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VALLEY VIEWS

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Shelter cats getting back their 'mojo'

The East Bay SPCA is always brainstorming ways to find homes for its cats, so the staff were thrilled when the Jackson Galaxy Project chose it to participate in "Cat Pawsitive Pro." Jackson Galaxy has starred in Animal Planet's reality TV show, "My Cat from Hell," since 2011, to help cats and their people resolve behavioral problems.

The project is focused on shelter cats because although the refuges are set up to help cats get adopted, the environment is nonetheless incredibly stressful or, as Jackson Galaxy calls it, "mojo-draining." In shelters, cats too often become aggressive or only want to hide — neither behavior attractive to prospective adopters.

This new training helps cats get back their mojo, reducing their stress levels so they even feel comfy going to the front of the cage to "meet" potential adopters. A press release sent in February stated that outgoing kitties can even learn to give "high-fives" — this I had to investigate since I can no more imagine my cat giving a high-five than flying.

Kelcy Spaete, East Bay SPCA marketing manager, said they placed more than 100 animals in foster homes as we began to shelter in place, noting, "Our cats have been, like, the best possible stress relief during this time."

I heartily agree. Pumpkin, my striped 6-year-old male tabby, has not only been my quarantine-mate but snuggles frequently for me to stroke his back and scratch under his chin. Of course, then he will suddenly decide "enough!" and strut off — because he is, after all, a cat.

When I adopted Pumpkin 5-1/2 years ago, I knew exactly what I wanted: a striped cat that would not run under the bed when my grandchildren visited. A rescue group volunteer was fostering a perfect match and the rest is history. Pumpkin actually runs to the front door when the bell rings, such is his friendliness and curiosity. He stays front and center even with 2-year-olds and especially loves anyone who comes to repair anything.

East Bay SPCA on average receives 2,000 cats a year, Kelcy said, and it adopts out 1,950. It also works with partners who do not euthanize, such as Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton. Kelcy said often kittens are brought to the SPCA as strays while

some cats transfer in from other shelters. Mature cats may be surrendered by owners in crisis who have no other choice.

"With each intake we go through behavior and medical evaluations," Kelcy said. "Cats come in, all with different stories and different fear levels. About 200 cats a year need a little extra help."

The Jackson Galaxy Project, a program of GreaterGood.org, is designed for shelters like the East Bay SPCA, Kelcy said, which are already cat-savvy and have plenty of need. At first, she wasn't sure if its volunteers would be interested in the additional training but the response was overwhelming, she reported.

The weekly seminars by a feline behavior expert began Feb. 2, although they were unfortunately halted mid-March. But the volunteers who attended have been able to apply the lessons learned to their own cats and those they are fostering.

"It is helping make all our cats' stays here better and happier," Kelcy said.

The training is all about rewarding positive behavior. It can start small, Kelcy noted, handing out a treat just to be allowed to be in their presence until they start to think that perhaps people aren't so bad. Even fearful cats begin to associate behavior with the prospect of receiving a treat, reinforced by a clicker.

"They come to associate good treats with people," she explained.

Slowly, interactions are increased, continually giving treats until cats become comfortable with strangers and the feistier ones learn to play nice.

And about that high-fiving? I visited the Jackson Galaxy website and discovered it even has contests for the best high-five cat video. Then, armed with several cat treats, I sat on my kitchen floor, ready to reward Pumpkin as he reached his searching paw against my hand — the first step in high-five training.

Alas, he only wanted to rub his head against my hand. Eventually I gave him the treat anyway. So far, he is training me nicely. ■

Editor's note: Dolores Fox Ciardelli is Tri-Valley Life editor for the Pleasanton Weekly. Her column, "Valley Views," appears in the paper on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

About the Cover

Thousands turned out for the reopening of retail stores and outdoor dining in downtown Pleasanton last Friday. Restaurants were allowed to expand into Main Street all weekend under a plan originally proposed by the PDA and later approved by the city. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Amy Levine.

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★ Sold in a Flash Rising Star of the Month



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

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

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

We're excited to see what the future holds for this Rising Star. **Congratulations Kristina!**

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

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

In light of the strange circumstances we are navigating our way through these days, what type of plans have you made for the summer?



Mahbob Yar Chemist

At least for this summer, in light of all of the uncertainty, we have not made any exciting plans at all, for fear they might get canceled. Instead I will just be doing all of my normal, routine activities like hiking, playing tennis and swimming in a friend's backyard. She has the most beautiful pool.



Graham Hale and Emily Williams Graduate students

We are reluctant to make any extravagant plans so instead we've been working on our shelter-in-place cookbook, which includes a variety of creative salsas. We are using ingredients from our Chicago urban garden in our recipes. (We live in Chicago and were visiting family in Pleasanton for the weekend.)



Evan Williams and Keila Wedow Sales representatives

We are looking forward to spending a few days in Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo where we went to school. But we will be otherwise working mostly from home and enjoying the Bay Area as it opens up.



Steve and Harley Williams Endodontist and dentist

We have not made any major plans but instead will enjoy our beautiful Pleasanton as well as visit Napa for an anniversary weekend in August. We are so lucky to live in the Bay Area with its many great opportunities for outside recreation.



Kirsten Schwartz and Jessica Van Hoess Adjunct professor and corporate paralegal (and sisters)

We are getting together on various summer weekends in order to go back packing and camping, at a safe social distance, and with another friend or two, away from crowded areas. It seems like the perfect thing to do, and something we can count on not being prohibited.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Horse racing returns

Though the Alameda County Fair is canceled this year due to the pandemic, live horse racing is back this summer — without fans in the stands — at the Pleasanton fairgrounds.

Opening last weekend, horse racing will be held Fridays through Sundays through July 26 with post time at 2:45 p.m. each day. The total prize money over the six weeks will be \$2.3 million, with five stakes races totaling \$200,000 in prize money.

Betting will be available through specified websites and apps only. Spectators are not allowed at the race track due to the county health order amid COVID-19, but the fairgrounds is opening outdoor patio dining at the Trackside Terrace for tables of up to six people with reservations and pre-order meals required.

To learn more, visit www.alamedacountyfair.com.

Fireworks in Dublin

“Safe and Sane Fireworks” are going to be sold in the city of Dublin starting this weekend by approved nonprofits, like they are every year, but city officials have implemented new limitations on the use of the fireworks due to the pandemic.

Unlike past years in which the city would allow the fireworks to be used in designated city parks, this year the “Safe and Sane Fireworks” can only be used at private single-family residential properties.

Individual fireworks remain banned in Pleasanton, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville to reduce the risk of accidental fires, injuries or even fatalities resulting from independently set off fireworks. But “Safe and Sane Fireworks” are being sold again in Dublin beginning this weekend.

Nonprofits approved by the city will be allowed to sell the fireworks between noon Sunday (June 28) and noon July 5. The sales booths must follow current public health requirements and social-distancing rules.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office this week also noted receiving a higher-than-usual number of complaints about use of fireworks illegally countywide.

Grand jury report out

The Alameda County Civil Grand Jury's 2019-20 final report has now been released online.

Topics in this year's report include: “Disaster Preparedness: How Ready is Alameda County?,” “Jail Inspections in Alameda County,” “Alameda County General Services Agency Too Often Fails at Capital Projects” and more.

To read the full report, visit grandjury.acgov.org. ■

Tri-Valley policing practices put under the microscope

National discussion on police reform prompts changes at local level

By JULIA BAUM

The killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis last month has initiated vigorous nationwide discussion recently about racial injustice and police brutality, and presented new challenges and opportunities for local law enforcement to address in their communities.

Tri-Valley police departments in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Danville and San Ramon have roundly denounced Floyd's death as an example of using excessive

force and bad policing.

Through enacted state legislation over the past several years and public outcry over a number of highly publicized deaths involving police using excessive force, local agencies said they have focused on minimizing fatal incidents with additional training and revising or adopting policies on use of force and de-escalation to avoid injuries and fatalities.

“We can never be satisfied with the status quo, and now, more than ever, we need to dedicate

ourselves to continuous improvement,” San Ramon Police Craig Stevens said in a statement that acknowledged growing public sentiment for regular officer evaluations and reviews of department training and procedures.

Sgt. Steve Goard of the Livermore Police Department told the Weekly, “I haven't spoken to a single officer who thinks what happened in Minneapolis isn't short of disgusting. We think that's disgusting and should never have happened. It's a very popular phrase but it's so true:

‘One thing a good cop hates most is a bad cop’. We don't want those people in our profession, and we can identify and get them out, and I think that's something our agency's really good at.”

Many of the criteria outlined by the newly launched “8 Can't Wait” campaign — which advocates for the national adoption of eight policies that are shown to reduce killings by police and save lives, like requiring officers to

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RYAN J. DEGAN

Mayor Jerry Thorne (left) sits in anticipation for a meal at Nonni's Bistro during downtown's reopening weekend last Friday. Patrons are allowed to take off masks when seated, so long as they do not get up and roam around among tables.

Dining out in Pleasanton

Residents show up en masse for downtown reopening

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Thousands turned out last Friday for downtown Pleasanton's grand reopening event, which saw restaurants and retail stores turn Main Street into an outdoor dining and shopping area.

Initiated in response to Alameda County lifting some restrictions on its shelter-in-place order to now allow all retail activity and limited outdoor dining, Friday's reopening closed Main Street to vehicles in an effort to promote local businesses that have been harmed by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

“It's good to be out here and see a lot of familiar faces that I haven't

seen out in a while,” Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne said after a ceremonial ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the occasion.

“It's surely great to be a part of this kickoff, not only for the downtown but for every restaurant and retailer in town. We need to support our local businesses, start eating out and buying things from our retailers. (Now) let's all have a great time tonight,” Thorne added.

Originally proposed by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and signed off by city officials, the street closure included 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.

Scheduled to continue every weekend through Aug. 9, street closures 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.

Safety guidelines for residents roaming downtown generally match those set forth by the county and state, and mandate that patrons wear face coverings

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DUSD's Marken abruptly resigns

Superintendent exit for second year in a row in Dublin

By JEREMY WALSH

Superintendent Dave Marken handed in his resignation to the Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees on Tuesday, a surprise announcement that sent shockwaves throughout the community overnight.

It marks the second time in just over a year that the board and district have faced the abrupt departure of a superintendent; Marken's predecessor, Leslie Boozer, and the board mutually agreed to part ways in the middle of her contract in March 2019.

Marken, a former Dublin High School principal and Newark Unified School District superintendent, came out of retirement to serve as interim DUSD superintendent in April 2019 — and two months later he agreed to stay on for two years, through the 2020-21 school year, to allow the district and board ample time to find their next permanent leader.

But something happened at the end of his first full year that led him to step down, according to the



Dave Marken

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Tri-Valley swimmers seek to reform 'toxic' sports culture

SRV Aquatics assaults at center of suit against USA Swimming; ex-Seahawks swimmer alleges misconduct by coach, teammates

By JULIA BAUM

Swimmer safety is back in the local spotlight after several former Tri-Valley swimmers recently came forward alleging years of abuse that they said either took place by or under the watch of area coaches.

The public charges have so far triggered one lawsuit naming the sport's national governing body, USA Swimming, and in another instance, potentially a countersuit against one of the athletes for defamation of character.

Debra Grodensky, who competed with San Ramon Valley Aquatics in the 1980s, is one of six women who have sued USA Swimming in three separate lawsuits. Grodensky filed suit in Alameda County Superior Court for negligence and sexual assault of a minor, alleging that USA Swimming knew her former swim coach, Andrew King, was a sexual predator and did nothing to intervene, thereby fostering a toxic culture within the organization.

Grodensky said that King — who was convicted a decade ago of child molestation and sentenced to 40 years in prison — sexually abused her when she was 12 years old during swim meets that were sanctioned by USA Swimming.

According to court documents, Grodensky and the other plaintiffs "have suffered from serious,

life-long symptoms of emotional and psychological trauma." They are seeking unspecified compensation for general and punitive damages as well as "further relief as the court may deem fit and proper."

Another former local athlete, Suzette Moran, accused U.S. Olympic coach Mitch Ivey of sexual misconduct starting when she was 16.

Moran said that Ivey, a two-time Olympic medalist who was coaching at Concord Pleasant Hill Swim Club at the time, came into her hotel room and made her have sex with him during the 1983 U.S. Championships in Indianapolis. King was the chaperone for that trip. She also said that Ivey impregnated her around the end of that year and forced her to have an abortion.

In a statement, USA Swimming said, "We are aware of the information publicly released today in California. We fully support survivors of sexual abuse along their healing journey. USA Swimming's Safe Sport program continues to work with prominent health and education experts to provide meaningful member resources and SwimAssist funding to those in need. The organization and its current leadership remain committed to providing a safe environment and a positive culture for all its members."

King and Ivey were both eventually banned for life from coaching by USA Swimming, but Moran said she saw other coaches acting questionably during that time as well.

In a recent article by the Daily Beast, Moran described often seeing young girls allegedly sitting on the lap of Pleasanton Seahawks coach Steve Morsilli, who has coached the award-winning swim team in Pleasanton since 1975. "It gave me the creeps and I felt uncomfortable around him," Moran said of Morsilli in the Daily Beast article.

In an interview with the Weekly, Morsilli — who is not named in any of the lawsuits — objected to being mentioned in the Daily Beast article, which features a prominently displayed old photo of him and Moran that he said "should not have been under that very inflammatory headline."

"I think that type of behavior is horrible," Morsilli said about the lawsuit. "I did not engage in that type of behavior. I don't know why this is coming up again because all the people mentioned in the article ... have all been banned from USA Swimming, and (King's) in prison, as he should be."

"(The lawsuit) alleges that there were and are enablers, people who knew specifically ... about the behavior these (coaches) were

engaging in and didn't report it, and I can tell you categorically, in my case, that is untrue," Morsilli added.

However, one highly decorated Tri-Valley swimmer contends that "the team culture rapidly degraded me and became severely toxic" during her time swimming with Morsilli and the Seahawks.

Though Morsilli was not specifically named, former Seahawks swimmer and five-time state champion Miranda Heckman said in two recent social media posts that she was "physically, verbally, sexually, and emotionally abused by both my head coach and my teammates" — including being "groped" and "scratched" — during her final three years of high school.

Heckman, who now swims competitively at the University of Texas at Austin, left the Seahawks for Ruby Hill Aquatics without explanation — a move announced in the summer of 2019 after she graduated from Granada High School in Livermore.

"I was referred to as an 'IT' instead of by my name," Heckman wrote on social media. "I was told by my coach, 'you used to be worth something, you used to be fast'. I was told I would never surmount to anything. I was told if I spoke out about the abuse that my coach would end my swim career."

Heckman wrote that she decided to share her experience with the public because "what I want people to get from my story, is not sympathy for me, but for me to be able to empathize with those that have faced struggles similar to my own. I am a part of this huge family called the swimming community and I want to help in more ways than one."

Morsilli, who said he has retained an attorney since then, denied the accusations.

"Her attorney said, 'Well, he — being me — may have tapped her on the rear with a clipboard or commented on her swimsuit,'" Morsilli said. "She has every right to express her opinion that I'm a terrible coach, that I was mean to her and whatever else. She does not have the right to accuse me of a crime, the crime being sexual abuse."

Morsilli also declared that Heckman "has no leg to stand on when we get to court." When asked if a defamation lawsuit against Heckman was in the works, Morsilli replied, "It's coming," but did not give details.

Heckman declined to speak with the Weekly, but her attorney Jim Wagstaffe told the Weekly that, as far as he knows, "There's no lawsuit

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DINING

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whenever they are not sitting at their table and maintain at least six feet of distance away from people outside of their group.

Businesses expressed excitement over the fuller reopening of downtown, accompanied with touches of anxiety over the safety and feasibility of being able to continue hosting patrons in the city's streets.

"As long as the restaurants are all playing by the rules and the customer base is playing by the rules showing up with their masks, not moving about... I think things will work," Josh McKay of McKay's Taphouse and Beer Garden told the Weekly. "We're excited, a little anxious, but we're running and hustling and making sure everything is sorted out and ready to go. I really hope we're creating a fun environment where people feel comfortable to chat."

"Our business model is really based off of the community, and when everyone goes into the (shelter-in-place), we really lose our model but our community has supported us incredibly throughout," he added.

While McKay noted that he received a significant amount of interest in the community and was booked through the weekend,

some local owners have said that even with the influx of downtown visitors on the weekends, business still has not fully returned to pre-coronavirus levels.

Wendy Schulte, owner of Good-Common Sense Naturals, set up a streetside display stand to sell beauty supplies last Friday, which had garnered interest from passersby; however, Schulte noted that many residents probably still don't feel comfortable being out in public.

"I think that people aren't really sure (if it's safe)," she said. "I had some customers immediately ... say 'I'll be there,' so there are definitely some people who are excited. But I think the rest of the community that is not quite sure yet will need to hear more feedback that everything is safe, everything is clean and there are protocols set aside to make sure that they are comfortable."

For the diners and business owners who did turn out for the weekend reopening, a feeling of excitement and a return to normalcy was on display, with many patrons stating they hope the city decides to close Main Street for shopping and dining all summer long.

"We came (to Alberto's Cantina) about a month ago, we ordered takeout and they let us wait for our takeout and we had a margarita,

but this is our first time sitting. It feels wonderful (to be back) especially to walk down Main Street, I think they should do it all summer every summer," said Pleasanton resident Joan Tangney.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the Alameda County Public Health Department has reported 5,013 cases of coronavirus and 119 deaths throughout the county and the city of Berkeley — which operates its own public health department — since the outbreak began.

According to county health officials, last Friday saw far and away the single largest day for reported cases of coronavirus, with a record breaking 168 cases documented in all of Alameda County — the previous highest day was recorded on May 29 when 108 cases were reported. This record breaking day was followed by 126 reported cases on Saturday and 132 on Sunday.

The Tri-Valley case count remains lower than other Alameda County communities, but Livermore has spiked over the past week, rising to 129 confirmed cases as of Tuesday (one week prior, Livermore stood at 67 overall since the pandemic started). Pleasanton increased to 82 cases and Dublin rose to 45 cases.

Nationally, the U.S. had recorded 2,302,288 cases of COVID-19 and 120,333 deaths as of Tuesday, according to the U.S. Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention.

Last Friday marked the first day outdoor dining has been allowed in Alameda County since the shelter-in-place order began three months ago. So long as responsible social-distancing guidelines are met, other activities and businesses officially reopened included outdoor fitness classes, outdoor museums and historical sites, dog parks and college sports.

Religious and cultural ceremonies are also now allowed, and can be conducted indoors so long as attendance is limited to fewer than 100 people or 25% of the building area capacity, whichever is lower.

First Amendment events such as protests and other in-person

political gatherings can also be conducted outdoors, although participants should wear face coverings and stand at least six feet apart at all times, county officials said. As of June 18, California health orders actually mandated that residents wear a face covering anytime they leave their homes.

While no set date has officially been established, Alameda County health officials say the next reopening cycle will include indoor dining, hair salons and barber shops, pro sports events without fans and pools.

Residents can learn more about the county's shelter-in-place order and the ongoing spread of the coronavirus by visiting www.acphd.org. ■



RYAN J. DEGAN

Thousands turned out for local businesses' takeover of Main Street, which is scheduled to continue on weekends through Aug. 9.

Stoneridge Shopping Center reopens with new health protocols in place

Mall back in business for 'much-needed economic boost'

By EMMA HALL

Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton reopened for business over the weekend as property managers pledge to enforce their new COVID-19 exposure control policy guidelines to ensure the safety of mall-goers.

The guidelines, created in collaboration with experts in epidemiology and environmental health and safety, include enhanced sanitization and disinfection from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention list of approved

products, according to Simon Property Group. Specifically, the dining hall, restrooms, escalators, stairs, directories, trash bins, and door-knobs will be sanitized rigorously, Simon officials said.

The Pleasanton mall, which had been closed since March 19, reopened on Saturday and will give "a much-needed economic boost" to the community," Simon officials said in a press release on reopening day.

"Stoneridge Shopping Center is an important economic engine for the local community, providing

more than 2,700 jobs and contributing \$38.9 million of sales tax and \$3.3 million in property tax revenue to the state," Simon officials said. "These tax receipts fund essential services in communities, including education and infrastructure as well as health and safety services.

Employees will have to follow frequent hand-washing protocols and offer personal protective equipment in addition to other CDC recommendations.

According to the Simon

guidelines, employees will be trained in COVID-19 safety guidelines and protocols. Desks and workstations must be six-feet apart or separated by a barrier, and employees must follow the 6-feet-apart rule. There will also be a pre-emptive employee health screening to prevent workers from arriving with flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms within 72 hours. Face-covers will also be worn.

All mall tenants have been notified of the health guidelines, and are expected to adhere to them,

Simon officials said.

Social distancing will be promoted and enforced. That will include a limited number of occupants, furniture and restroom spacing, and coordinated traffic signs and distance markers. Elevator occupancy will be limited to four people at a time and public seating will be reduced.

Additionally, hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the mall. Spaces and services like the child play areas, drinking fountains, valet and strollers will be temporarily closed as well. ■

Zone 7 postpones 6.7% rate increase

Citing economic downturn, board keeps rates the same through 2021

By JEREMY WALSH

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors held back on implementing a previously approved 6.7% water rate increase for 2021, aiming to provide some relief to Tri-Valley ratepayers in light of the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The unanimous decision last week confirmed weeks of work by agency staff to analyze the budget and revisit the rate increase schedule after the directors indicated they wanted to help the many residents and businesses impacted by the sudden and

unforeseen downturn, according to Zone 7 officials.

"Like all water agencies, we have a duty to charge rates that cover the cost of providing clean, safe water to our customers. At the same time, we recognize that many in our close-knit community are facing financial hardships," Board President Sandy Figuers said in a statement on June 18, one day after the board's vote.

"After careful consideration, the Zone 7 Board of Directors has decided to delay the previously approved rate increase to provide relief and stability to the Tri-Valley

community," he added.

Zone 7 is the potable water wholesaler for southern Tri-Valley water service providers, including the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, the Dublin San Ramon Services District and the California Water Service Company's Livermore division. The cost of purchasing Zone 7 water is passed through to residential and commercial customers via the local providers in their water bills.

The water agency adopted its current four-year rate schedule in 2018 that included a set increase for each calendar year from 2019 to 2022

— including a 6.7% rate hike scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1, 2021.

But after witnessing the economic distress throughout much of the Tri-Valley due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated shelter-in-place order, Zone 7 directors decided they wanted to help provide some financial relief.

As part of approving Zone 7's 2020-21 fiscal year budget, including a special meeting in May and the final vote on June 17, the board and agency staff developed a plan to use one-time savings and defer some projects in order to freeze rates at the

current level through Dec. 31, 2021.

"Even with deferred or slowed projects, work critical to water quality and supply operations will not be compromised," officials said. "Further, work related to capital improvement projects to maintain water supply infrastructure and work related to providing future water supply reliability will continue as planned."

The directors pushed out the 6.7% rate increase to take effect in 2022 instead, replacing the previously scheduled increase for that year. ■

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resignation letter he released to the community on Tuesday.

"Leading a school district isn't for the faint of heart. I never expected smooth sailing. But I kept telling myself that I was asked to come here. Asked to upend my life. Asked to come back and bring my knowledge, experience, expertise and passion for students back here to Dublin," Marken wrote in part.

"So I came in with the best of intentions. Wanting to help. Wanting to lead. WHY? The WHY is the key question. The WHY is because of our students," he said. "Those intentions will not be met now. Those assurances that what I brought to Dublin is no longer desired."

"I am sorry that I wasn't able to finish everything I believed needed to be done. I want to apologize to our dedicated teachers, staff and administration. Most of all I want to apologize to the students and families in Dublin," Marken added. "I truly hope someone else can somehow, some way, get it done. But that person will not be me. I wish you the very best."

After Tuesday's board meeting,

the district released an official statement expressing "deep sadness" over the resignation while thanking Marken for his service.

"His second tenure in Dublin is one that has ended far too soon and he will be remembered for all the good he has done in Dublin," the district statement read, in part.

"There was a point in the recent past where the district found itself on the brink," the district said. "It seemed unlikely that anyone could turn the ship around and create a sense of hope, but Dr. Marken did just that."

"Staff now, while the district faces the herculean task of starting school for the 2020-21 school year, at a time when strong, confident, competent leadership is needed, our ship is again adrift," they added.

Neither side specified reasons that led to Marken's departure.

The move came two weeks after a lengthy board meeting in which one board majority supported moving forward with a "choice model" plan for reopening DUSD schools next academic year amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as Marken recommended. But another board majority that night, going against Marken's recommendation, voted down the proposed tentative

agreement between DUSD and the Dublin Teachers Association.

Marken and his negotiating team were confident in the proposed union deal, including that the district could fulfill the financial obligations of the deal, but the board majority disagreed, wanting a more conservative fiscal approach without any compensation increases amid the budget uncertainty with state funding because of the COVID-19 economic downturn.

The rejection vote — with trustees Dan Cherrier, Gabi Blackman and Catherine Kuo in the majority — leaves the district and DTA without an agreement.

"As the leader of the teachers, of the certificated staff, I am devastated. We are angry, we are frustrated and we were committed to Dr. Marken," DTA President Roberta Kreitz told the Weekly on Tuesday night. "We had a superintendent who wanted to lead us, to guide us, to take us out of the dark shadows that we were in for so long."

Kreitz said that she doesn't think the DTA contract rejection was specifically the impetus for Marken's resignation, but more so it was the result of the direction that board trio seems to be taking the district with votes throughout the year. "It's solely on the shoulders of

three of our board members," she added.

Asked where DUSD goes from here, Kreitz said, "I don't know. I really don't."

Marken's departure sees the district return to a position of instability at the top.

That was certainly the theme when he returned to DUSD in the spring of 2019.

Boozer had walked away as superintendent — a mutual parting agreed to by the board — for unspecified reasons that March in the midst of particularly tense contract negotiations with the DTA, to the point some union members cheered from the audience when the trustees announced Boozer's exit.

The board was also down to only three trustees for the five-member board after two midterm resignations at that time. (Blackman, for Trustee Area 4, and Kuo for Area 3 were later elected in separate special ballots, during Marken's tenure.)

Then in stepped Marken, who had retired as Newark superintendent in 2016 and was formerly an assistant superintendent and principal in Dublin.

First he agreed to be an interim superintendent, starting in April

2019 as part-time for pension reasons, but by that June he'd signed on to serve through the 2020-21 school year to lead the district while allowing the board ample time to recruit for a permanent successor.

During Marken's 14 months as superintendent, the district saw voters renew the \$96 annual parcel tax under Measure E in May 2019 and pass another school facilities bond, the \$290 million Measure J, this past March in the primary election held days before the pandemic hit California.

Now with Marken exiting, a district once known for its leadership stability finds itself without a superintendent for the second year in a row.

Boozer, who was hired ahead of the 2016-17 school year, was just the third superintendent in the previous 20 years. And Marken was only the sixth full-time superintendent ever since Dublin school districts unified in 1988.

"I love the people of this community, and the staff who give tirelessly in our schools and to our students," Marken said in his resignation message. "That love, that focus, on our children has to be at the core of anyone working in public education." ■

City Council OKs rental assistance program

Grants available to renters facing loss of income due to COVID-19

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton residents financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and shelter order could be eligible to receive city money to help with their rent after the City Council last week endorsed establishing a new emergency rental assistance program.

The program, which is open now, offers up to \$2,500 to qualifying residents affected by the crisis pay for delinquent rent or late fees accrued during the COVID-19 shelter period.

"It's a great program, and I'm really glad that we're going to be able to offer some help. I'm sure it's going to be highly in demand, and we'll help as many people as we can," Councilwoman Julie Testa said during the June 16 meeting — held online due to the pandemic.

"I think it's a wonderful program and something that's really needed, especially considering what we did for businesses and we've done for our nonprofits," Councilman Jerry Pentin added.

The program, which uses \$500,000 from the city's lower income housing fund, aims to mitigate potential homelessness among residents or displacement from their homes due to the coronavirus crisis, according to Steve Hernandez, the city's housing division manager.

"The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is well-documented," he told the council.

"We know that due to the shelter in place order that is designed to stop the spread of the virus, many of our Pleasanton residents have lost their jobs or have had other sources of income decreased. And

consequently, we have a lot of Pleasanton residents who are now unable to pay their rent," Hernandez added.

Though evictions due to COVID-19 impacts are not allowed during the state of emergency, city staff looked to develop a strategy to help residents facing potential housing debt from deferred or delinquent rent payments during the shelter period.

The result was the emergency rental assistance program, which offers one-time payment on the renter's behalf directly to the landlord. It's an outright grant for the resident, not a loan.

To qualify, an applicant must be able to show documented loss of at least 20% of their income due to employment cutbacks, missed work due to school or child care closures, or inability to work due

to contracting COVID-19 or caring for an infected family member.

They must also have a household income that doesn't exceed 80% of the area median income (AMI) for Alameda County before the March 16 shelter order — that could include \$73,100 for a single resident or \$104,000 for a household of four.

It's open only to tenants within the city limits who have a valid residential lease with a third-party landlord for at least six straight months in an apartment, house, condo, townhouse, mobile home or mobile home pad space. They need to have been in good standing with payment and lease terms before the shelter order.

Applicants must be able to verify the key elements with documentation, including the reduced income.

Residents who meet those requirements would still be ineligible if an immediate relative is their landlord, they're subletting with no valid residential lease or they already participate in the city's "Rapid Re-Housing" program.

Funding will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

The grant amount would be the lesser of the tenant's actual rent or the applicable rent based on the city's maximum affordability chart — generally, \$1,828 for a studio unit, \$2,089 for one-bedroom, \$2,350 for two-bedroom and \$2,500 for three-bedroom.

The nonprofit CityServe of the Tri-Valley reached an agreement with the city to serve as the program administrator. For more information or to apply, visit cityservecares.org/renthelp, call 925-208-0660 or email renthelp@cityservecares.org. ■

Fund distributes \$60,000 in donations to local service providers

TVNPA launches second round of fundraising

By RIYA CHOPRA

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Fund recently announced its first distribution of \$60,000 to regional service providers on the front lines of the pandemic.

The six safety-net service providers to receive funds were Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, CityServe of the Tri-Valley, Tri-Valley Haven, Senior Support of the Tri-Valley and Spectrum Community Services (Meals on Wheels).

The organizations were chosen due to their "highly developed infrastructure, extensive programming, broad reach throughout the valley, and vast resource networks" which are "best positioned to meet the increased demand for basic needs and services during this time," according to the Tri-Valley

Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA), which established the fund in April to help stabilize community safety-net services in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore.

Each of the six organizations received \$10,000 in unrestricted money during this first round of funding distribution.

"Unrestricted funds allow organizations to scale their operations and delivery systems as well, so services and resources reach their intended audiences in a timely manner. That's where the real impact occurs," said Susan Hayes, fund consultant for TVNPA.

The six nonprofits, currently under increased stress while providing for those affected by the pandemic, "regularly address the basic needs of vulnerable populations such as senior citizens,

children, the disabled, veterans, those living paycheck-to-paycheck, and the homeless by providing food, clothing, safe housing, behavioral health assistance, wellness checks, transportation and medical care," according to the TVNPA.

The \$60,000 included \$30,000 of community donations and \$30,000 from the alliance's Matching Funds Program — the Community Health & Education Foundation contributed \$20,000 to the matching program, and Hacienda Helping Hands added \$10,000.

All of these contributions comprised "Round One" of what the TVNPA hopes is an ongoing effort to support community service providers in the Tri-Valley.

Round Two has now been launched with the \$25,000

matching funds contribution of John and Marti Sutton, longtime philanthropists.

"We wanted to make a contribution to the TVNF that would encourage others to give at this time while supporting the incredible organizations in our community that provide valuable services to our residents," Marti Sutton said.

TVNPA CEO Kathy Young noted that the outpouring of community support has been instrumental to the fund's success thus far, saying, "It's comforting to know the idea of 'wrapping a blanket of services' around the shoulders of our neighbors most impacted has really resonated."

The Mony Nop Real Estate Team, Gene Morgan Insurance, Holy Cross Lutheran Church and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic

Community have all contributed to the second round of matching funds as well.

"Each round of funding is just as important as the first round," Hayes said. "We know residents will continue to face economic challenges for months to come, even as our communities start to reopen. As a result, our beneficiaries will need financial support to maintain and extend services at the elevated levels they're currently experiencing."

Local community members can contribute by donating directly to the fund, hosting an online fundraiser or becoming a Matching Funds Program partner with a minimum donation of \$1,000.

To donate to the fund or find more information, visit <http://tvnnpa.org/tvnf>. ■

Swalwell introduces federal whistleblower protection law

Officials who leak informant's identity would face criminal penalties

By JULIA BAUM

A federal bill that would better safeguard the anonymity and security of whistleblowers was introduced by Tri-Valley Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) earlier this month.

The "Enhancing Protections for Whistleblower Anonymity Act" was drafted last year after complaints about President Donald Trump's relationship with the Ukrainian government led to his impeachment by the U.S. House of Representatives on counts of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, followed by his acquittal by the U.S. Senate.

The identity of the person who raised concerns about Trump's actions generated substantial

speculation and numerous efforts by some congressional members to uncover and publish their information. Trump's accusations that the whistleblower was a spy who could face the death penalty and instigator of a hoax, and demands to "meet his accuser" made the whistleblower's attorney share concerns about their client's safety.

"Whistleblowers are critical to rooting out waste, fraud, abuse, and illegal conduct, especially as this administration strives to block congressional oversight at every turn," Swalwell said after his new bill was introduced June 11.

"Threatening and trying to reveal whistleblowers' identities is wrong

and undercuts long-established policy, endorsed by both Democrats and Republicans for decades, to encourage people to come forward with allegations of wrongdoing. It's time to stand up against these attacks and strengthen the right of whistleblower anonymity," Swalwell added.

Federal officials are currently prohibited by law from revealing the identity of a whistleblower, but no penalty exists for violations.

The Whistleblower Anonymity Act would "would impose criminal penalties on any federal official who knowingly communicates the identity of a whistleblower, or information which would reveal such

a person's identity, except to other government officials when permitted by existing law."

Whistleblowers whose identities are illegally disclosed would also be able to sue for injunctive relief or monetary damages.

Tom Devine, legal director of the Government Accountability Project, said the bill "adds the teeth that whistleblower confidentiality laws have always needed for credible rights."

"It long has been illegal to retaliate against federal witnesses, and exposing anonymous whistleblowers is the gateway for all reprisals. But federal laws protecting confidentiality rights are toothless, without

any way for whistleblowers to defend themselves or enforce them," Devine said. "Until there are remedies and accountability, there will be no deterrence against gateway harassment. Outing whistleblowers exposes them to retaliation, ranging up to death threats last year, and has a chilling effect on the flow of evidence necessary for the rule of law."

The House Judiciary Committee, which Swalwell serves on, will hold a hearing in the future and receive testimony from whistleblowers about what Swalwell called Trump's and Attorney General William Barr's "politicization of the Department of Justice." ■

POLICING

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report any misconduct and banning chokeholds and strangleholds — are already protocol or being considered by the agencies that were interviewed.

According to Goard, Livermore has actively worked to implement newer policing practices since former President Barack Obama formed the Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

“We put into effect a lot of stuff from President Obama’s recommendations,” Goard said, adding the public feedback was “instant” and highly positive.

In the case of the Danville Police Department, which is governed by the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office, Police Chief Allan Shields said there’s “a delay in policy” and that policy corrections are not only recommended “all the time” but actually put California ahead of the rest of the country in requiring officers to use all options before shooting.

“The interesting thing about 8 Can’t Wait is that’s a conversation we were having several years ago. The level of training we’re giving our officers far exceeds what 8 Can’t Wait is asking,” Shields said, adding that states laws like Assembly Bill 392 and Senate Bill 230 — which cover the used force continuum and require officers to exhaust all means before shooting — have laid the groundwork for further development.

During a webinar on policing last week, Dublin Police Chief Garrett Holmes said it’s “difficult to talk about national law enforcement” because of the many layers that exist from local policing to state and federal law enforcement.

“For us in California, here, we’re very fortunate that usually we’re on the forefront of any sort of reforms in law enforcement and sometimes it takes longer for other parts of the country to catch up with us,” Holmes said.

Though different than the video-recorded actions of the former officer who knelt on Floyd’s neck for nearly nine minutes before Floyd died, widespread protests have led a number of law enforcement agencies throughout the state to recently end the use of carotid restraints, also called sleeper holds, which restrict blood flow by adding pressure to the sides of a person’s neck.

‘I think it’s important that our community knows that we truly hear and see our community on this important topic.’

David Swing,
Pleasanton police chief

All of the Tri-Valley agencies have done the same as well, prohibiting its use along with strangleholds and chokeholds, which were already banned in Livermore.

“Our policy has always been no chokeholds and strangleholds. We allowed carotid restraint and the reason is there’s a difference,” Goard said. “With a stranglehold, you’re stopping someone from breathing but a carotid hold slows the blood flow to the brain, which allows the person to faint and gives the officer five to ten seconds to act. We had that in our use-of-force policy but could only use it under the most

extreme and dire circumstances.”

Livermore banned the use of carotid restraints on June 5 in response to public backlash, though Goard said the move already made sense. “It’s such a rare application of force, at least for our agency, that as we got together, we just agreed it’s completely understandable, and so we immediately made that change.”

Pleasanton Police Chief David Swing told the Weekly that his department also “made the decision to temporarily suspend the use of carotid restraints” while they seek more feedback on the matter.

“As we have our community conversation and understand and listen first to our community ... we will also take a closer look at whether it’s policies, training, whatever is appropriate,” Swing said. “Use of force by our officers occurs in 0.06% of all our contacts; the carotid restraint is much less frequent than that.”

Less than a month on the job in Pleasanton after making the move north from the Morgan Hill Police Department, where he was also chief, Swing said Pleasanton officers are also trained in several different force options that are available “when needed to ensure community safety or the officer’s safety.”

The Pleasanton City Council majority last 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 expect to hold a council meeting next month to discuss the future draft action plan only, with a community listening session before the council to follow soon thereafter.



RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton Police Chief David Swing attended the Black Lives Matter rally in Pleasanton on June 5 and expressed disdain for police brutality nationally.

“I think it’s important that our community knows that we truly hear and see our community on this important topic,” Swing said, adding:

“We are committed to engaging in constructive dialogue, we know

that is paramount. As we begin this conversation, it is my hope that this further strengthens community partnerships and this is the start of a new engagement process that allows us to receive continuous feedback from the community.” ■

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... I’ve been asked to come in and make sure her rights to free speech are protected.”

As for potential sexual abuse allegations, Wagstaffe said the words used by his client “are not technical terms, they’re terms about touching someone in a way that a coach and/or adult shouldn’t touch a person. We can address what (Morsilli’s) concerns are but threatening defamation suits is not the answer.”

“No one’s suggesting anyone had sexual intercourse with her,” Wagstaffe said. “But (Morsilli) acted inappropriately in the ways that were described, particularly in the ways that were described in the Instagram post, and that I already had some facts that were already very troubling.”

Annalisa Parker, who swam with the Seahawks from the time she was 9 years old until leaving to attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, reached out to the Weekly to defend her former coach. Parker said Heckman’s

comments and the Daily Beast article were “geared unfairly” toward Morsilli and that he has “dozens” of supporters.

“I don’t believe that one statement made by a previous swimmer, who historically has a negative reputation among other swimmers, should be able to destroy the reputation of a beloved swim coach who changed hundreds of lives for the better,” Parker said.

After learning about Heckman’s post, Morsilli said he got in touch with his attorney and “called the U.S. Center for SafeSport, which deals with all of these issues. I called them the day I was aware of the post — many swimmers alerted me to the posts — and asked them to start an investigation immediately.”

When asked to confirm Morsilli’s request, a SafeSport representative replied in an email, “The Center doesn’t discuss individual matters to protect the integrity of the process and the safety and privacy of the people involved.” Wagstaffe also said he knew “nothing” about the SafeSport investigation. ■

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

June 20

Fire
 ■ 5:06 a.m. at Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue

Vandalism
 ■ 2:32 p.m. on the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue

June 19

Vandalism
 ■ 1:50 a.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

■ 3:29 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Fire
 ■ 2:39 a.m. on the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road

Theft
 ■ 9:02 a.m., 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto

■ 12:59 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Graffiti
 ■ 9:53 a.m. at Stonewood and Maywood drives

Drug violation
 ■ 3:38 p.m. on the 1700 block of Foothill Road

■ 4:34 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Domestic battery
 ■ 6:21 p.m. on Santa Rita Road

Burglary
 ■ 5:05 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Robbery
 ■ 10:39 p.m. on the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

June 18

Theft
 ■ 8:39 a.m., 3500 block of Felton Terrace; theft from auto

■ 10:50 a.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

■ 4:17 p.m., 3400 block of Cornerstone Court; bicycle theft

Assault/battery
 ■ 4:01 p.m. on the 1900 block of Greenwood Drive

Vandalism
 ■ 6:25 p.m. on the 1100 block of Kottinger Drive

June 17

Theft
 ■ 7:05 a.m., 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; auto theft

■ 10:09 a.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; theft from structure

Vandalism
 ■ 8:05 a.m. on the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Drug violation
 ■ 2:15 p.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road

Assault/battery
 ■ 6:44 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

June 16

Burglary
 ■ 7:04 a.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

Drug violation
 ■ 8:23 a.m. on the 400 block of Tioga Court

■ 4:18 p.m. on the 500 block of Boulder Court

Shoplifting
 ■ 3:41 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

June 15

Theft
 ■ 7:26 a.m., 1100 block of Quarry Lane; theft from auto

■ 9:13 a.m., 5200 block of Forest Hill Drive; theft from auto

■ 2:39 p.m., 3900 block of Stoneridge Road; auto theft

■ 6:32 p.m., 2700 block of Foxglove Court; auto theft

■ 8:08 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

Sex offenses
 ■ 10:47 a.m. on Kamp Drive

Assault/battery
 ■ 11:37 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Graffiti offense
 ■ 2:36 p.m. on the 200 block of Kottinger Drive

Drug violation
 ■ 4:09 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue





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The time for the first community debate on policing in Pleasanton is now

The Pleasanton City Council requested the City Manager bring forward a draft action plan in July that will outline a process to discuss and evaluate community policing in Pleasanton. Adoption of the action plan would be followed by near term community listening sessions, Council-sponsored meetings regarding what policing looks like today and into the future, and some implicit bias and diversity and inclusion training for the City Council. Consideration of the action plan will occur in July either at a special or regular City Council meeting.

That's how City Manager Nelson Fialho interpreted the direction given to him by the council majority about setting the stage for future community discussions on policing in Pleasanton.

The message was delivered during a somewhat unclear back-and-forth on the dais during the council reports portion near the very end of the four-hour public meeting via Zoom on June 16 (which featured more than a half-hour worth of public speakers on policing during non-agenda comment at the beginning of the meeting).

We translate that as the council majority want Fialho to draft an action plan that will outline the process for future community policing conversations, and then talk about that action plan — and only that action plan — during a public meeting before hosting a separate community listening session on policing at another time.

Not concurrently. Not after. Before.

This precursor meeting at a yet-undisclosed date in July, where the council will apparently try to limit public comment to only the draft plan, seems unnecessary in concept

and untenable in practice.

Just start the full conversation now.

Talking about the ground rules, the schedules and the formats for future discussions and decision-making is smart, but not prior to or independent of the first open community dialogue on the overarching topic. Vocal police reformists, adamant police advocates and every one in between want to speak their minds to the council, as soon as possible.

All five council members expressly said they want to be part of a community meeting with public comment on policing. The disagreement is on the initial timing.

This City Council doesn't shy away from tough conversations, tough decisions. But that may well be how this proposed precursor discussion on the ground rules will be perceived by a citizenry — on all sides of the debate — that seem to be demanding a full and open dialogue.

Yes it's important to have a roadmap to guide the city's decision-making process. A public listening session that takes the temperature of the room (i.e. gauges where members of the public are thinking right at outset) would have to be at the top of any competent action plan on this issue.

So why dance around it?

Open with a live forum, whether face-to-face in person or over Zoom, where any and all policing topics are on the table (for any resident, business owner, community leader, police officer or other person compelled to speak).

They don't want to be relegated to email, they don't want to answer an online survey, they don't want a webinar with the brand-new police chief.

It's clear what the people of Pleasanton want. They want a meaningful, honest discussion in front of the decision-makers. At the very beginning. And then more public conversations.

We know the first community meeting will be long, impassioned and uncomfortable. It's uncomfortable that in recent years multiple Pleasanton police officers have feared for their lives to the point they felt lethal force was their only option. It's uncomfortable how many long shifts police officers have to work. It's uncomfortable watching the police bodycam footage of officers' ultimately fatal encounter with Jacob Bauer. It's uncomfortable that there was no bodycam footage of John Deming Jr.'s death.

It's uncomfortable that so many people are uncomfortable with policing topics. Sharing your feelings, your experiences and your ideas, and listening to each other, will be freeing too.

But the public discussions are necessary. This first conversation is necessary, as soon as possible.

It's the logical opening step given the circumstances. If you want Fialho to present an outline or draft action plan at the beginning, great. As Councilwoman Julie Testa, the most vocal opponent of the precursor meeting, said: just do it on the same evening as the first listening session.

Don't, as Testa said, "put them in a box and limit what they can speak on" right out of the gate. Because frankly, we're concerned how that would look in practice.

You're going to tell them what they can and cannot talk about? On this issue?? At this time in America?!

Of course, yes, council members

could literally do that — demand that public comment stay on point to the so-called draft action plan without getting into the underlying or overarching issues. That's how they ensure meetings have decorum, remain productive and respect everybody's valuable time.

But effectively, what would that look like in this case? Mayor Jerry Thorne is going to tell city staff to cut the mic (or mute the Zoom audio, as it may be) if a speaker strays into their ideas for police reform instead of how to improve the "policing discussion action plan"? You can be sure it's not just going to be one speaker who does that. It would be dozens. It could be hundreds.

Bad. That's the answer. It would look bad. Maybe unsalvageable, politically.

So don't even try it.

We appreciate the desire of some council members to structure the conversation for thoughtful decision-making on policing policies in the city. Pleasanton is the "City of Planned Progress" after all. An action plan to frame the months of public discussion is a great idea — after you hear from residents what they want to talk about, not before.

When's the last time anyone saw protests of that volume or diversity of participants in Pleasanton? Not ever in our 21 years of publishing the Weekly.

Those voices (and so many more, on all sides of the issue) are crying out to be heard. Demanding it.

Hear them at the beginning so they will know you'll hear them in the end.

They don't want to be told what's on the table. They're going to set the table. Because Pleasanton is their house. Let them in. ■

nothing. Is this the district we all work tirelessly for and do you truly represent us?

—Deeply saddened,
Karen Chamberlain

Pleasanton march

Dear Editor,

Congressman's Swalwell efforts on police reform at the federal level and information about the march in Pleasanton for unity on social justice are encouraging developments. Julie Testa (City Council, Pleasanton) deserves credit for her effective efforts with the organizers of the march (3,000 peaceful demonstrators) including handing out face masks to marchers.

Note that at the May City Council meeting prior to the George Floyd tragic event, Councilmember Testa asked that a discussion of police policies be placed on the agenda. Only Councilmember Karla Brown supported having that important and timely discussion. Every city council should take seriously the responsibility of police oversight by an independent group, not by a limited internal city/police overview.

Because we need leadership willing to have the difficult discussions of police review, we need to elect Karla Brown as mayor and Valerie Arkin and Nancy Allen to the City Council.

—George Reid

LETTERS

Dr. Dave Marken's resignation

I address this email specifically to Trustees Kuo, Blackman and Cherrier.

(Tuesday) evening's DUSD Board of Trustees virtual meeting was incredibly sad/reckless. As I sat down to view the meeting and saw Dr. Marken's computer frame appear I could immediately see something was wrong — never did I expect to hear a resignation letter.

However, this look on his face has been seen numerous times by many

of us while addressing this board. It's a look of dissatisfaction. It's a look of an unsupportive "boss(es)" not being heard, defeated.

To lose our superintendent, who stepped in when asked by this district to lead us back to a unified district (post-Boozler) to lose him at this time is incredibly irresponsible of this Board of Trustees. I looked at your faces as he read his resignation letter and three of you were expressionless, nonchalant.

You should have said something meaningful, valuable, caring but you individually and collectively said

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Remembering Mike Rounds

Part of duo behind a Pleasanton phenomenon:
The Peng and Cro Wiffle Ball Tournament

The older you get, the more precious your memories become as you reflect on your life.

Sometimes those memories are jarred with the unexpected death of a friend. Such was the case last week when I learned of the sudden passing of Mike Rounds, a 1980 graduate of Amador Valley High School.

Rounds died on June 17 while mountain bike riding near Reno, a city he had made his home as he became a highly regarded attorney in the field of intellectual property.

Back in 1978, Rounds and his close friend and neighbor, Paul Crosetti, started what would become a phenomenon in Pleasanton, as the Peng and Cro Wiffle Ball Tournament debuted.

The name of the tournament came

from their nicknames. Cro is a play on his last name, but how Rounds gained the moniker Peng was a whole other story.

Rounds was a good athlete — an accomplished junior golfer — but Cro saw something else.

“Peng had a great golf swing and baseball swing,” Crosetti recalled. “But when it came to running it was more of a waddle (sort of like a penguin). I think the name Peng started as early as seventh grade.”

And the iconic duo of Peng and Cro was born.

Peng and Cro took a for fun Wiffle ball event that started in the Crosetti backyard for the first two years and turned it into an iconic Pleasanton event.

One of the main reasons the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mike Rounds, who graduated from Amador in 1980, died on June 17 after a mountain biking accident.

tournament was embraced was the total involvement of the two organizers, as they took turns announcing every single game over a PA system. Thanks to their distinctive sense of humor, where nothing was sacred, it became a must see.

“His sense of humor is one of the things that will be missed,” Cro said of Peng. “His humor of telling stories was incredible.”

In all the years I knew Rounds, it was always entertaining to be around him. He carried that wit over to the tournament and it helped make the event into what it became.

It got to the point where I think people showed up just as much to

hear what Peng or Cro might say over the mic as much as to watch the games. It was not for the faint of heart and you needed thick skin to step out on the field.

The tournament moved to Woodthrush Park for a year before it moved to the Pleasanton Aquatic Park in 1981 and that is when the tournament went big time.

It was the summer of 1981, the time of one of the Major League Baseball strikes, and with nothing much going on in the sports world, media outlets were starved for something to report.

One thing led the another, and by the championship matchup on a Monday night, there were over 1,000 people at the title game, including San Francisco Giants player Darrell Evans. Evans threw out the first pitch and took some batting practice in front of the crowd.

I remember it well as myself and teammate Mike Bowling ended up winning the tournament that year. During the seventh-inning stretch, the honor of Miss Wiffle — another tradition of the event — was announced.

“I remember we told Darrell he had to escort Miss Wiffle around the base paths,” Cro said to me with

fondness. “He stayed through the whole game, and you remember, he presented you guys your trophies. He really got into it.”

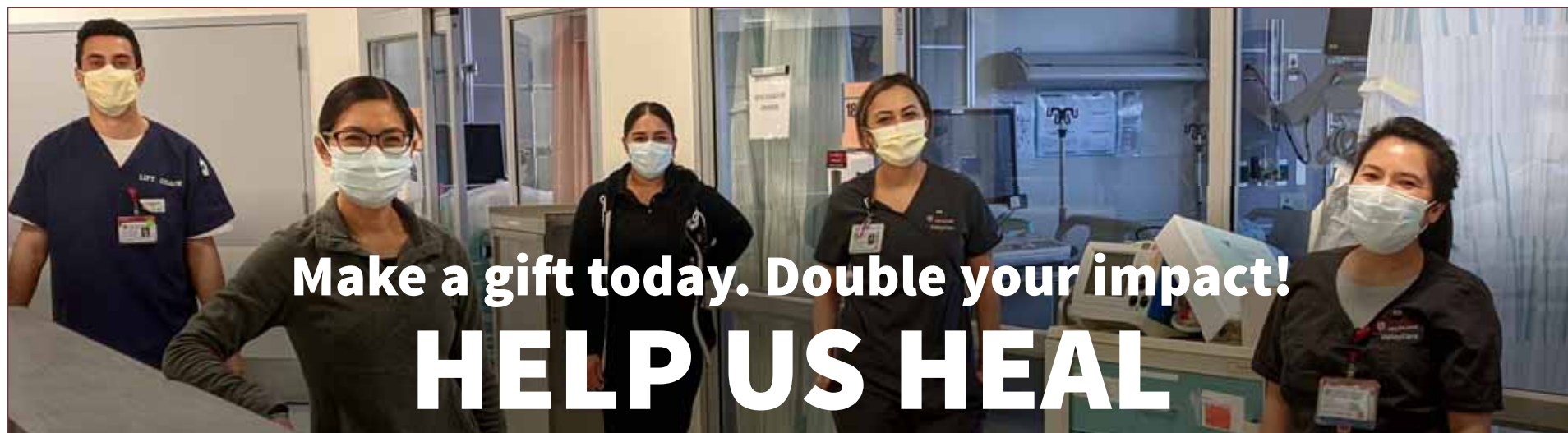
The event was covered by a pair of papers in the Bay Area, and I was interviewed twice by local radio stations. It was big, and big because of who Peng and Cro were and the job they did promoting and running the event.

The tournament went on for a few more years and I heard last week there is a group of recent graduates from Amador that had their own Wiffle ball event that was held last weekend.

Crosetti mentioned that he had been talking with one of his sisters about Peng and the two talked about how they had always talked about a reunion tournament. Cro’s sister said, “that can never happen now.”

One of the last things Cro told me before we got off the phone was that former classmate Mike Harris said upon learning of Peng’s passing: “Our world will never be the same without his sense of humor.”

This is true, but we will always have our memories — and when it comes to Peng, you can be sure they are humorous ones. Rest in peace, Mike. ■



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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.

Theater

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STARS DAY DREAMCATCHER COMPETITION Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center announced that StarsDay, the open-mic music event will return in an online format on July 16. Any local musicians, vocalists or spoken word artists can sign up for a slot to perform online from home. \$10 to compete. Visit livermorearts.org.

BRILLIANCE AT THE BANKHEAD - RESCHEDULED Out of caution and concern for the artists, patrons, staff and volunteers, the signature event, Brilliance at the Bankhead, starring Grammy award winner Vanessa Williams, is rescheduled from this September to next spring, June 5, 2021. Bankhead Theater, 2400 1st St, Livermore.

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PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/S. MILLER

Buddy boy

Who's a good boy? Why Buddy, of course! This 2-month-old male pup is looking to be your pal; a best bud to tag along on your next adventure. While Valley Humane Society remains closed during shelter-in-place, they are coordinating adoptions by appointment with approved adopters. If you are interested in adopting Buddy, email info@valleyhumane.org for more information.

(and coronavirus) anxiety in a webinar sponsored by Sustainable Contra Costa. July 9, 6:30-8 p.m. Register: sustainablecoco.org.

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 now through Aug. 1 (except July 4), starting at dark, but not before 8:45 p.m. A parking fee of \$25 per vehicle will be charged in advance online. Visit AlamedaCountyFair.com.

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

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.

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.

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/>.

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'Wandering Roots' online

Artist Judith Kunzle's "Let's Go There," an ink and watercolor inspired by Alonzo King Lines Ballet in San Francisco, is among her works in the current virtual exhibit by the Bankhead Gallery available for viewing at livermorearts.org/online-gallery. Kunzle, who is based in Walnut Creek, is Swiss and resided for 30 years in the South Pacific. The exhibit, titled "Wandering Roots," includes many scenes from Mount Diablo.



Real Estate

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COVID-19 crisis clouds real estate crystal ball

Future of the Tri-Valley market ultimately tied to future course of the pandemic

By **DAVID STARK**

Working from home is a new normal for residents in the Bay Area and is also making it harder to predict the future of real estate.



David Stark

“We know there’s not enough housing supply in the Bay Area, and as a result, many folks can’t afford to live in areas that are close to their office,” said Jordan Levine, deputy chief economist for the California Association of Realtors (CAR). Levine said that Bay Area workers will be “going to where the housing supply is.”

The definition of “close to their office” has changed during COVID-19 and will, most likely, continue changing after, COVID-19.

Asked what makes it difficult to predict residential real estate market behavior, Levine said, “In the Bay Area it’s really tough because the work-from-home component really influences the distribution of where folks are going to be living and how many folks really come back to work in the physical sense.”

Levine knows the Bay Area. Prior to joining CAR, he worked with Beacon Economics for more than eight years researching and analyzing Bay Area real estate and economic trends.

The impact of working from home may be felt more in San Francisco and the Peninsula communities. Pleasanton’s location

approximately halfway between bedroom communities in San Joaquin County and the job centers in Silicon Valley may make it somewhat immune from the work-from-home forces impacting real estate in other areas.

Levine explained that buyers who once considered Pleasanton too far from jobs in San Francisco and San Jose may have a different view given the opportunity to work from home even just a few days per week. Conversely, those buyers commuting from Tracy or Modesto who had been considering buying in Pleasanton may also change their mind with the possibility of working from their current home.

“It’s possible that it may be a wash,” Levine said. “There’s always going to be two sides to the shuffle: Some people are going to leave, and some are going to be coming who may have been reluctant to buy earlier. It’s just a kind of reshuffling of who’s there more so than a net outflow. The East Bay has traditionally been an overflow for San Francisco, and I still think that will be the case.”

Pleasanton’s proximity to San Francisco may not outweigh the benefits some buyers see in living in a large city. Levine said, “All of the things that make living in LA or San Francisco great cities and world-class cities are still there in terms of the attraction, the culture, the restaurants. People want to be there so I don’t think we’re going to see a mass exodus in any case, but it’s still a question mark if we’re talking about 5% or 10% of the folks are able to get out of the city or is it a bigger percentage? That all is still yet to be determined.”

‘The work-from-home component really influences the distribution of where folks are going to be living.’

Jordan Levine,
CAR deputy chief economist

The COVID-19 crisis and associated shelter-in-place orders hit just as the spring buying and selling season was taking off. As a result, the number of homes for sale and homes sold was thrown off.

Levine explained the impact on real estate activity statewide: “We expect the year to end up with a 12% decline in closed sales, but there are other scenarios that include problems caused by more infections and problems in the financial markets.”

Levine continued, “We don’t have one single forecast and that gets to the heart of how uncertain these times are right now. Our baseline assumes there’s no second wave of the virus in the fall and there’s no big double-dip in the financial market and the labor market continues to come back as it has over the last couple of weeks.”

Ultimately, the future of real estate throughout California and in Pleasanton will be tied to the future of COVID-19.

“If there’s a major change in terms of the forecast for the virus itself, all bets are off and we’re going to have to go back to the drawing board,” Levine said. “It’s a much different question for businesses to weather a storm from March through late-April than having to survive for six to eight months without a significant up-tick in their business. That’s a different story.” ■

Editor’s note: David Stark is public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtors, headquartered in Pleasanton.

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (April 13-17)

Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$798,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,435,000
Average sales reported: \$1,290,000

Dublin (April 13-17)

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$795,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,600,000
Average sales reported: \$970,000

Livermore (April 13-17)

Total sales reported: 24
Lowest sale reported: \$547,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,921,500
Average sales reported: \$799,000

San Ramon (May 18-22)

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$765,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,584,000
Average sales reported: \$1,117,500

Source: California REsource

Five homes chosen for 2020 Heritage Preservation Awards

Owners honored for preserving look and feel of yesteryear Pleasanton

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Pleasanton Heritage Association has named five homes chosen by its membership to be honored with 2020 Heritage Preservation Awards.

The association will install special plaques on each of the five homes to acknowledge the efforts of homeowners to preserve their historic features, and honorees will receive celebration baskets in lieu of the reception usually held at the Museum on Main.

“We also got lawn signs for all of the houses, which we are going to use every year,” association president Linda Garbarino said. “It is nice for people to be able to see them.”

Each year the awards committee picks 10 homes in Pleasanton for consideration.

“We put those out on our survey to our members and have them pick five,” Garbarino explained. “It’s really very hard — there are so many wonderful homes.”

The baskets will include champagne and chocolates, as well as a wooden miniature of the house made by artist Gary Winter, whose small replicas of historic buildings in Pleasanton are collectors’ items. The homeowner also will receive



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

4547 Third St., Pleasanton

a colored drawing of the home by Winter.

“They can frame those, they’re beautiful,” Garbarino said.

She said the association has stayed active during this time of sheltering in place, with the board holding meetings online.

Also people have contacted them via their website, www.pleasantonheritageassociation.com, to ask for advice on making changes to their homes. Normally the annual awards reception includes experts on historic home renovations for people to meet.

“We try to help out wherever we can,” Garbarino said.

2020 Heritage Preservation Award winners

637 St. Mary St., owned by Roy Hamilton

Built in 1900, this home is a distinct example of a Queen Anne cottage form commonly constructed in Pleasanton in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It was built by Charles Bruce, one of the best known and most prolific designers and builders in Pleasanton at that time.

4512 Second St., owned by Brian and Christine Bourg

Built in 1896, this home is a distinct example of a Queen Anne cottage style constructed in Pleasanton in the late 19th century. The property has integrity of design,



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

4512 Second St., Pleasanton

materials, workmanship and feeling; it retains its historic form as well as its original doors, windows and siding. The historic main block of the property remains intact.

4672 Second St., owned by Art and Tuny Dunkley

Built in 1910, this home is one of the most well-developed examples of Craftsman styling in Pleasanton and reflects the design and workmanship of local master craftsman Charles Bruce who built it as his family home.

4547 Third St., owned by the Abborat Family

Built in 1895, this home is a two-story end gable dwelling that underwent a Craftsman-style update in the first decade of the 20th

century. The home retains a high degree of integrity of design and materials dating to the Craftsman renovation before 1907.

4362 Second St., owned by Steve and Debbie Coffin

Built in 1900, this home is an end-gable dwelling common in Pleasanton at the turn of the 20th century. It retains its original form siding, door and window openings, and front door. ■

Editor’s note: House description details are from “The Pleasanton Historic Resource Survey,” by Architectural Resources Group, Katherine Petrin consulting, for the city of Pleasanton in 2015.



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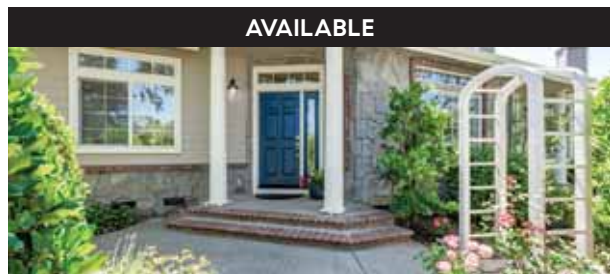
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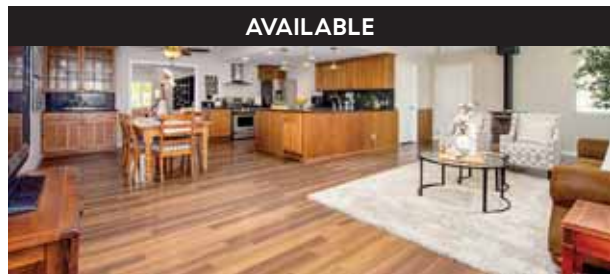
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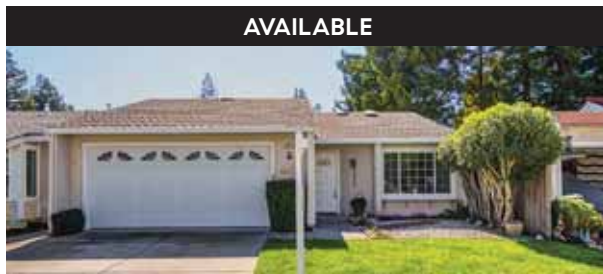
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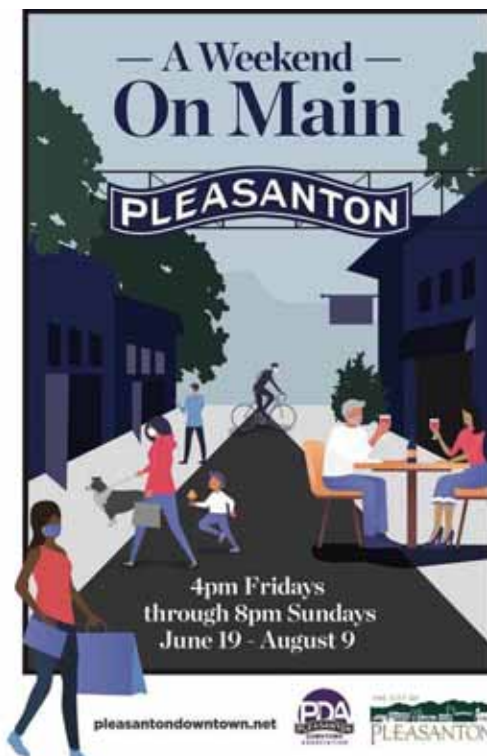
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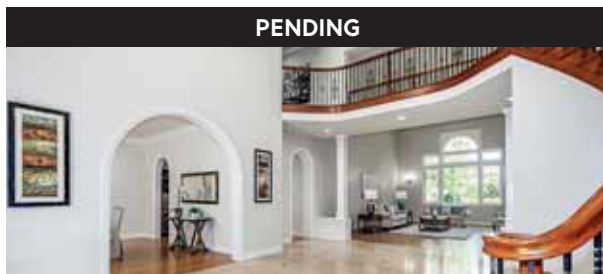
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