheels, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein November 26, 2019. Signature of Registrant: Tim Cortez, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 26, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 20, June 5, 12, 19, 2020.)

Casino Mine Ranch  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 570370  
The following person doing business as: Casino Mine Ranch, 1870 Santa Rita Road, H-260, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: CMV, LLC, 221 Pine Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104. This business is conducted by CMV, LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Jim Merryman, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 14, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 12, 19, 26 & July 3, 2020.)

# Eagle Scout Blake Kenney

Service project entails collecting books, raising funds

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Blake Kenney has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout although his Eagle Court of Honor was postponed due to the coronavirus epidemic and will be rescheduled.

Kenney just completed his sophomore year at Amador Valley High School. He is a member of Troop 908, sponsored by St. Clare's Episcopal Church, and has held positions of leadership including chaplain's aide, two years as den chief for Troop 910, and as a



Blake Kenney

youth leader for the Florida Sea Base High Adventure Camp.

He is on the Amador varsity wrestling team plus helps coach the Harvest Park Middle School wrestling team. Other interests include reading, sports medicine, playing video games and hanging out with friends. Kenney also enjoys volunteering with Boys Team Charity, a group for boys to volunteer with their parents to serve many organizations. As a career, he is interested in sports medicine or possibly law.

For his Eagle Scout project, due to his interest in reading, Kenney collected about 360 children's and teen books for Stanford Urgent Care as well as raised \$495 for books to benefit the ValleyCare

Charitable Foundation.

"Having books available to our pediatric patients provides a level of comfort during what can be a scary experience," urgent care clinical manager Anita Petagara said. "It is youth like Blake that help to make our community a better place."

To achieve Eagle rank, a Scout must plan, direct and supervise others in a service project and bring it to completion. Also, the Scout must be active in his troop, demonstrate leadership, earn 21 merit badges, and demonstrate that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

Kenney is the son of Bill and Julie Kenney of Pleasanton. ■

# Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 6-10 in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol, and May 11-15 in San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 4264 1st Street #1** J. Skramstad to K. & B. Broeker for \$1,211,000  
**3545 Ballantyne Drive** Sharma Family Trust to P. & S. Pallamreddy for \$1,240,000  
**1534 Chatham Place** Johnston Family Trust to A. & D. Addiego for \$1,300,000  
**4954 Drywood Street** Webb Trust to S. Eaton for \$1,300,000  
**7881 Flagstone Drive** R. & L. Enslar to R. & S. Zhang for \$1,150,000  
**1201 Machado Place** Sv Machado LLC to Callahan Trust for \$3,790,000  
**4549 Mirador Drive** Mehosky Trust to S. Krishnamurthy for \$1,833,000  
**7601 Paseo Santa Cruz** J. Pan to M. & I. Chiu for \$1,062,000  
**1822 Sinclair Drive** C. & K. Fleming to D. & N. Karri for \$1,058,000  
**7434 Stonedale Drive** L. & R. Lachance to J. Kim for \$978,000  
**4738 Sutter Gate Avenue** M. & R. Rich to L. & E. Peixoto for \$1,230,000

### Sunol

- 2549 Kilkare Road** S. & G. Cesaretti to E. & M. Koduru for \$725,000

### Dublin

- 2663 Alliston Loop** C. Srinivasan to S. & S. Mantha for \$1,210,000  
**7148 Amador Valley Boulevard** M. Keung to Y. & C. Chang for \$959,000  
**7673 Arbor Creek Circle #137** D. Chase to E. Pang for \$510,000  
**7099 Atlas Peak Drive** S. Gillani to A. & H. Panchasara for \$1,455,000  
**7428 Brigadoon Way #114** R. Tobasco to N. & W. Wheeler for \$569,000  
**3995 Clare Street** J. Yee to Yuen Trust for \$860,000  
**8018 Cranford Lane** J. & R. Castro to K. & R. Pacis for \$988,000  
**5121 Eastham Court** S. Dabade to S. & D. Nair for \$985,000  
**11671 Harlan Road** Scholz Trust to Smith Living Trust for \$1,070,000  
**8856 Marwick Court** Owen Family Trust to S. & A. Contreras for \$1,150,000

- 3467 Rimini Lane** S. Ganerwal to S. & G. Kudva for \$1,165,000  
**11484 Silvergate Drive** S. Paladino to R. & M. Tandon for \$1,120,000.00  
**7087 Tecopah Hills Way** Toll Ca VIII Lp to S. & K. Doddapaneni for \$1,750,000  
**5941 Topsfield Circle** S. Bansal to N. & U. Chittineni for \$1,275,000  
**8530 Zandol Court** M. & M. Haugh to W. & J. Chen for \$930,000

### Livermore

- 504 Brookfield Drive** C. & K. Phillips to M. Calvert for \$780,000  
**1373 Buckhorn Creek Road** M. & E. Callahan to D. & H. Pettinichio for \$1,220,000  
**1080 Coronado Way** J. & D. Haynie to D. & M. Espinoza for \$680,000  
**761 Cottonwood Court** Mattison Family Trust to J. & C. Alexander for \$905,000  
**957 Dana Circle** D. & R. Ramirez to F. & C. Green for \$995,000  
**1017 Laguna Street** Mros Trust to N. & A. Veksler for \$810,000  
**4655 Nicol Common #112** S. Kent to K. Damodar for \$375,000  
**494 Pomona Court** Skinrod Family Trust to L. & R. Redlew for \$783,000  
**323 Quartz Circle** Rt 2017 Revocable Trust to T. & A. Conrad for \$915,000  
**2853 Rutherford Court** J. Manson to K. & T. Fernandes for \$1,595,000  
**5320 Starflower Way** J. Upton to D. Sagar for \$770,000  
**626 Vivian Drive** Gil-Blanco Living Trust to D. & R. Ramirez for \$1,030,000  
**2689 Waverley Way** M. Newman to J. & J. Gigliotti for \$880,000

### San Ramon

- 9573 Davona Drive** Holland Trust to C. & L. Hagen for \$930,000  
**2643 Durango Lane** M. & K. Shaw to L. & D. Milani for \$1,020,000  
**121 Nassau Court** Miller Trust to Hovey Trust for \$1,095,000  
**2022 Poinsettia Street** E. Chen to W. & C. Cheng for \$1,030,000  
**10 Yucca Court** Fanelli Trust to Y. & E. Oistacher for \$1,270,000

Source: California REsource

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (April 6-10)

**Total sales reported:** 11  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$978,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,790,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,230,000

### Dublin (April 6-10)

**Total sales reported:** 15  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$510,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,750,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,070,000

### Livermore (April 6-10)

**Total sales reported:** 13  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$375,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,595,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$880,000

### Sunol (April 6-10)

**Total sales reported:** 1  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$725,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$725,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$725,000

Source: California REsource



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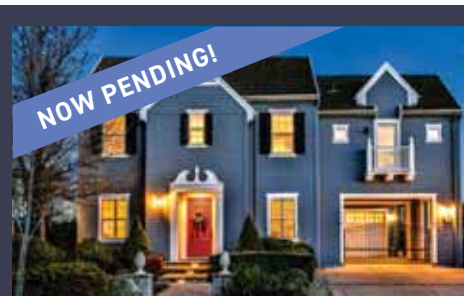
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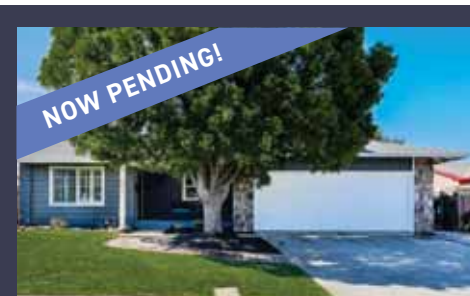
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COMING SOON

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COMING SOON

**4122 Clarinbridge Circle, Dublin**  
2bd/2.5ba, 1,401+/-sq.ft  
OFFERED AT \$649,000



NEW LISTING

**7490 Flagstone Drive, Pleasanton**  
4bd/2ba, 2,201+/-sq.ft, 6,560+/-sq.ft lot  
OFFERED AT \$1,249,000



NEW LISTING

**7147 Newcastle Lane, Dublin**  
3bd/2ba, 1,288+/-sq.ft, 6,612+/-sq.ft lot  
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SOLD \$30K OVER ASKING

**2329 Greenwood Road, Pleasanton**  
4bd/2.5ba, 2,128+/-sq.ft, 8,047+/-sq.ft lot  
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SOLD \$46K OVER ASKING

**3922 Devon Place, Livermore**  
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We are busy making some great changes to this 3 bedroom, 2,500 sq ft, one level home. Compass Concierge is covering the expenses for the seller and our construction team is handling the renovations. The seller will simply reimburse the cost of renovations at close of escrow to Compass. No fees or interest for borrowing these funds.

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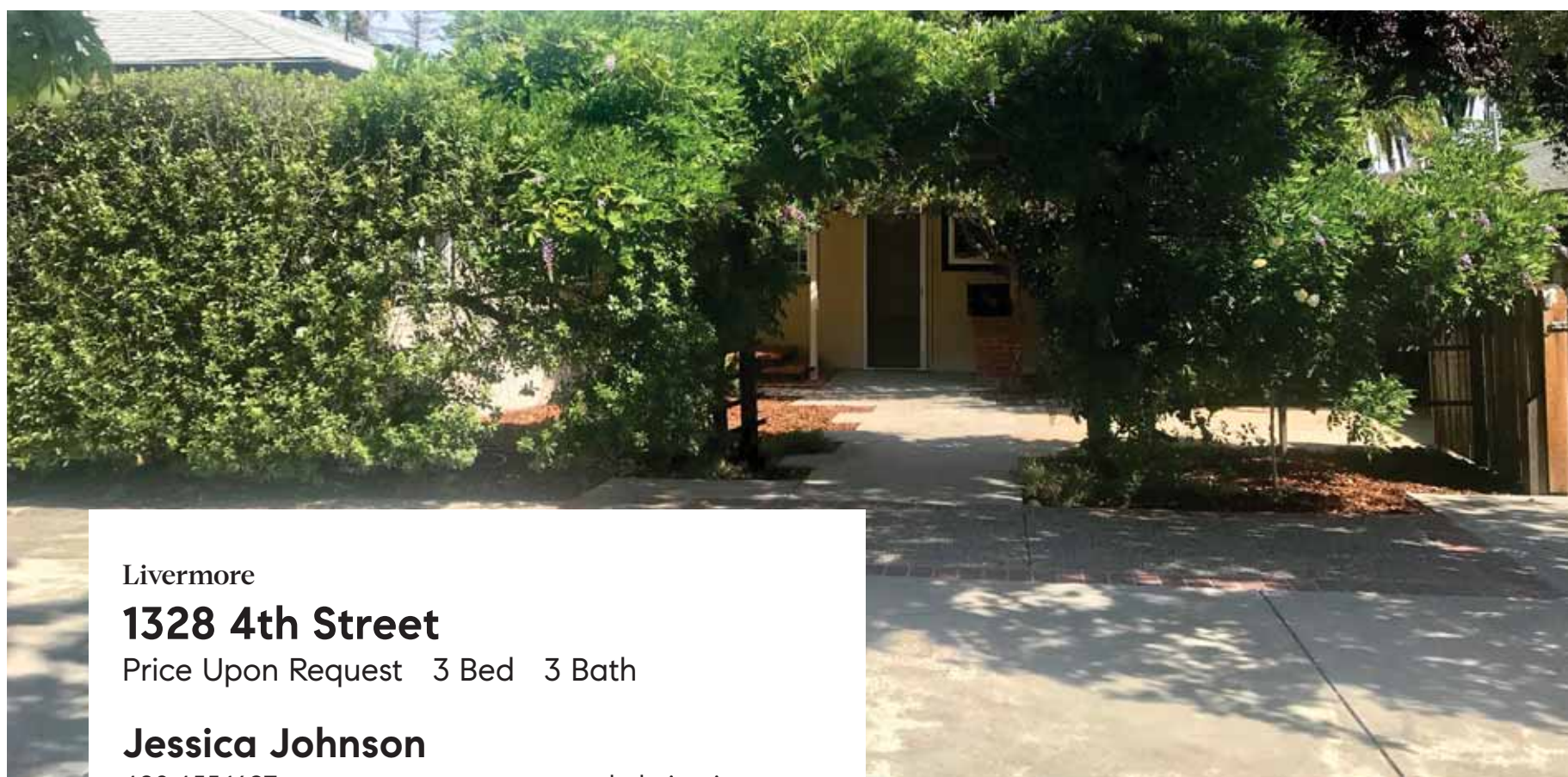
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