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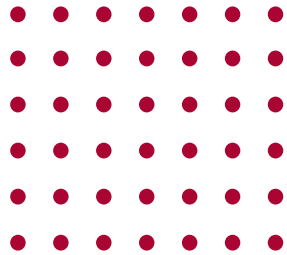


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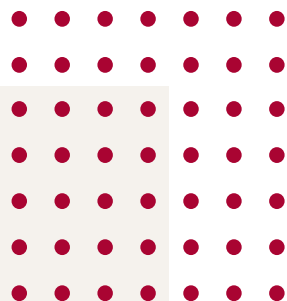
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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Rethinking racism and white privilege

I have a confession. Over the past few weeks, I have come to realize just how big my blindspot was when it comes to the lives of Black people, particularly Black men.

I have listened to several long discussions of race and race relations — all put together by faith-based organizations that I have connections to.

It was striking to hear Dallas mega-church Pastor T.D. Jakes tell Pastor Ray Johnston that he had influence when he was in the pulpit, but was just another Black man when he was driving in a car.

I read a lengthy interview in the Wall Street Journal with South Carolina Senator Tim Scott who is Black. He described the Washington Capitol police stopping him four times as he tried to enter the Senate even though he was wearing his official lapel pin. He's been stopped while driving at night several times.

Other Black pastors described having the "talk" with their sons about what to do if they are stopped by a police officer. Jakes described an incident where his adult son called him late at night to say he'd been in a car accident. Another driver had T-boned him and they were waiting for the ambulance and police to show up. Jakes said he reminded his son exactly what to do when the officer approached him and then stayed on the line until he heard a polite interaction.

This is a world that I do not live in. With one exception, every time I have been stopped for a traffic violation I earned the stop. Nothing bogus. Clearly, that's not true for Black men as I have come to learn.

It was also striking to hear a Nigerian-born British pastor talk about his heritage and compare it to African Americans. His parents moved him from Nigeria when he was 2 so he grew up British. He has a family name and a family history. Compare that to American slaves who arrived in chains and were given the last name of the family that owned them. The family history goes only as far as the first slave.

I also heard a pastor lay out a convincing case for how the country was built by whites and for whites. Whether it was Jim Crow in the South, redlining for lending in Black neighborhoods, or zoning designed to keep Blacks out of the explosion in private Christian schools once public

schools were integrated in the South. I recently read an article that demonstrated that homes in Black neighborhoods were assessed at significantly lower values than other neighborhoods in the same city.

I heard another pastor argue that reparations are a Biblical principle. That was a word that I typically dismissed out-of-hand or got irritated. I have a new understanding.

What I heard over and over and over again was how frustrated and tired these Black leaders are because they've been battling these issues for years and ears (mine included) were closed. Jakes, who has a national presence and is a guest on talk shows frequently, summed it up when he said, for the first time, he can be completely honest in a conversation with fellow pastors.

My eyes and ears started to open when Transforming the Bay with Christ put together a forum with Effrem Smith and three other Black pastors from the Bay Area.

I also plugged into the Q Conference when it did a special program on race relations as well as Granite Bay's Thrive Conference that went virtual this year (seen in 98 countries) and featured a half-day program on race.

That's where I saw Jakes and Pastor Miles McPherson from San Diego interviewed as well as Condoleezza Rice, the former Secretary of State and national security advisor. She grew up in the Jim Crow South in Birmingham, Ala. I've heard her speak a few times and she emphasizes that there's been significant progress, but there's still much work to do.

I also joined an international call put together by Global Celebration, the Christian group that we went to Israel with in 2018.

My takeaways: I have much to learn and will listen. McPherson asked a particularly pointed question: How often do you hang out with a person who doesn't look like you, doesn't vote like you, doesn't watch the same media as you or has different political views than you do? Ouch.

This is a very complicated issue and is one that will require a multifaceted approach to move forward. ■

Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years. His "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.

About the Cover

To adjust to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Alameda County Fairgrounds has begun offering drive-in entertainment. Here Rick and Diane Kemsley get ready for a drive-in concert last Friday. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Amy Levine.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What was the last thing you said 'Yes' to that you really wanted to say 'No' to?



Barb McKay
Business owner

Every morning when I wake up I say "Yes" to making a great breakfast for my kids, when all I really want to do is sip my coffee in silence and respond to business-related emails. But if I said "No," what kind of mother would I be? So of course, I do the right thing and make a nourishing meal for my two fast-growing boys.



Maddie Gallagher
Hostess/bartender

I recently said "Yes" to getting together with friends, even though I had so many important things to take care of and was very exhausted and needed some rest. I didn't want to disappoint them, or miss out on hearing what was going on in their lives. But I left after half an hour because I was just so tired. I should have politely declined.



Kyle Tucker
Waiter/jack of all trades

I said "Yes" to going shark fishing with friends in the Marin Headlands. It was a great experience, but I should have said "No" because it took so much out of me. I was not physically or mentally prepared for such a vigorous challenge.



Belle Henry
Graduate student

I let my roommate and dear friend of mine convince me to take a very intense summer class with her, and that class has gone online. This means that "Logic" awaits me at every moment I'm available to do it, Monday through Sunday. Ugh.



Madison Monahan
College student

I said "Yes" to a social activity with friends, even though I had a major paper due. It's just so hard, especially now during this time of social distancing, to turn down an offer to get together, at a safe social distance, with friends.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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New DUSD decisions

The Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees on Tuesday revisited and approved the same proposed tentative agreement with the Dublin Teachers' Association that the board majority voted 3-2 to reject on June 11. Those who switched their position cited reconsideration in light of new clarity on the state budget.

The board on Tuesday also voted 3-2 to formally accept the resignation of Superintendent Dave Marken (Miller and Rouse in dissent) and unanimously identified Dan Moirao as the top candidate for acting superintendent pending final contract approval next week.

Moirao, who has worked in public education and private consulting during his career, spent some time with DUSD in the 2018-19 year as acting superintendent of education services.

See full coverage on PleasantonWeekly.com and in next week's paper.

4th picnic canceled

Pleasanton's Fourth of July celebration, typically held at Lions Wayside Park, is canceled this year due to the pandemic, said W. Ron Sutton, founder of Make A Difference for Pleasanton, which hosts the annual noontime event.

The event, "Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution," always includes a rousing performance by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, \$2 hotdogs with drinks sold by the Lions Club, and hundreds of American flags handed out by Boy Scout Troop 908.

The celebration attracts hundreds of people of all ages and involves about 100 volunteers.

DMV location shift

The California Department of Motor Vehicles field office at 6300 W. Las Positas Blvd. closed last week for renovations, an estimated two-month-long project to include roof, furniture and HVAC replacement. It is scheduled to reopen Aug. 26 at 9 a.m.

The DMV is working to establish a temporary Pleasanton office at the Stoneridge Shopping Center at 1 Stoneridge Mall Road. It is scheduled to open July 22 at 9 a.m. and remain open delivering DMV services even after the main field office reopens. To learn more, visit dmv.ca.gov. ■

Corrections

Last week's story "Five homes chosen for 2020 Heritage Preservation Awards" misspelled the name of one of the homeowners. The house at 4547 Third St. is owned by the Abrott Family. The Weekly regrets the error.

County health delays reopening timeline indefinitely amid COVID-19 case uptick

19 cases, with one death, at Livermore vets facility; county also announces new lead health officer

By JEREMY WALSH

The Alameda County Public Health Department on Monday postponed indefinitely its reopening timeline for businesses that had been on track to return in July, citing the need to better contain the COVID-19 pandemic amid recent upticks in local cases and hospitalizations.

The delay means ACPHD will now keep closed businesses and activities such as indoor dining, salons and barber shops, pools and professional sports without fans — all of which had been scheduled to

reopen by early- to mid-July. The move also affects future phases of reopenings, such as those to include schools, bars, personal services, gyms, indoor museums and gatherings of up to 99 people.

"Given recent increases in COVID-19 case and hospitalization rates in our county and region, we are temporarily pausing our reopening plans," ACPHD officials said in a statement Monday afternoon.

"We recognize the multifaceted challenges presented by a slow reopening and are grateful for

the sustained effort and sacrifices made by our residents and businesses," they added. "As the pandemic evolves, we will need to remain flexible and nimble in our response. We all play a part in safely reopening our communities and protecting people at high risk for COVID-19 infection and death."

For now, the county remains in the reopening phase instituted on June 19, which allowed all retail stores, outdoor dining, religious and cultural ceremonies with limited size, outdoor fitness classes, dog parks, college sports, outdoor

museums and First Amendment events.

The postponement is open-ended, with no firm new date for the next cycle of reopenings, but the next week or two will be critical for those future decisions, officials said.

The announcement of ACPHD hitting "pause" came several hours before the department confirmed its leader Dr. Erica Pan — the public face and voice behind the county's COVID-19 shelter order

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Alameda County firefighters responded to a vegetation fire near Grant Line Road in rural Livermore on June 24. ACFD

Preparing for wildfire season

Tri-Valley officials advocate for fire prevention, but urge residents to stay ready

By EMMA HALL

With summer's arrival ushering in California's wildfire season, fire officials in the Tri-Valley area are urging residents to take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of vegetation fires and protect themselves in case one breaks out.

The fear of another deadly fire season haunts Californians each year, especially less than two years removed from the devastating 2018 season in which 1.67 million acres burned and 100 people died because of fire incidents — most notably the Camp Fire in Paradise and Butte County. The year prior, over 1.5

million acres burned.

So far this year, California has had 3,000 wildland fire incidents, according to Cal Fire. As a result, preparing for wildfire season has become an increased priority for fire agencies around the state, including the Tri-Valley communities.

"We're concerned about fires anywhere in our district, but especially if you live up in an area where a fire can get up and go and run to. It can be any time of year or day that a fire can be disastrous," said Dan McNamara, battalion chief for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.

Causes of wildfires in the Tri-Valley

Because of increasingly dangerous weather and terrain conditions, Tri-Valley agencies have become wary of potential wildfires. In the last month, Livermore and Pleasanton have had 63 fires incidents; out of those, 32 were vegetation fires.

As recently as Sunday night, Alameda County Fire Department crews responded with Cal Fire to a 30-acre vegetation fire at 8:10 p.m. on Altamont Pass Road and Dyer Road outside Livermore. Officials reported the

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PUSD to rely on state deferrals

Special board meeting on budget set for Monday morning

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District will be able to avert cuts to programs like special education and career and technical education through state deferrals but must contend with both repayment and an uncertain financial future for the state, according to the latest budget update to the board.

Following an updated state budget proposal from Gov. Gavin Newsom last week, administrators said during a board meeting on June 25 that the district now has some reprieve but will need to keep a close eye on both the state's overall fiscal performance and PUSD's reserve funding levels to stay afloat in coming years.

The recently negotiated state budget will hold Local Control Funding Formula levels to the 2019-20 levels with a 0% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), which originally was set at 2.3%.

According to Ahmad Sheikholeslami, assistant superintendent of business services, "this restores to us about \$11 million in revenue for PUSD" and avoids reductions to categorical programs in adult education and CTE; the money will come through deferrals from the state.

With a \$54 billion state revenue shortfall expected next year due to the COVID-19 pandemic-induced recession, the State Legislature and Newsom were at odds until recently over how to preserve spending for

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City Council rejects 77-acre At Dublin development proposal

4-1 vote goes against contentious retail/housing project in East Dublin

By Riya Chopra

The Dublin City Council denied the At Dublin project last week, rejecting the proposed retail and housing development spanning 76.9 acres in eastern Dublin that has been a source of contentious discussion in the community for several years.

The motion to deny the project in a 4-1 vote was made with prejudice, meaning that the existing version of the proposal is essentially dead. If the applicant, Shea Properties of San Diego, wants to continue with developing the property, the company would have to reapply and start over with the process, according to city public information officer Shari Jackman.

"I've given my feedback to the developers over and over again for a long time," Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez said during the council's hearing on June 22. "When I hear consensus, I'm hearing from the residents that they want a project to be proud of, and this is not a project that we're proud of."

Councilwoman Jean Josey cast the lone dissent vote at the end of the public hearing that spanned two online council meetings this month.

"This project is not my ideal for this spot. But it is doable, and it's not high-density housing ... There will be a mix of small shops and fine dining and entertainment," Josey said. "I don't think the ideal project for this space exists."

The At Dublin proposal called for the development of up to 566 residential units including apartments, detached small-lot single-family homes, and 55 and older age restricted single-family homes;



The At Dublin project, which the council voted down last week, involved a large undeveloped tract in East Dublin.

up to 240,000 square feet of retail commercial development; and related infrastructure and landscape improvements, according to a staff report prepared by city principal planner Amy Million.

The report also stated that the development would generate an estimated \$2 million in annual tax revenue to the city's general fund.

The land in question is located in between Tassajara Road and Brannigan Street and bordered by Gleason Drive to the north and Interstate 580 to the south.

The applicant's request included amendments to the city's General Plan and East Dublin Specific Plan. Those requests were ultimately struck down by the council majority, primarily due to their concerns that the proposed development did not reflect the community's vision for the land.

Discussion spanned two different board meetings after the regularly scheduled June 16 meeting was adjourned due to technical difficulties after hours of discussion. The item continued for nearly six more hours on the evening of June 22.

The public hearing was accompanied with nearly 1,000 emails sent to the council members, according to Josey. Councilman Shawn Kumagai, too, noted that public comment was overwhelmingly opposed to the At Dublin proposal being approved.

The city's Planning Commission had also recommended that the council deny the project in a 3-2 vote.

During the council's deliberations, Josey told her colleagues at one point, "I do not love this project. I have real concerns that

retail will not materialize in the way we want it to." However, she also expressed concerns about what would happen to the land if the council flatly denied the At Dublin project.

"If we don't approve this project, I'm worried about what we will get. I'm not susceptible to the threats of RHNA ... but I do think those things are real and legitimate and every time we kick the can down the road the retail gets smaller, and I don't want to see that happen again," Josey said, referring to the upcoming regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) cycle.

Josey did offer some specific conditions she wanted to see, including a guarantee that no more than 15% of the residential units were three or more bedrooms. She also argued the mitigation agreement that the applicant had reached with the Dublin Unified School District was better than past mitigation agreements, and that denying this proposal would set a poor precedent for developers in the future to agree to better mitigation agreements.

Mayor David Haubert, meanwhile, initially advocated that the council deny the At Dublin proposal without prejudice, which would've allowed the applicant to work with city staff and community members in order to revise the existing proposal.

"We could continue the item indefinitely, and if the applicant can get community consensus, they can bring it back. If they decide to give up and not come back, fine," he said.

Vice Mayor Arun Goel was opposed to Haubert's proposed course of action. "The biggest issue for me

is the EIR," he said, referring to the flaws he saw in the environmental impact report prepared for the project.

"(If we deny) without prejudice, I don't know that my concerns will be addressed in the EIR. Specifically, there are issues about the burrowing owl and traffic circulation as a result of the forthcoming school. It is a major corridor that has impacts on the overall throughput at a critical section of Dublin Boulevard."

Earlier in the meeting, Hernandez noted that the land in question was one of the last large undeveloped tracts left in East Dublin.

"This piece of land deserves to have unique elements that we can be proud of," Hernandez said, adding that in her eyes, the current proposal fell short of the expectations set when it was initiated in 2017.

Kumagai was perhaps the most conflicted of the council members, acknowledging his strong belief in building more affordable and age-restricted housing while also noting the lack of community consensus that he wanted for the project. He expressed that the council did not have enough community input during the initial study sessions. "Somehow we need to go back to the drawing board," he stated.

"I'm not opposed to dense housing if it's smart and along the main corridor and incorporates mixed-use and walkable space .. age-qualified was one of my asks and you made it work, and I appreciate that," he said, referring to the applicant. "But in the end, it's not a great project, and the people aren't willing to overlook the negativity they see about the impact on schools and traffic." ■

WILDFIRE

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fire was mainly wind-driven with a moderate rate of speed amid light flashy fuels before being contained.

To prevent more incidents, fire officials recommend homeowners have at least 100 feet of clearance around their residency. Using fire-resistant materials like tile-roof stucco siding instead of wood sided, implementing residential sprinklers, and avoiding planting high flammable trees are also recommended.

"You don't have to get rid of all your landscape, you just need to maintain the landscape you have around your home, especially if you're someone who backs up into open space or interface areas," Alameda County Fire Chief David Rocha said. "We really encourage you to take care of the landscaping, remove any dead vegetation, change out plants and things like that are more fire resistant versus

what you may have."

For mowing and weeding dry grass, it is recommended that those chores be done in the morning as winds tend to pick up in the afternoon. With a gust of wind, dry grass and equipment that could spark a flame, a fire could start in seconds.

Sparks from electrical equipment and leftover cigarettes are two common examples of wildfire causes, but anything that is flammable or mechanical could start flames in the right weather. Even a titanium golf club hitting a golf ball off course has caused a local fire incident, according to Joe Testa, deputy chief for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

"We see the well-intended person trying to remove dry grass and weeds in the heat of the day, and they're using a tool that hits a rock or something like that and accidentally hit a spark, or it just overheats itself. It's something that concerns us," Rocha added.

While vegetation fires are the most common, Testa reminds communities that fires could start anywhere. Specifically, urban wildlife places like Pleasanton Ridge that were once well-protected are now at-stake.

"The Pleasanton Ridge was historically fairly well-protected just by how moist it is, it's not the sunny afternoon slope — it gets shade as the sun goes around towards the west," Testa said. "But that's all changed now."

With Fourth of July approaching, a common concern is that fireworks could start possible wildfires. Although no fireworks have caused fires in the Tri-Valley yet, officials still heed warnings about the pyrotechnic device's risk.

"Fireworks do start fires in our communities every year; it's not a false claim or worry," Testa said. "It happens in our communities every single year. And if it were to get in the wrong spot, it certainly can cause a threat to someone's homes

and lives and we just don't want to see that happen."

Wildfire evacuation

If a wildland fire does arise, officials encourage residents prepare early for evacuation.

Testa recommends backing cars into a driveway or garage if the day's weather foresees wildfire risk. Power outages are also common during wildfires, so make sure the garage door can open manually or has a battery backup. Keeping essentials like clean clothes, phone chargers, computers and important files together are important while evacuating as well.

Fire officials also recommend family members pick a designated area to meet. Due to social distancing and COVID-19, meeting up in evacuation centers could be in question.

However, at the end of the day, being away from the fire is what's most important, officials said.

"The first thing is if there's a

difference between life and death, we're going with life and we're gonna have to not worry about social distancing," said McNamara. "When you get to an evacuation center or something like that, we're going to have put social distancing into play and things might look a little bit different. Instead of having one evacuation center open, we might have to have three."

In case of a wildfire, even if a formal notice isn't sent out but citizens are concerned about flames spreading to their home, they should evacuate. But what is most emphasized is that the community heed warnings, take precautions and leave when asked by their department.

"A fire could move a large amount in a quick matter of time in a large area. Personally, having been to the majority of the wildfires in the last five years, you can't take anything for granted. Everything is changing so fast," McNamara said. "We tell people: Be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem." ■



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Pleasanton school board gets more clarity on reopening plans

Options to include hybrid model, independent study, FLEX Academy

By JULIA BAUM

The final implementation plan for reopening Pleasanton Unified School District to students in fall is still emerging, but it became clearer how that strategy might look and operate at the Board of Trustees meeting last week.

Three options for student learning in the 2020-21 school year are part of the reopening plan still being fine-tuned before being finalized for board approval in mid-July, but staff told the trustees that the success of each is dependent on paying close attention to details.

Sending their child to school in person on a staggered schedule several days per week was the most popular scenario chosen by 89% of respondents for a recent pre-registration intent data form, which also included a flexible hybrid option and the district's long-term independent study program, but it could also be the most challenging.

With most Pleasanton classrooms averaging around 960 square feet of total space, accommodating enough students while maintaining physical distance is one of the biggest considerations for reopening all 15 campuses.

Desks must be six feet apart and "arranged in a way that minimizes face-to-face contact," according to Alameda County Public Health Department guidelines, but Ed Diolazo, assistant superintendent of student support services, said there are some exemptions to relax the distancing.

"If we have stable cohorts, consistent cohorts of students, then that actually would allow for five feet of distance," Diolazo told the trustees during the June 25 board meeting. "That one foot actually changes the number of kids we can plan for in specific classrooms."

Staff estimated that 12 to 18 students could fit in a classroom,

depending on the furniture layout and other factors. However, they also said wearing face masks and keeping students in the same groups must be higher priorities if less than six feet of distance is needed.

"There is no number for the size of groups so, as practical, students should remain in the same space and in the same groups as small and as consistent as possible," Diolazo added. New students could also be added to a cohort after it has been established for at least four weeks.

County health officials encourage keeping students in the same space or groups "as small and as consistent as possible," but recently gave teachers leeway to instruct multiple groups of students as long as they practice physical distancing and personal care protocol.

"Teachers can join different cohorts of kids, which makes sense

in our secondary programs where teachers could potentially be teaching different classrooms and different groups of children," Diolazo said.

All students and staff would be required to wear face masks unless exempted by age or special needs. In lieu of a cloth face mask, a face shield would be permissible.

Additionally, everyone would need to self-screen at home or before entering any buildings. Anyone unable to do so before stepping on campus would have to provide an onsite visual or temperature screening.

District staff and faculty members also previously gave feedback indicating that hiring more staff to support custodians and daily cleanings on campus to ensure health and safety were top priorities for reopening.

Trustee Joan Laursen asked, "How's that going to work for

families who both need to work and students are only coming to school two days a week" if the district is still obligated to provide childcare for essential workers?

Diolazo replied that Gov. Gavin Newsom's order was to provide emergency childcare to essential workers during school hours from March 13 through the end of the school year.

"It sounds like parents are on their own," Laursen said. "Based on the numbers of intent of families who might be interested in long-term independent study or FLEX Academy, is it possible that we could have room and sufficient staff to have the remaining students in school on somewhat of an everyday normal basis?"

Assistant superintendent Janelle Woodward told Laursen, "It would depend on staff and many other

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Report finds Zone 7 drinking water exceeded standards in 2019

By JULIA BAUM

Tri-Valley residents might be happy to know the quality of their drinking water met, and often exceeded, all state and federal standards last year, according to the 2019 Annual Consumer Confidence Report for the Zone 7 Water Agency.

All water supplied by the agency in 2019 "met the regulatory standards set by the state and federal

governments — and, in almost all cases, the quality was significantly better than required," officials said in a statement.

The newly redesigned report uses graphics and detailed information about the sources, treatment, safety and testing of local drinking water. Sections within the report also highlight new and ongoing projects to improve water quality

such as the new ozonation treatment at the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant and Zone 7's campaign to eliminate contaminants such as per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Board President Sandy Figuers encouraged customers to check out the report and "take a few moments to step inside the world of water and understand how Zone 7 Water

Agency ensures that our water is safe, clean and sustainable for our community."

"We have invested in state-of-the-art monitoring and treatment systems — and we demonstrate our commitment to excellence with our own, more-stringent Zone 7 standard. Our water quality is second-to-none, and we are proud to share this comprehensive update with our

customers," Figures said.

Other items of interest include water quality testing results, a special graphic detailing the steps taken to process water before it reaches Zone 7 customers, and how the agency is monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Consumer Confidence Report is available for download at www.Zone7water.com/CCR2019. ■

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public schools. As of this week, Newsom had agreed to issue \$12 billion in deferrals and add \$1 billion in one-time federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

PUSD is "looking at somewhere between \$20 million to \$24 million combined deferrals in this fiscal year to the next, and then there's a large amount of deferrals starting February all the way through May," Sheikholeslami said. If federal funds come through, there will still be deferrals but he said "they will not be as large" and most districts will try bridging those gaps with other accounts or reserves.

"However, because the magnitude of this deferral is so large, it will require the district not only to utilize those options by probably, and most likely, look at borrowing money through short-term loans, and so there is interest costs and repayment," Sheikholeslami said.

There are also "two big questions" lingering about paying back the money.

"Next year, is the state going to recover its revenue to the point

where it can stop showing reserves?" Sheikholeslami added. "How long would it take to recover beyond maintaining it at 19-20 levels to pay back those deferrals? Those are two big questions that will probably push this problem out for many years. It took almost a decade for the state to recover from the last recession and pay off deferrals from that."

By making the necessary reductions, Sheikholeslami said the district won't have \$6 million of deficit spending, benefiting them more in the future.

"We believe we can achieve that by reducing the identified \$11 million of reductions to about \$5.5 million and that will play a huge role when it comes to the out-year planning as we will have to maneuver, how the state recovers from this, how long the recovery is going to be, how long these deferrals are," he said. "Any type of good budget planning and reduction planning that we do today will allow the district to really weather the storm better."

Staff recommended to the board maintaining appropriate reserve levels to allow the district to handle cash flow issues that they anticipate during the deferral periods and also prepare for an uncertain future.

"What the state has done essentially is to give districts and everyone a little bit of time to really prepare themselves for needed reductions," Sheikholeslami said. "Had the state implemented the governor's (original) recommendations, it would've been a shock to the system."

Anticipating "there will be a day we have to deal with the loss of revenue that the state is facing," it was suggested that PUSD make reductions "based on organizational efficiencies and effectiveness."

Knowing that there is likely many unknown costs surrounding COVID-19, the district said they will "have to be careful as we go forward and consider the future in terms of the deferrals, the state revenue stability and ongoing COVID-19 impacts to education."

Staff will dig deeper into more details of the pending state budget and update their plan this month. Any specific immediate reductions that need board approval before then will be voted on at a special July 6 online meeting, starting 9 a.m.

Another special board meeting on July 14 will focus on school reopening but also include an update on where the district is with budget planning at that point. The

district's 45-day budget revision, which will incorporate the updated state budget and any changes made to expenditure planning, will be brought to the board on Aug. 13.

Five full-time positions are up

for termination at the July 6 board meeting including an unnamed administrator and four graphic specialists "due to lack of work and/or lack of funds," according to district documents. ■



TRI-VALLEY HAVEN

Haven's Juneteenth display

Tri-Valley Haven commemorated Juneteenth with a special community display outside its community building in Livermore, inviting people to leave a sign or token describing what they celebrate about diversity and what they can do to help end racism. "Juneteenth has been a holiday for Tri-Valley Haven for a few years. Given all of the racial tension and consciousness about oppression and violence, we decided to open things up this year and invite folks to participate," Executive Director Ann King said. "Many of the pledges and the comments are personal and inspiring ... At the end of this event, we will compile a binder full of the pledges, a book of action to end oppression."

Livermore Farmers' Market selects new manager, slated to reopen next week

Foragers Market to take over management in wake of CFMA's ouster over pride flag argument

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Livermore Downtown Inc. has officially reached agreement with a new manager for its farmers' market, selecting Foragers Market to lead operations and put the twice-weekly market in position to return next week.

Announced Monday, nearly two weeks after the previous management company resigned amid fallout from a controversy involving the LGBTQ+ pride flag, downtown officials say the new market manager will not only fit in well with Livermore's diverse landscape but will also be instrumental in expanding the market's offerings.

"The Foragers Market team will continue to curate Bay Srea's best collection of local food purveyors and artisan producers that will fit well with Livermore's diverse and growing demographic. Their focus will be on seeking local Livermore and surrounding Tri-Valley areas for



LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN INC. has selected Foragers Market by Harvinder Singh (shown) as the new manager for its farmers' market.

talented food makers," Livermore Downtown Inc. officials said in a statement.

The Thursday farmers' market is slated to reopen July 9, from 4-8 p.m. and continue through October, at Carnegie Park on Third Street,

between J and K streets. The traditional year-round Sunday farmers' market is scheduled to reopen July 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Second Street, between J and L streets.

Livermore Downtown officials say Foragers Market is led by Harvinder Singh, who is well-versed in the local food scene and previously worked as Whole Foods Market regional local forager from 2006 to 2016. Singh was also heavily involved in the San Ramon Farmers' Market.

"Harv's commitment to building local food security and healthy communities through his curation style and various programs has become a huge draw," Downtown Inc. officials added.

Without a management company to lead the operation, the Livermore Farmers' Market has been closed since June 18.

The market's previous manager, California Farmers Market

Association, stepped down on June 16 after an argument between its executive director and members of Livermore Pride and a local bakery owner earlier in the 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 and tone.

While CFMA later apologized for the encounter, Livermore Downtown issued a joint statement with the city of Livermore condemning the incident and CFMA's conduct.

"CFMA's recent actions were unacceptable and do not represent the values and principles that are appropriate for the Farmers Market, and all other programs or services in the City of Livermore," they said in the joint statement.

"The Farmers Market is a community institution that many have anxiously awaited both for a return to social connection and, importantly, economic recovery for the many independent growers, food crafters, artisans and others whose passion brings them to the Market each week," they added. ■

No-cost meal service at PUSD during summer break starting July 13

Pleasanton Unified School District is offering no-cost meal service to families in need in July and August. The district was recently approved to continue serving meals via the federal meal program Seamless Summer Option for the remainder of summer.

June meal service ended Monday; according to child nutrition services coordinator Kelsey

Perusse, "We are going to do a 3-day pack out on the 29th to give families as much as we can before we take a brief break" while their kitchen undergoes some repairs.

Service will resume July 13 and end August 7, right before the new school year starts on Aug. 11. No-cost meals for all children under the age of 18 will be offered

for pick-up at Pleasanton Middle and Alisal Elementary on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Alameda County Community Food Bank has committed to delivering groceries so "Grocery Fridays" will continue as well. No meal application is required and children do not need to be present. ■

—Julia Baum

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things. We're absolutely open to utilizing our available resources to support our families. Can we do it at the level of all students all the time — I don't know that we can hit that capacity."

Trustee Jamie Yee noted that with many parents working from home, the district's previous numbers on childcare could be outdated by this point. "When we just think about our normal childcare situation, we have, what, 800 kids on a waitlist," Yee said. "We actually don't know who needs childcare at all, so I don't think you can plan the childcare thing unless you know who needs childcare."

The passage of the state budget omnibus bill last week has presented what Superintendent David Haglund called "a significant issue" in a letter addressing the PUSD community on Monday. Haglund said that Assembly Bill 77 "included language that may restrict

a district's ability to offer a full-time distance learning option for students."

"We, along with districts across the state, are seeking clarification of this language," Haglund said. "Until we receive clear guidance on what is (and is not) allowed, we will move forward as if the option to incorporate distance and virtual learning is fully available to our families and staff."

In addition to the hybrid model with some in-person learning several times a week, the district also plans to offer a distance learning option that's facilitated through long-term independent study, and an enhanced virtual instructional model called the FLEX Academy.

The FLEX Academy would be taught by PUSD teachers and follow the same course outlines used in their traditional school. Students in grades six through 12 enrolled in the FLEX Academy would still be enrolled at their current school and receive instruction through online portals such as

Zoom and Google Classroom.

Students opting for independent study would remain concurrently enrolled in their current school and have a contract outlining their standards and expectations. Failure to maintain adequate progress would result in returning to a "seat-based" program, per state education code.

At the elementary level, students unable to attend school in-person for medical reasons will be offered a distance learning program "that would be held at each respective elementary school based upon need and staffing," PUSD officials said. This option would let students remain at their home schools with their own teacher for the entire year.

The new school year is scheduled to begin Aug. 11; the district will start contacting families that wish to enroll in FLEX Academy or long-term independent study in the near future. Reopening recommendations will be prepared for board approval on July 14. ■

Invitation to Bid for General Contracting Services

Tri-Valley Haven (TVH) is a service agency that provides emergency shelter and resources for adults and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or homelessness. Through this Invitation to Bid, TVH is seeking general contracting services for three of their facilities.

The Community Building that serves as the administrative offices for Tri-Valley Haven is a 5,042 square foot facility built in 1997. Sojourner House is a 3,000 square foot, 1-story, single-family residence built in 1967 that contains 4-bedrooms and administrative offices. Shiloh, the second facility, consists of two single-family buildings totaling approximately 7,500 sq. ft. The scope of work for these three facilities include a variety of exterior and interior improvements.

The bid package containing the drawings and project manual will be available on PlanWell on July 7, 2020. **Bids will be due July 30, 2020 at 3 pm.** The bid information can be accessed at the PlanWell San Ramon website. Once on the website take the following these steps:

- Step 1: <https://www.e-arc.com/location/san-ramon/>
- Step 2: Go to Planrooms and click on "Order from PlanWell"
- Step 3: On the left hand of the page go to Public PlanRoom and hit "Go." This will take you to all of the public projects that are out for bid.
- Step 4: Locate the "Tri-Valley Haven Facilities Rehab Project"
- Step 5: Order Plans and Project Manual

For questions or clarifications regarding this Invitation to Bid please contact **Kenneth Jones at 925-207-3830 or via email at kjones@landisdevelopment.com**. Inquiries regarding the scope, architectural drawings, or project manual should be directed to the Architect, Michael Fowler at Walovich Architect at mfowler@walovich.com.

This is a Federal Prevailing Wage Project.

Livermore Lab expanding current facility with supercomputer updates

Modernization project expected to reach final phase by 2022

By EMMA HALL

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has broken ground on its Exascale Computing Facility modernization project to provide advanced supercomputer services to its laboratory by expansion on the campus.

The project aims to significantly upgrade the mechanical and electrical capabilities of the lab's Livermore Computing Center.

Since 2004, LLNL has had some of the largest, fastest and most advanced systems, and to further this venture, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) facilities require high performance machines to exceed current capacities, according to lab officials.

As a result, construction to expand system capacity was advanced with new computer designs, increased requirements, number of processors per system, and the density of processors per rack.

The project, which did not have a formal groundbreaking ceremony because of COVID-19, involves expanding the current cooling system from 10,000 tons to 28,000 tons by adding piping and pumps that will add cooling tower capacity. Currently, the electrical system will also be upgraded from 45 megawatts to 85 megawatts to ensure high-performance computing.

"Since then we've been housing high performance computing machines in that facility and

that particular building has ample square footage," said Anna Marie Bailey, the program facility manager. "We have nearly 50,000 square feet of data center space and we're only adding the power to meet the needs of exascale computing in the future."

LLNL officials estimate that the modernization project will reach completion in July 2022, but it will be substantially completed by November 2022 so crews can begin preparation for a separate infrastructure package. One of the systems being used to showcase the facility's new capabilities is known as El Capitan. It is projected that this supercomputer will be the world's fastest supercomputer by 2023.



Design rendering shows concept for expansion project now underway at LLNL.

According to LLNL, El Capitan will run roughly 10 times faster on average compared to the facility's current Sierra system. Bailey stated that each machine lasts on the floor for five to seven years, and are eventually retired for the next effective supercomputer.

"It's not a simple thing. A lot of this equipment can take up to a

year to 18 months to manufacture," she said. "The laboratory is dedicated to that strategic planning and so in my role as the HPC engineer, I have to look at that whole gamma of what's coming down the line, what type of systems do we forecast ... and try to forecast what types of technologies will provide over several generations." ■

Glazer calls for more protections for vulnerable people

Public letter to governor urges for clearer guidance from state on COVID-19 protocols

State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) on Monday called on Gov. Gavin Newsom to do more to protect seniors and medically vulnerable people during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

In a letter to Newsom, Glazer said the governor should make state guidance clearer that seniors and the medically vulnerable should avoid entering or working at non-essential businesses and that those businesses should have clearer signage to ensure medically vulnerable people know a business is non-essential.

Newsom should also expand and extend state services and programs that benefit seniors and medically vulnerable people, Glazer said.

Glazer used the example of the state's Great Plates Delivered program, which delivers three restaurant-prepared meals each day to eligible seniors, as something that should be expanded to support high-risk residents.

"If we do want to protect our most vulnerable Californians as we go forward, we need to make it clear that they need to stay home

and we need to do our best work to protect them," Glazer said.

Younger family members of seniors and medically vulnerable people should also stay inside to prevent spreading the virus to others in their families, Glazer said.

The risk of doing so is even higher for people in what Glazer called "overcrowded living conditions."

"That young person that goes out and gets the virus and may be asymptomatic comes home and infects others in that household, including the elderly, which has

serious consequences," Glazer said.

State health officials have observed a rise in coronavirus cases statewide over the last two weeks, leading to the postponement of various businesses and activities resuming operations.

On Sunday, Newsom ordered bars across the state to close after a surge of coronavirus cases that some state officials see linked to young people going out to bars and restaurants and not taking proper precautions like wearing face coverings and practicing physical distancing.

Protecting seniors and those who are medically vulnerable is not as much of a priority as it should be, Glazer suggested, adding that local health officials and governments also need to monitor how high-risk populations are moving around to protect them from the virus.

"This is a life-or-death choice for so many here in California," he said. "I don't think you should sugarcoat the consequences of this virus on the elderly. And yet it seems to have been forgotten." ■

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and related decisions — is leaving Alameda County for a position with the state government.

Pan's top deputy, Dr. Nicholas J. Moss, will take the reins as the county's interim health officer effective Tuesday.

Alameda County's COVID-19 case rate had increased to 71.1 per 100,000 people (up 7.9) over the previous seven days, ACPHD said on Monday.

The public health agency also reported seeing a daily increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations since last week, following a period of daily decreases.

ACPHD reported that as of Tuesday, there had been a total of 5,963 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 135 deaths countywide. Highs by community included Oakland (2,352), Hayward (987), and Fremont and San Leandro (290 each).

As for the Tri-Valley, Livermore had 169 cases, Pleasanton had 119 cases and Dublin had 53 cases, as of Tuesday. Santa Rita Jail in Dublin,

which is kept in a separate statistical category, had 60 cases and Sunol had fewer than 10.

The Veterans Affairs Department confirmed on Monday that one COVID-19 death involved a resident in the Livermore Community Living Center, under the Palo Alto VA Health Care System.

There have been 18 other confirmed cases of the virus among residents and employees at the military veteran care facility in Livermore, VA officials said.

The Livermore Community Living Center is working to investigate the circumstances around how 10 residents and nine employees ended up recently testing positive, officials said. The exact timeframe for the string of cases at the VA's center, as well as information about the resident who died, have not been released.

Officials confirmed that the veterans who tested positive for COVID-19 were transferred to the VA hospital in Palo Alto for treatment. All residents and staff of the Livermore facility are currently being tested for COVID-19 every three to four days,

and anyone who enters the center is screened for the virus.

The center has now implemented a universal masking policy for all staff and residents, and anyone who doesn't have a mask is provided one, officials said. Employees following federal guidelines for appropriate personal protective equipment.

'This week and next will be critical for assessing the impact of activities authorized to resume.'

ACPHD statement

News of the outbreak at the Livermore veterans facility comes as the COVID-19 case count continues to increase in the Tri-Valley over the past week and a half, like has been seen in other parts of the Bay Area, the state and the country.

"We are concerned by the increase

in local cases, disproportionate impact on communities of color, local impact of the outbreak at San Quentin State Prison, and the alarming disease trends we see in counties that have opened at a faster rate," ACPHD officials said on Monday.

"This week and next will be critical for assessing the impact of activities authorized to resume in Alameda County on June 19th, and we will continue to closely monitor our data to inform next steps regarding reopening and attestation," they added.

And the department will be doing that analysis with a new leader.

Pan, the county's interim health officer since July 2018, has been appointed as the state epidemiologist and deputy director overseeing the Center for Infectious Diseases at the California Department of Public Health, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced on Monday.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity to have served Alameda County for the past nine years, and grateful for the community's support of the dramatic measures we had to take to slow the spread of COVID19

during these unprecedented times," Pan said in a statement released through ACPHD late Monday afternoon.

"There has never been a more challenging time to be a public health officer, yet I look forward to the honor of serving to help lead this work more broadly statewide," she added. "I leave here proud of the work our Public Health Department does every day to keep our communities healthy and safe, and confident in Dr. Moss' ability to continue our plan to address the complex issues of this pandemic."

Moss, the county's new interim health officer, has served as deputy county health officer and acting director of the Division of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention since earlier this year.

He joined the department in April 2013 to lead the HIV/STD Section to provide oversight and planning for HIV care, build sustainable funding for HIV prevention, and integrate HIV and STD work in the department, officials said. ■

Student creates winning design for proposed license plate

Commemorative plates to raise money, awareness for mental health services

By RYAN J. DEGAN

A student from Dougherty Valley High School designed the winning entry for California's "Mental Health Awareness License Plate Competition."

Among a pool of submissions created by high school students throughout the state, San Ramon resident Anshuree Banerjee's design was selected as being the best design to accurately reflect the importance of mental health care. The proposed license plate is now under review by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"I wanted a design that clearly included California as part of the solution and was positive about mental health," Banerjee said in a statement last week.

San Ramon Valley Unified School District officials say proceeds raised from the sale of the commemorative plates will benefit the California Department of Education for mental health wellness centers located in schools throughout the state.

Dougherty Valley is one of two SRVUSD schools that is scheduled to open a wellness center on their campus in the 2020-21 school year, according to district officials, with the second scheduled to open at California High School.

Designed as a place where students can visit to speak with adults whenever they are feeling stressed or anxious, district officials say wellness centers provide students with a space to take a break and receive support from their school.



Winning license plate design by Dougherty Valley High student Anshuree Banerjee.

"The SRVUSD has made student mental wellness a priority. Wellness Centers were identified as a priority in the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and were one of five recommendations

that resulted from the work of a Mental Wellness Task Force," district officials said in a statement.

According to BeingwellCA, an organization dedicated to promoting mental health among students,

State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) is the author of Senate Bill 1223, legislation that authorizes the California DMV to issue a specialized license plate for mental health awareness.

"This license plate has the potential of raising millions of dollars for student mental health which are so desperately needed in the post COVID-19 school environment. And it does it without raising taxes," said Graham Wiseman, CEO of BeingwellCA — which he founded alongside his wife Caroline after the suicide of their son Colin at the age of 15.

In recognition of the Wiseman family, Banerjee's submitted design includes the 4 Colin as the license plate number. ■

LPC prepares for hybrid learning next semester

Final plan dependent on state, county health orders

By EMMA HALL

Las Positas College in Livermore will be offering online classes in the upcoming semester combined with some in-person services because of COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Because the college has an in-person laboratory requirement, which must have hands-on activities, some classes will still be face-to-face, according to Mujeeb Dadgar, marketing communications associate for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

An updated fall schedule is expected to be released to students in two weeks that will provide more details on what classes will be offered. Dadgar said the exact number of face-to-face classes will be determined based on state and county health departments, so for the time being, LPC cannot provide a specific count.

"Currently our top priority is the health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff," Dadgar said.

For the summer term, Las Positas has transitioned to exclusively online classes and services. Resources like tutoring, student services, student health center, online counseling, and disabled students programs and services are all online.

Students can use NetTutor for free online tutoring in their classes. Virtual counseling is also continuing through online communication, chat, phone or email. Students can find out more on the

LPC counseling webpage.

The Las Positas College Student and Wellness Center is also extending their remote business into the summer semester. Services will be open on Mondays to Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Fridays, they are closing earlier, at 1 p.m. For medical questions or mental health services, students can call 925-424-1830.

Other resources are also open, despite the continuation of virtual instruction. The following student

services programs are open and have online extensions: admissions and records, assessment center, CalWORKS, the Disability Resource Center, EOPS, financial aid, international students program, Puente, the Student Health and Wellness Center, transfers, Umoja and the Veterans First Program.

Students can view the full list of programs and services on the Las Positas website, www.laspositascollege.edu. ■

LVJUSD schedules candidate workshop

Tuesday event will cover election process, role of public service

By JULIA BAUM

An informal workshop on the role and responsibilities of public service for potential candidates seeking two open seats at-large on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education will be held in person next week.

Livermore residents — including those considering running for one of the two currently vacant board seats — are invited to attend the "Board Candidate Information Night" on Tuesday (July 7), starting 7 p.m. at the district boardroom in Livermore, 685 E. Jack London Blvd.

Attendees will receive general information about the district in addition to learning about board member responsibilities and the election process. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions during the event.

The five LVJUSD trustees serve on staggered four-year terms; voters will fill the two seats currently held by Board Clerk Chuck Rogge and Trustee Chris Wenzel during the

Nov. 3 general election.

Filing documents will be available at the Alameda County Office of the Registrar of Voters' Office beginning July 13 and must be completed by Aug. 7, during the official candidate nomination period. A background or experience in politics or education is not required to file for candidacy.

Other topics that will be covered that evening include timelines for candidates, campaign reporting and conflict of interest requirements, campaign sign regulations, and rules of the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

In accordance with the Alameda County public health order, face masks will be required at Tuesday's workshop and seating will be arranged to maintain six feet of social distance between attendees.

For more information or to receive written materials after the candidate information night, contact the Superintendent's office at 606-3281, or email Cathy McConnell at cmcconnell@lvjUSD.org. ■

MTC allocates \$46.8M for Valley Link project

Bridge toll funds will be used to move project closer toward construction

By JULIA BAUM

An infusion of \$46.8 million in funding to prepare for the Valley Link project's next stage was approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) last month.

The allocation of Assembly Bill 1171 bridge toll funds to the Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority was unanimously approved at the June 24 meeting of the MTC.

The funds will be used to finish certain activities before the project moves into final design and construction like preliminary engineering, environmental clearance and coordinating with Caltrans and other agencies. MTC previously allocated just over \$13 million for California Environmental Quality Act documentation and conceptual design work that the Regional Rail Authority said is close to being finished.

In a statement, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Hagerty, who chairs both the Regional Rail Authority and MTC, said the funding will keep the project "on track and get us closer to shovel ready."

"I credit the MTC commissioners for recognizing the urgent need for this project and, on behalf of the 98,500 Bay Area workers who travel through the Altamont Pass each day, I thank them for their unanimous vote in support of the project," Hagerty said.

When completed, the planned 42-mile Valley Link project will connect the future North Lathrop ACE train station with the existing Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station via a commuter light-rail system that includes a total of seven stations along the service line. The project is estimated to generate 22,000 jobs during the construction phase

and support 400 operational support jobs with over \$19 million of labor income per year, and bring in \$69 million in annual business sales once the line is in service.

About 28,000 passengers are expected to use the system in 2040, which the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority estimates will result in nearly 100 million fewer vehicle miles traveled and the reduction of more than 33,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually.

"Valley Link is vital to our environment and the quality of life in our communities — and now, more than ever, more vital to our economy given the recovery needs we are now facing," Hagerty said. "It will create jobs, support our work force and for many offer a chance to have a safe and affordable choice about where they can live and work." ■

The social Summer

Alameda County Fairgrounds adapt

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With 2020's social distancing summer in full effect due to the continued spread of the coronavirus, the Alameda County Fairgrounds has pivoted from hosting its usual fair activities to holding special events that provide residents with safer entertainment amid the pandemic.

After making the decision to cancel the annual Alameda County Fair because of COVID-19, fairgrounds officials have offered drive-in concerts, brought back drive-in movies and created a space for food trucks where visitors can still get a taste of their favorite fair foods.

"Until we get a vaccine, there's not going to be a sense of old normalcy. If this is what we have to do, I think it's great. I think they are very smart to do it because more people will catch

on and sure you're going to get less volume of people, but it's better than nothing at all," said Ron Halsne, who saw a drive-in concert with his wife at the fairgrounds last Friday.

"We're very excited and it's great to just be outside of the house," Halsne said, laughing.

"We missed (the fair) this year. It was a bit of a let down, but I figure if we have to miss it one year to get through this together," he added, with a shrug.

Drive-in concerts and movies operate in similar style, with patrons purchasing tickets and parking their vehicles in front of the show — all while maintaining responsible social-distancing space between each vehicle. Visitors are welcome to bring their own food and drink, but masks are mandatory when attendees leave their vehicles.



While the 2020 Alameda County Fair may have been canceled, popular fair food like corn dogs can still be enjoyed at the fairgrounds' food truck series.



The Staley family is one group to enjoy the fair food, which can be sampled after purchasing a \$10 parking pass.



At the drive-in events, patrons are welcome to bring their own food and beverages.



Drive-in concerts have also been featured at the Pleasanton fairgrounds, offering res

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ers to pandemic with drive-up events

BY RYAN J. DEGAN

“People are very respectful of each other’s space and keeping masks on when they walk around. And they have people walking around making sure everyone is wearing a mask (when walking around). We’re definitely comfortable,” Diane Kemsley said. “They could do this all the time and have the fair. It’s great. If they did it every time and the fair, I think they’d be killing it.”

Food trucks are located in a parking lot next to the drive-in theater, and are scheduled to be open on Friday and Saturday evenings through Aug. 1 (except for the Fourth of July) from 5-9 p.m. Attendees will be charged a parking fee of \$10 per vehicle, either in advance or at the gate, with food being sold separately. The food truck lineup and menus are updated online.

The fairgrounds also has nine more drive-in movies scheduled for weekends over the summer, with the next showing to feature the 1993 baseball movie “The Sandlot” tonight.

“The Sandlot” showing is sold out already; fairgrounds reps say tickets have been known to sell out in minutes. The drive-in movie series opened June 12 with “Raiders of the Lost Ark,” followed by screenings of “The Goonies,” “Jurassic Park,” “Grease,” “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” and “Pitch Perfect.”

The movie schedule is updated generally on a week-to-week basis. Residents can purchase tickets for future shows and events online.

For more information about all of the fairgrounds’ 2020 summer activities, visit alamedacountyfair.com. ■



From left: Chris, Parker, Michelle, Olivia and Emma Davis prepare for the drive-in screening of “Pitch Perfect” at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.



Car-loads of people position themselves while awaiting for the drive-in movie to get underway.



idents the opportunity to see and hear live music in a socially distanced way.



The 40-foot screen lights the evening sky with the movie “Pitch Perfect.”

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

'Golden State Killer' pleads guilty to slew of murders, rapes

The man known as the "Golden State Killer" pleaded guilty Monday to 13 murders, 13 kidnappings and dozens of other crimes, including some in the Tri-Valley, after evading capture for years until he was identified in 2018 through investigative genetic genealogy, Contra Costa County prosecutors said.



Joseph DeAngelo Jr.

Joseph DeAngelo Jr., 74, made his pleas before Judge Michael Bowman in the Sacramento State Ballroom to allow the many victims and their family members to attend and maintain social distancing.

DeAngelo is expected to be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. He murdered his last victim in 1986, according to prosecutors. DeAngelo, a former police officer, terrorized California residents during the 1970s and 1980s.

Prosecutors from Contra Costa, Orange, Sacramento, Santa Barbara, Tulare and Ventura counties prosecuted DeAngelo.

He admitted to killing Claude Snelling in 1975, in Tulare County, Katie and Brian Maggiore in 1978, in Sacramento County; Debra Alexandria

Manning in 1979, in Santa Barbara County; Robert Offerman in 1979, in Santa Barbara County; Cheri Domingo in 1981, in Santa Barbara County; Greg Sanchez in 1981, in Santa Barbara County; Charlene and Lyman Smith on or about March 13, 1980, in Ventura County; Keith and Patrice Harrington in 1980, in Orange County; Manuela Witthuhn in 1981, in Orange County and Janelle Cruz in 1986, in Orange County.

Prosecutors said his crimes began when he was with the Exeter Police Department. He was fired in 1979 by the Auburn Police Department.

DeAngelo's crimes started with peeping through windows and stalking, prosecutors said. DeAngelo earned the nicknames of "Visalia Ransacker," the "Original Night Stalker," "East Area Rapist" and the "Golden State Killer."

He admitted to dozens of uncharged crimes including rape, kidnapping, attempted murder and robbery, among others, according to prosecutors.

The charges against DeAngelo included four cases of kidnap and robbery that involved rapes from Contra Costa County, including one in San Ramon in October 1978 and one in Danville in June 1979. The district attorney's office had to pursue kidnapping charges and not rape due to the statute of limitations for those crimes.

DeAngelo admitted to those San Ramon Valley crimes, as well as an uncharged rape case in Danville from December 1978.

Victims will be able to share how

the crimes affected them starting Aug. 17 before DeAngelo is sentenced Aug. 21. The time and place of the sentencing have not been announced.

Prosecutors agreed to let DeAngelo plead guilty to 26 charged crimes and admit to the uncharged crimes in order to allow the victims and their families hear DeAngelo confess.

Otherwise the prosecution of DeAngelo could have taken as many as 10 years.

Some of the uncharged crimes that DeAngelo confessed to occurred in Alameda and Santa Clara counties.

In other news

- Police are investigating a drive-by shooting that injured one person at a home in central Livermore late Saturday afternoon.

The incident appears to have involved people who knew each other, and the victim is not cooperating with the investigation at this point, Livermore police Officer Taylor Burruss told the Weekly.

The shooting occurred at a residence on the 800 block of North P Street when someone fired shots at the home and then fled the scene, according to Burruss.

One victim was treated for injuries that were not life-threatening and later released from the hospital, according to Burruss. The initial investigation indicates it was an isolated incident in which the suspect or suspects knew the victim — and it was not a random target.

"There were no arrests made and no further details to provide at this

point on suspect(s) due to the lack of cooperation," Burruss added.

Anyone with information about the case can contact Detective England via Livermore PD's tip line at 925-371-4790.

- A Freeway Service Patrol driver from Dublin died last week in a crash on southbound Interstate 280 in Woodside, a spokesman for the California Highway Patrol said.

The San Mateo County Coroner's Office identified the driver as Mark Anthony Alarcon, a 61-year-old Dublin resident.

Someone called the CHP at 3:40 p.m. on June 23 to tell them about the crash between Farm Hill Boulevard and Edgewood Road, CHP Officer Art Montiel said.

A lumber truck was traveling south when it left the road and crashed into the FSP truck and Alarcon. FSP drivers help motorists during commute hours by providing gas, for example, to motorists who run out. Services are paid for by the state of California.

The driver of the lumber truck stayed at the scene and cooperated with the crash investigation. Montiel said it does not appear that the driver of the lumber truck was impaired by a substance such as alcohol.

- Three people accused of carjacking a vehicle in San Jose led multiple law enforcement agencies on a pursuit on the freeway until ultimately crashing in Pleasanton and getting arrested last week.

The incident unfolded just before 12:30 a.m. June 24 when a carjacking was reported in the 4000 block of Avignon Lane in San Jose, according to Sgt. Enrique Garcia of the San Jose Police Department.

"Three suspects assaulted an adult male victim and fled in the victim's vehicle," Garcia said. The vehicle was later located by San Jose police officers but the driver allegedly fled on northbound I-680.

SJPD officers pursued the vehicle, with CHP officers providing

assistance, according to Garcia.

The vehicle would eventually crash at the Bernal Avenue exit in Pleasanton, and the occupants fled on foot, according to Garcia. Pleasanton police officers assisted in the search — which included aerial support from the SJPD "AIR 3" unit.

The three suspects were apprehended, and one handgun was located, according to Garcia. The arrestees, whose names were not released, were described as two men and one male juvenile. They were booked into Santa Clara County Jail and Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall.

- The Weekly tried unsuccessfully during the past week to receive a status update on the criminal case against four teenage boys charged with the murder of Pleasanton native Jackson Reese Butler.

The Alameda County DA's Office declined to comment because the case is in juvenile court due to the age of the defendants. It is unclear if prosecutors are considering whether to request a judge transfer the case to superior court to charge the defendants as adults.

The four teens, who are from the Tri-Valley but whose names have not been released, were arrested on May 22 after a five-week investigation into the fatal stabbing of Butler, a 19-year-old former Amador Valley High School student and judo athlete who competed internationally.

Butler died at a hospital after being stabbed during an altercation in the parking lot of the Hyatt House Pleasanton, where Butler had a room, on the night of April 15. Pleasanton police allege the four juvenile suspects devised a plan to rob Butler of his inventory of marijuana wax cartridges, which Butler was selling, but the encounter turned violent.

Butler's death marked the city's first homicide since 2012. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

June 27

Burglary

- 9:43 a.m. on the 1400 block of Brookline Loop

Theft

- 2:17 p.m., 100 block of Mission Drive; auto theft

- 3:15 p.m. on the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 6:02 p.m. on the 5600 block of Sonoma Drive

June 26

Drug violation

- 10:42 a.m. on the 3700 block of Hopyard Road

- 11:35 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Sex offenses

- 11:07 a.m. on Santa Rita Road

Burglary

- 1:14 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Theft

- 4:11 p.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Robbery

- 6:44 p.m. at Main Street and Del Valle Parkway

June 25

Domestic battery

- 7:03 a.m. on Chabot Drive

- 9:55 p.m. on Johnson Drive

Vandalism

- 8:52 a.m. at Concord Place and Palomino Drive

Theft

- 3:16 p.m. on the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive

- 7:47 p.m. on the 300 block of Rose Avenue

Burglary

- 9:38 p.m. on the 7300 block of Royal Oaks Court

June 24

DUI

- 3:33 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

Burglary

- 8:45 a.m. on the 4500 block of Black Avenue

Vandalism

- 10:02 a.m. on the 4400 block of Black Avenue

Graffiti offense

- 11:09 a.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

- 11:43 a.m. on the 4400 block of Black Avenue

June 23

Vandalism

- 9:28 a.m. on the 5600 block of Gibraltar Drive

Domestic battery

- 6:23 p.m. on Owens Drive

June 22

Domestic battery

- 1:46 a.m. on Owens Drive

Theft

- 7:30 a.m., 7500 block of Driftwood Way; theft from auto

- 9:11 a.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

- 5:34 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 6:07 p.m., 7600 block of Applewood Way; theft from auto

Vandalism

- 7:36 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

- 9:00 a.m. on the 800 block of Hopkins Way

- 10:02 a.m. on the 600 block of Junipero Street

- 10:45 a.m. on the 1500 block of Vista Way

- 12:51 p.m. on the 1000 block of Kottinger Drive

Burglary

- 12:30 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

June 21

Theft from auto

- 11:42 a.m. on the 5600 block of Sonoma Drive

DUI

- 7:31 p.m. at Independence Drive and Crystal Lane

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VIKKI PUMMER

"Hockey Season Wasn't Cancelled" by Vikki Pummer was entered in the new category of Family Game Night.

Fair holds 2020 competitions — online

Livestock judging and auction to take place July 12

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Alameda County Fair was canceled this year due to the coronavirus but its beloved competitions were still held, garnering more than 4,000 entries in categories from stitching to baked bread to fine arts.

"We had a bigger turnout than we were expecting for a virtual show," said Tiffany Burrow-Loushin, head of the arts competition. "We bring in 18,000 entries on average, usually across 5,000 exhibitors. This year we would have been happy with 500 entries."

Past years already have had a virtual component for the fine arts show, she explained, which is so popular that only the pre-judged winners are exhibited at the annual fair. Now all the entries can be viewed online.

Fair staff had to find the best way to have each category judged, Burrow-Loushin said.

"With baked goods, we were struggling at first and thought we might just remove it," she recalled. "But we get a lot of entries so we said let's do something."

They finally decided that each entry would require two photos, one of the whole product and another after it was sliced.

"That way the judges could see the outside as well as the inside," Burrow-Loushin said.

For fiber arts, a second photo also was requested, a closeup of the stitching.

Some contestants for baked goods enter every year, Burrow-Loushin noted, as do some artists, and most adapted easily to the new online process.

"We thought more folks would have problems with technology on the site but they had very little," she said. "It was confusing in our fine arts because some had entered prior to it becoming virtual."

Those early entrants were refunded their fees because this year's online competition was free.

"All in all, we're just trying to make the best of our current situation," Burrow-Loushin said. "We found a way to stay connected with everyone."

The 600 entry divisions were narrowed down, some were combined, and others were

added for a total of 77 for this year's virtual show.

New pandemic-related categories included Shelter in Place for self-portraits and poetry. Photography added Masks as well as Yard Art and Family Game Night.

"Yard Art and Family Game Night were new categories this year that we felt were in line with shelter-in-place and activities that were increasing," Burrow-Loushin said.

"We didn't award any ribbons or money this year, just accolades," she added.

Livestock is always popular, with normally more than 300 animals arriving for judging, Burrow-Loushin said. This year entries were made using video, and the livestock auction will be held online July 12, although fair staff is hoping to have "a modified live component." Animals will be brought in for a veterinarian check before they are released to the highest bidders.

To view all the entries and lists of winners and learn more about the livestock auction, go to AlamedaCountyFair.com and look under "events," then "2020 Fair." ■



MONIQUE RARDIN RICHARDSON

Monique Rardin Richardson's photography entry in the category of Family Game Night, titled "Dream."



JUSTIN FAUSTO

"When Hugs are Rare," taken on Mother's Day by Austin Fausto, was entered in the Masks photography category.



JENNIFER TEGUIA

Jennifer Tegua entered this photo, "Fried Egg Poppy," in Yard Art photography.

Scout makes face shields for front-line workers

15-year-old inspired by family friend in medical field

These days Kai Gottschalk is living up to the slogan of the Boy Scouts of America — “Do a good turn daily” — by using his own 3-D printer to make face shields for health care providers. He has made and shipped nearly 3,800 shields made of transparency sheets and hard plastic bands to 40 organizations, both locally and abroad.

Gottschalk, 15, said he was inspired by a family friend who works in the medical field when he heard about the lack of proper protective clothing for medical professionals needed to treat those possibly infected with the coronavirus.

While searching the internet for tutorials, Gottschalk found video instruction on creating face shields using a 3-D printer. He first offered his shields to NorCal Ambulance

then he enlisted other Scouts from his troop and friends from school to expand his production and outreach.

Bay Area recipients include Oakland’s Highland Hospital, Kaiser Permanente, St. Rose Hospital in Hayward, Livermore Optometry Group and Waste Management. The protective equipment also has been shipped to University of Miami Hospital, George Washington University Hospital, Princeton and Capital Health Hospital, among other places.

Gottschalk, a member of Troop 941 in Pleasanton, which is sponsored by VFW Post 6298, plans to continue on the path to Eagle Scout. Donations to help pay for more face shield supplies can be made at www.troop941.org/faceshields. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Kai Gottschalk works on one of the thousands of face shields he has made for healthcare providers using his own 3-D printer.

Museum cancels remaining talks for 2020

Scheduled speakers will switch appearances to next year

The Museum on Main announced last week that it is postponing the remaining 2020 Ed Kinney Speaker Series, after each of the last four monthly performances were closed one by one.

Now it is clear large gatherings will remain a challenge for the foreseeable future, according to a museum press release, plus the series venue, the Firehouse Theater, is closed until further notice.

The canceled performers have agreed to honor this year’s contracts and instead present their characters in 2021, so the current plan is to pick up the season in

March of next year to run through October, working out the exact dates according to the availability of the individual performers as well as the theater.

“Flexibility will be the key to all of this, and we hope you will be patient with us as we navigate this complicated rescheduling,” museum officials said.

Ticket holders for this year may use them for the same performer next year; receive a refund by emailing office@museumonmain.org or visiting Museum on Main when it reopens; or donate the cost of their tickets to

the museum, letting the museum know the tickets may be resold and receiving a donation letter.

“We hope the public and our Ed Kinney Speaker Series’ patrons will understand why we have had to take this step for all of our health and safety,” officials said.

For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series or other programs and exhibits, visit www.museumonmain.org. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St., and it remains closed until state and county rules allow reopening. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Eagle Scout Anthony Mitine

Project is display table for Alviso Adobe visitor center

Anthony Mitine has been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout and was recognized April 27 during a Court of Honor Ceremony conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mitine, who is going into his junior year at Foothill High School, is a member of Troop 908, sponsored by St. Clare Episcopal Church. He has earned 22 merit badges, served as a patrol leader, and for the fourth year continues to be a den chief, assisting Cub Scouts. He volunteered as a youth staff member at Tiger Cub Safari Overnight Camp and Shadow Cliffs Twin Valley Day Camp for more than 100 hours of community service.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Mitine led Cub Scouts, Scouts and adult volunteers to create a “Touch



Anthony Mitine

Table” for the visitor center at Alviso Adobe Community Park. The Touch Table is equipped with a plexiglass display for fragile items such as birds’ nests and replicas of birds’ eggs. The mid-shelf is an interactive four-part section, encouraging people to examine feathers, snake skins and animal pelts.

The bottom shelf, stenciled by the Webelos of Pack 943 with a woodland background, displays three handmade tactile boxes, depicting nature scenes that were painted by Foothill students. This

project benefits the community as it offers an opportunity for visitors of all ages to learn about California flora and fauna.

Mitine continues to be an active member in his community, mentoring younger Scouts to earn Eagle rank. He is involved in VEX Robotics Club and Inventor’s Club at school and also actively participates and is an organizer of Bay Area Hackathons. He enjoys science, engineering, math, history and music. He is a part-time tennis instructor at Lifetime Activities, leading summer camps and teaching classes, and he is a summer intern at the Go Green Initiative and a fellow at Autonomous Power Racing.

Mitine is the son of Irina and Oleg Mitine of Pleasanton. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Young writers recognized

Annual contest includes nonfiction, poetry, short stories

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

To encourage the endeavors of young writers, each year the Tri-Valley Writers, the local branch of the California Writers Club, holds a contest that includes nonfiction, poetry and short stories.

“It takes great courage for students to submit writing to strangers to evaluate and comment on it,” club newsletter editor Patricia Boyle said. “I’m proud of the students who entered the contest and took the risk of sharing their work.”

This year 53 young writers took part, submitting 72 entries that included 20 literary nonfiction pieces; 32 poems; and 20 short stories. Winners are receiving cash awards, plus first-place recipients will be published in the Tri-Valley Writers’ next anthology.

Top finishers for literary nonfiction include first place, Smriti Davey (grade 11, Foothill High School) for “Slow Down”; second place, Jessica Luan (grade 12, Amador Valley) for “The Da Jie Agenda: How I Learned to Embrace My Sea Sponge Siblings”; and third place, Rohan Chandran (grade 10, Monte Vista) for “Rebel with a Cause.”

Honorable mentions were awarded to Sanjana Bhanvadia (grade 12, Granada) for “The Story of My Life”; Madeline Day (grade 11, Amador) for “What I Remember”; Ananya Iyengar (grade 9, Dougherty Valley) for “Tug of War”; Elaine Yang (grade 12, Dougherty) for “Monkey”; Simoni Regmi (grade 11, Amador) for “Unforgettable Road Trip”; Rahul Almeida (grade 11, Amador) for

My Passion”; and Nivriti Krishnamurthy (grade 11, Dublin) for “The Taste of Home.”

In the poetry category, first and second places went to Kanchan Naik (grade 11, Quarry Lane) for “To Proud Boys” and “A Postcard from Mumbai,” respectively. Third place went to Mikayla Marinko (grade 9, Livermore) for “Depression.” Honorable mentions included Eva Shen (grade 10, Dougherty) for “Self-Portrait as a Tree”; Vivien Song (grade 11, Amador) for “Letters from the Kitchen Pantry”; and Calvin Shawler (grade 9, Granada) for “Twenty Seconds.”

Top finishers for short story fiction were first place, Kirin Yadav (grade 11, Monte Vista) for “The Girl Who Grew Dragon Wings”; second place, Macie Calvert (grade 10, Monte Vista) for “Ferryman”; and third place, Roshni Aradhya (grade 11, California) for “The Revolutionary.”

Honorable mentions were earned by Soumya Sahay (grade 11, Amador) for “Silent Soft Strokes Scare Me to Sleep”; Myrsini San Marchi (grade 11, Amador) for “Tale of the Trees”; and Kylie Jones (grade 11, California) for “House of Mirrors.”

The awards are funded by a Tri-Valley Writers silent auction, with gift certificates, items and services donated by members and businesses in the community. ■



Kanchan Naik



Smriti Davey



Kirin Yadav

‘Dreamcatcher’ event to showcase local talent

Livermore’s July 16 virtual talent show is free to the public

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

StarsDay, the open mic music event launched last year by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, is returning online on July 16 with its second annual “Dreamcatcher” talent competition.

The show is designed to showcase the artistic talent in the community, and any local musicians, vocalists or spoken word artists can sign up for a slot to perform from their home or studio space.

Artists must sign up by 11:59 p.m. July 13 at livermorearts.org to perform in the show, being held via Zoom; the fee is \$10.

Tickets to view the show, which begins at 5 p.m., are free but registration is required, at livermorearts.org.

“We’re excited to return in July

with the online StarsDay ‘Dreamcatcher’ event, as well as some in-person limited registration classes at the Bothwell Arts Center,” Executive Director Chris Carter said. “These add to online activities and exhibits begun last month and some live music opportunities we have in the planning stage.”

When artists or groups sign up to participate, they will be assigned a time slot based on space available and given a Zoom access link. A minimum number of entries must be received in order for this year’s event to take place.

The winner of the competition will receive a handmade dreamcatcher necklace and an offer for a paid performance opportunity at an upcoming event at the Bankhead Theater. ■

No trust in trustees, no unity on Dublin Unified board

There is no trust in the trustees and no unification within the Dublin Unified school board. It is once again leaderless and divided at a very precarious moment in time.

The abrupt resignation announcement by Superintendent Dave Marken, Ed.D., last week sent shockwaves of frustration, anger and angst through the community and put into question the future of the district, which is at a crossroads in terms of growth and employee relations.

"If you find yourself in a situation where your bosses don't trust you, and you don't trust your boss, you should no longer work for your boss anymore," Marken said during a very opaque explanation of why he was leaving at the beginning of the board's Zoom meeting on June 23.

Marken was called out of retirement last year to lead the district in hopes of some stability after the equally abrupt departure (a "mutual separation") of his predecessor, Leslie Boozer, who lasted less than three years with the district. In his 14 months at the helm, Marken was able to start the process of turning the district around and instilling "a sense of hope in the community during a difficult time in which the district found itself on the brink," according to a district statement.

During Marken's tenure as superintendent, the district saw voters renew the \$96 annual parcel tax under Measure E in May 2019 and pass the \$290 million Measure J, a school facilities bond securing much-needed funding for the second phase of a second high school. He had recently presented and initially gained board approval of a plan to reopen the district's schools next academic year amid the pandemic.

Marken's most recent accomplishment was that DUSD and the Dublin Teachers Association had a tentative agreement that the union was happy with and that fit within

the confines of a revised budget.

What exactly precipitated Marken's surprise resignation isn't certain, but the timing suggests he could have been unhappy that the district-initiated tentative agreement with DTA was rejected by the board majority on June 11 — trustees Dan Cherrier, Gabi Blackman and Catharine Kuo.

Interestingly, the June 16 special meeting agenda and June 23 agenda listed the superintendent's performance evaluation in the closed session. (This is a multi-step process that was delayed because of the health crisis.)

We don't mean to imply that the questions Cherrier, Blackman and Kuo are asking about funding for salary increases are wrong to consider. However, not working to keep a very popular superintendent who was making great strides in rebuilding trust and unity in a district sorely in need of stability, then acting very nonchalant on camera in the aftermath of his resignation, doesn't seem responsible.

The healing and the regaining of trust, confidence and unity that was slowly taking place over the past year blew up in a matter of 10 minutes at the beginning of the board's June 23 open meeting and is now replaced with animosity, distrust and division.

And the district is without a permanent leader, again, and unstable as it works to navigate educating students amid COVID-19 and the second high school project just getting underway. "Adrift" was the district's own word for the situation last week.

The Board of Trustees itself has been in disarray for the past 18 months. When Boozer walked away from the position in March 2019 (with some DTA members cheering when her exit was announced), the five-member board was down to only three trustees. Longtime trustee Dan Cunningham surprised everyone by resigning that February, only months after being re-elected

to his seat, and a citizens' petition to nullify the appointment of a new trustee left the second vacancy.

The divisiveness, politicking and public display of animosity is unlike any other current school board in the Tri-Valley. There is also a clear east-west divide, which is unique to Dublin and applies to the community and to the board.

Unintended consequences of district elections could be at play here. When the DUSD board appointed Nini Natarajan in December 2018 to the Area 4 seat vacated by trustee Joe Giannini two months earlier, the appointment was overturned weeks later under a provision in state law that allows voters to challenge and demand a special election instead.

The petition that challenged the appointment needed to be signed by 1.5% of voters in the election area. In this case, because of districting, only 74 voters from Trustee Area 4 were needed to force a special election. Blackman was elected by fewer than 600 voters to represent Area 4 in the low-turnout June 2019 special election that cost taxpayers around \$60,000.

Then there is the parochialism inherent in districting.

Just as in state and national politics, school board trustees and city council members have to answer to a small group of people as opposed to the entire constituency. While we would like to believe most local elected officials make decisions and base votes on what they feel is best for the entire community, it's only human to consider how decisions and votes will be viewed by the relatively few people who will re-elect you, or not.

Ironically, Kuo, Blackman and Cherrier, the three trustees who rejected Marken's tentative agreement with DTA — and showed very little concern about Marken's resignation June 23 — represent East Dublin, where the second high school will serve.

Trustees Kuo and Blackman and

Board President Cherrier had very little to say after Marken's proverbial mic drop, other than Cherrier remarking that the timing is unfortunate and Kuo saying she appreciates her fellow board members.

Trustees Megan Rouse and Amy Miller, on the other hand, let their frustration be known.

"I do not share Trustee Kuo's feelings of appreciation for fellow board members," Rouse said, "although I do appreciate Trustee Miller."

"I am heartbroken," Miller said. "I think this board, when they get some time away and can look back, will recognize the devastation we've brought to this district. I hate even including myself in that because I don't feel I'm a part of it. I don't share your feelings, Catherine (Kuo), about the rest of this board. I'm embarrassed to be part of this board."

"I'm kind of just really sad tonight," she continued, "and concerned about what the future of DUSD looks like."

We share the concern about the future of DUSD expressed by Miller and dozens of letter writers, Town Square posters and social media commenters.

Instability and infighting between a school board and administration — and amongst board members themselves — is destructive in so many ways.

We encourage the DUSD trustees to remember the main stakeholders in this — the students — and start working together for the good of the district as a whole. And soon.

As now-former superintendent Marken said, leading a school district is not for the faint of heart; a knowledgeable, experienced, proven leader is needed to right this ship.

Unfortunately, with the current board — which can graciously be described as a dysfunctional train wreck — it will be extraordinarily difficult to find someone able to lead DUSD into the future who is actually willing to take it on. ■

LETTERS

Community debate on policing

Dear Editor,

These are unprecedented times. While in the midst of a global pandemic, we are also seeing world-wide protests against excessive police force that reached even to Pleasanton.

This is not a time for solutions; it is a time for city government to hear the community's pain and passion on

this topic. That's why it is frankly a slap in the face by the Pleasanton City Council to choose to present a plan without concurrently hearing from the community. Frankly, it feels like an attempt to delay comment in the hopes that public sentiment will die down.

I understand the need to take time and plan how to handle in-person speaking events, but it is completely unnecessary to hold up public

comment for this purpose. Let's start the conversation now.

Pleasanton Weekly, I commend you for the courage and thoroughness of your recent editorial, "The time for the first community debate on policing in Pleasanton is now." You perfectly captured my sentiments.

—Gale Naylor

Dr. Marken's departure

We lost a great leader this week. It

saddens me that Dr. Marken left our district.

His focus was what is best for all of our DUSD students.

His authenticity, patience, communication style and understanding of what DUSD could be will be missed greatly.

The board members who seemed to have pushed him out should be ashamed of themselves for not trusting Dr. Marken's intentions and his

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leadership. It seems to come from a desire to have power and not what is the best for our students. I hope the following board members, Cherrier, Blackman and Kuo, take time to reflect and listen, really listen, to other people with various viewpoints to see we need to make decisions based on what all our students need, not just those from our school or boundary.

Thank you Miller and Rouse for always taking into account what all DUSD students need and for trusting Dr. Marken's expertise and leadership.

—*Candace Whites,*
Second-grade teacher

The international affairs budget

Although global poverty has reduced immensely within the last couple of decades, it is necessary to continue the reduction of overall poverty.

One impactful way is protecting the international affairs budget. It is important to prioritize certain funds towards helping decrease global poverty in developing countries. As the United States relies heavily on global exports, the international affairs budget protects missions and trade globally.

Sen. Kamala Harris's leadership in combating global poverty and supporting the international affairs budget is quite commendable. In order to assist developing countries battling poverty, the United States must bring more attention to the international affairs budget as it only makes up approximately 1% of the overall U.S. federal budget.

I encourage more citizens to be involved within the change for global poverty and support the international affairs budget.

—*Elisabeth Balicanta*

Save our stores

Each day, 165 million people visit their favorite neighborhood market resulting in sales that allow the average convenience store to collect \$1.28 million in taxes annually.

On behalf of the American Petroleum and Convenience Store Association representing owners of 1,400 businesses who are providing jobs, essential services and products to Californians, we urge Pleasanton to end its efforts to ban the sale of flavored tobacco and vaping devices.

The City Council's ordinance does not address youth usage, but it will result in the closures of essential neighborhood markets. The sale of tobacco products to adults is a critical part of our retailers' business model. Tobacco sales drive ancillary sales of gas, food, and other products and keep us in business.

During the current crisis, our businesses have been deemed "essential" by the Department of Homeland Security. Every day, we provide fresh and shelf stable foods, hygiene items and cleaning products. During crises, we've donated equipment, food, and supplies to front-line workers.

If cities like Pleasanton continue to attack our small businesses, there will be a day when no one is left to answer the call and serve our neighborhoods with essential items and donations.

Moreover, banning legal products at licensed retail locations undermines the city's tobacco retail licensing program, which has successfully limited youth access to tobacco, protected consumers from altered products, and given our local government the enforcement tools they need. For the reasons cited here, city leaders should reconsider the ban of these adult products. #SaveOurStores

—*Sanjiv Patel*

'The de-Unification of Dublin Unified School District'

We really need to make this better, Support our teachers, in sunny or rainy weather, I don't have the answers on how to move forward, But we definitely need a goal to work toward,

Please reconsider and rescind your vote, Think about what kind of community you want to promote, I ask you again. Think what our future is about.

Our teachers want to teach, not take the strike route.

Give teachers the money they earned and deserve. While the superintendent works on flattening the curve. During this pandemic, you must truly see, That teachers are most important, in what our future will be.

—*Deborah Yamasaki,*
Dublin resident, parent, volunteer and
Frederiksen PFC co-president

Outdoor dining

On Friday, June 26, I turned on CNN, and I was shocked to see that the coronavirus is spiking throughout the United States, especially in states like Arizona, Texas, Florida, and to my great dismay, California.

Dr. Anthony Fauci said we have a real problem of infection in the United States, and the best defense against the virus is to always wear a mask in public and avoid large crowds. I said to myself, "Thank God that we do this in Pleasanton."

Then I opened my mail, and I got the Pleasanton Weekly (which I am so happy is back in print). The lead story said: "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."

Thousands of people in downtown Pleasanton! Do the members of the Pleasanton City Council and the Pleasanton Downtown Association not watch the news on television or on the internet!? Are they not aware that 2,500,000 United States citizens are infected with the coronavirus and

125,000 United States citizens have already died from the virus? Are they not aware that over 5,000 Californians have died of the coronavirus?

In order to stop the spread of COVID-19 we have to eliminate large crowds, and we should start by eliminating the closing off of Main Street so that thousands can gather each weekend through Aug. 9.

—*Frank Mahoney*

Future of DUSD

Dear President Cherrier, Trustee Blackman, Trustee Kuo,

Do you know what you have done? Do you know that your choices, actions and demands have negatively impacted Dublin Unified School District? The only three people involved with DUSD who had any issue/problem/challenge with Dr. Dave Marken were you three.

The hope and happiness that overcame me when Dr. Marken joined us as interim superintendent was fulfilling. The pure joy that overcame me when Dr. Marken was appointed interim superintendent was electrifying. I knew DUSD would be OK ... better than OK. Dave was back!

Welp, now DUSD is completely screwed. We have no leader. There are two assistant superintendents who either came out of retirement to help or waived off retirement to stay because of Dr. Marken. Why would they stay in DUSD?

Your complete negligence for DUSD teachers has sparked an outrage not only to myself, but to my colleagues and the Dublin community. Your job is to progress our current education system, not hinder it. You should be ashamed of the way you have handled your job and how you have affected those around you. Do something right for once and step down.

—*Brandon Coffey,*
DUSD teacher

Superintendent resignation

This board is ruining Dublin High and this district. It is clear who needs to be voted out on this board, as you do not have the students best interests as your priority. I will do all possible within the community to see that we get the correct board members and the rest of you out. Look forward to talking to the media in detail.

—*Charles Coaxum,*
Father of Dublin High grad and two
current students

This is an outrage

Mr. Cherrier,

No doubt this will fall on deaf ears on your part. Your comments in board meetings show an insensitivity to our district and those who learn and work here. Your position is not a power trip. At a time when leadership is critical, you just forced out the best leader the district has ever had.

I have been a part of this district for 42 years as a student, parent and

teacher. We have been an example to follow, now we show instability without a positive direction. It is already difficult enough in these unprecedented times. We had leadership to move us through this.

The community was working as a team. Dr. Marken has always been a strong leader who works on a vision for what is best. We have been stable until you decided to hire the previous superintendent. Now we are left without leadership and a contract during a time when we have to make some really tough decisions to continue the education of our students.

To make matters worse, we are not a business. We educate children to provide a better future for us all. Everyone deserves to have the best that we can provide. Your decisions show that is not your priority.

This is a devastating blow to the health of this district and one which will not soon recover from. Following Dr. Marken is not far from my mind. You should know better: "Trustee" has the word trust. Now we have none.

—*Kelly Russo-O'Carroll*

Disappointment

Dear DUSD board members,

Receiving the news that our amazing superintendent is resigning has come as a huge disappointment, but not a surprise.

The way that three of you (Cherrier, Blackman, and Kuo) chose to

disregard the district's recommendations for the DTA tentative agreement shows that you do not side with the district, Dr. Marken, or the staff who have worked mercifully to ensure that things ran smoothly during the spring.

You are now the ones to blame for our outstanding superintendent choosing to leave.

It's not a surprise because how could he possibly keep working with a Board of Trustees that continues to show distrust? It is a devastating loss. Dr. Marken has been an incredible leader, one that all of DUSD has looked up to and admired because of the way that he has led with such dignity, wisdom, care, and transparency.

With everything so up in the air since March, the one thing that kept many going was that we had excellent leadership. Now that your actions have caused our superintendent to step down, everything may get more disrupted — that's no one's fault but your own.

Nothing can be done about Dr. Marken's resignation, but if you do not reconsider the tentative agreement, you will continue to foster a broken relationship between yourselves and the district — just as Rouse and Miller predicted as they implored you to support the DTA. You have lost, and will perhaps not be able to regain, our trust.

—*Victoria Rashe,*
CSEA member

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Amador alum Partridge accepts assistant coach post at Ferris State

'It is hard leaving (Liberty High), obviously, but I am excited for the next step'

The motivations for high school football coaches are many.

Some choose to build a program that is the envy of many and shoot for decades of dominance. These coaches certainly have opportunities to go to the next level but are content staying where they are, running the course at one school.

Coaches like Matt Sweeney at Foothill and Bob Ladouceur at De La Salle are perfect examples. Both had multiple chances to venture on, but each chose to stay at the school where they made their fame.

Then there are coaches who have a different goal for their skill-set. You look at any great college or pro coach and many of them cut their coaching teeth at the high school level before advancing up the ladder.

They learn and nurture their coaching style as a high school coach then move on to coaching in college, hoping to learn from an

established collegiate coach. Such is the case for 2002 Amador Valley High graduate Ryan Partridge.

Partridge was stellar as a player for the Dons and once he got into coaching also excelled. He built up a Livermore High program to respectability. He then took a job as the head man at Liberty High and skyrocketed to the top.

While at Liberty, Partridge turned the school into a Northern California powerhouse, leading the school to the 2018 DI-A California Championship after compiling a perfect 10-0 mark in league.

His initial Liberty team, in 2017, claimed the school's first North Coast Section Division I Championship. This past season, in 2019, he guided Liberty to a 10-2 overall record.

In the last three years, Liberty finished with an overall mark of 34-5. Partridge was named the 2018 Max-Preps California Coach of the Year.

As he was gearing up for this upcoming season, Partridge attended a coaching clinic in Reno and while there met Ferris State University head coach Tony Annese.


Annese is a highly regarded coach and has turned the Big Rapids, Mich., college into a NCAA Division II powerhouse with the team advancing to the national semifinals three of the last four years.

The two had lunch together and a few days later Partridge got a text from Annese offering him a spot as an assistant coach in charge of the linebackers. It was not the first offer Partridge had from a college program, but it is the one he had been waiting to come along.


He was offered in March, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the official announcement did not come until June.

"I have always had the mindset to coach somewhere other than California," Partridge said. "It is hard

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COURTESY OF RYAN PARTRIDGE

Amador Valley alum Ryan Partridge, with his wife Megan and their children, at a celebration after Liberty won the state title. Partridge was recently hired as an assistant coach at Ferris State University.

leaving, obviously, but I am excited for the next step."

The chance to learn from Annese certainly tipped the scale.

"Coach (Annese) is a longtime coach that is highly respected," Partridge added. "I am so excited about the chance to learn from him. I am ready to get going."

The lone tough part for Partridge in the process was telling his Liberty players he was leaving.

"It was hard — I was sick to my stomach," he said. "But once I told them, the players were great. They were coming up and telling me how proud they were of me. There wasn't one disgruntled player."

It sounds as if Annese is as happy to have Partridge as the Amador grad

is to be to heading to the school.

"We're thrilled to land someone of Ryan's caliber to fill an opening on our staff and believe he'll be an outstanding addition," Annese said in a press release from Ferris State. "He'll bring great energy and a tremendous work ethic and be an excellent fit for our program. We're looking forward to having him work as part of our defensive staff and believe he'll be able to develop great relationships with our student-athletes and continue the great family culture we've built at Ferris State." ■

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2020 Summer Games (at home)

Special Olympics goes virtual to allow local athletes chance to still compete

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley Special Olympics athletes, like their peers across Northern California, spent much of June training for and competing in their favorite sports from home as part of a reimagined competition that was broadcast online this week.

The "2020 Summer Games @ Home" event was created by Special Olympics Northern California (SONC) officials as a substitute for the typical annual in-person competition that was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Having the opportunity to participate virtually was such an excellent idea and so uplifting for those who chose to participate," Kay King, coach for the Pleasanton RADD program, told the Weekly.

"Jennifer Thomas mentioned that her neighbors cheered her on while she competed," King said. "Adam Pinney practiced diligently and recruited his support staff to work with him. For Joshua Layman and Ryan Butterly, also long-time RADD athletes, competing

virtually did not matter, they were out to win gold regardless."

The "Summer Games @ Home" started with training at home from June 1-14 for the six sports on the docket: basketball, bocce, fitness, soccer, tennis, and track and field. Open to all children and adults with intellectual disabilities, the athletes could choose any or all of the sports to compete in.

Next up, from June 15-21, was the competition from home in which athletes electronically submitted their best individual results for each sport with the help of coaches, volunteers and staff.

Then this week, from Monday to Thursday, the event organizers hosted the live virtual games via Zoom and Facebook. (SONC's in-person competition would have taken place last weekend at UC Davis.)

"Summer Games @ Home encouraged athletes to exercise, train and compete from the safety of their homes. Athletes annually look forward to Summer Games and we were all disappointed that we couldn't gather together

physically this year due to COVID-19," said Keiko Arzouman, SONC sports manager for Alameda and Contra Costa counties

"Summer Games @ Home has motivated athletes to keep training while offering a social platform to share, interact and help keep each other accountable," Arzouman added. "It has been a lot of fun to see the many videos and photos of athletes competing from their homes, the creativity of training equipment, and carrying on the spirit of Special Olympics."

The event program also included opening and closing ceremonies, award presentations and other festivities. For more information, visit www.SONC.org.

"Special Olympics has been amazing during this time with Zoom sessions, staying fit and healthy programs, and coaches webinars," King said. "All of us RADD coaches have stayed involved and active in communicating with our RADD team. We miss them just as much as they miss us." ■



ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

Horse racing weekend

Live horse racing continues this weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, with a regular racing slate scheduled for today and Sunday, and special stakes races on Saturday for the Fourth of July — the Oak Tree Sprint, \$50,000 added and the Jack Robinson Handicap, \$8,000 guaranteed. Post time is 2:45 p.m. each day. Fans will not be allowed in the stands and betting can only occur through specified websites and apps because of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated health order. 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. Visit www.alamedacountyfair.com.

Calendar

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Food & Drink

TASTE OUR TERROIR & LIVERMORE VALLEY WINE AUCTION The weekend of July 23-26 wineries across the region will collaborate to host two virtual seminars and an in-person wine tasting event. Register online at lwvf.org.

Outdoor Recreation

POST INDEPENDENCE DAY WALK Join Ranger Darren for a two-mile walk on mostly level ground good for ages five and up. Sunday, July 5, 10 a.m., Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road, Livermore. RSVP to: dsegur@larpd.org.

CATTAIL POND VENTURE Join Ranger Seth on a 3.5 mile round trip stroll to Cattail Pond, Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m. Please be sure to bring plenty of water and snacks. RSVP to: seddings@larpd.org. Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road, Livermore.

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 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 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.

Games

VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT WITH LIVERMORE SHAKES Join Livermore Shakes for a fun night of Shakespeare and general knowledge trivia. Sign up as an individual or a team. Thursday, July 9, 6 p.m. Tickets \$10. Visit Livermoreshakes.org/tickets.

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Art

NEW ART EXHIBIT AT BLACKHAWK GALLERY Blackhawk Gallery's new exhibit "Splendor" features one guest artist and thirty-two member artists. The exhibit is free and open to the public, July 8 to Oct. 4. Blackhawk Gallery, 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville.

Library

CURBSIDE LIBRARY PICKUP Place items on hold and select a time slot to pick up when ready. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 1-6 p.m. For more information, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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.

Schools

PUSD BOARD MEETINGS An upcoming special meeting of the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees has been scheduled for July 6 at 9 a.m. 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.

LVJUSD CANDIDATE INFORMATION NIGHT The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) has announced it will hold a "Board Candidate Information Night" for those interested in running for one of two vacant seats on its Board of Education. Face masks will be required when in attendance, as the meeting will be held in-person, with social distancing. It is set for July 7 at 7 p.m., in the LVJUSD Board Room, 685 East Jack London Blvd. in Livermore.

He's in your orbit

Astro, a 1-1/2-year-old Terrier mix, is a cute guy who is considered as special needs because he is "very, very nervous about the world." He's looking for gentle guidance to help him come out of his shell. He'd do best in a quieter home environment, but might do OK too in a family with respectful older children who understand he's still shy. Astro is available for adoption through the East Bay SPCA. Learn more by visiting eastbayspca.org.

Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 13-24 for Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, and May 18-29 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 3937 Alma Court** B. & K. McFarlane to K. & J. Parikh for \$1,028,000
- 3576 Ballantyne Drive** C. & J. Pouteau to H. & S. Toutam for \$1,170,000
- 5184 Blackbird Drive** N. & M. Juric to P. & K. Regmi for \$1,360,000
- 4792 Canary Drive** M. & S. Chawla to Y. & F. Zhu for \$1,320,000
- 4397 Diavila Avenue** Langer Trust to V. & H. Ruwala for \$1,075,000
- 4322 Fairlands Drive** J. Shi to A. & M. Rouhani-Shahraki for \$798,000
- 3698 Fairlands Drive** M. Nurisio to S. & P. Sukumar for \$1,350,000
- 1445 Freeman Lane** G. Bal to A. & S. Kim for \$1,290,000
- 3669 Manchester Street** M. & D. Penrice to S. & H. Cho for \$1,260,000
- 3827 Phoebe Court** Picone Trust to B. Garcia for \$1,375,000
- 2168 Tanager Court** R. Jones to S. Eaton for \$1,435,000
- 5719 Dakin Court** S. & P. Yang to W. & K. Woodruff for \$2,000,000
- 1161 Hopkins Way** Rosenberg Living Trust to V. Sampath for \$1,625,000
- 230 Mission Drive** Vanbrakel Family Trust to K. & M. Vanderbilt for \$1,050,000
- 702 Sylvaner Drive** K. & B. Kennedy to K. & J. Mattison for \$1,225,000

Dublin

- 7620 Ashford Way** T. Muley to J. & B. Perfect for \$803,000
- 3677 Aviano Way** V. Kalika to A. & B. Sornsen for \$910,000
- 4169 Blackrock Road** C. Chou to K. & A. Kumar for \$830,000
- 11409 Bloomington Way** M. & C. Powell to J. & Z. Wang for \$1,135,000
- 5370 East Chesterfield Circle** Kolanu Family Trust to Y. Chen for \$1,172,000
- 4873 Landmark Way** S. & K. Hariharan to S. & S. Bangera for \$1,365,000
- 3192 Maguire Way** S. Irrinki to R. & A. Gupta for \$869,000
- 9468 Martini Court** W. Lu to Y. Wang for \$1,158,500
- 5723 Moorjani Street** X. Li to P. & S. Kancharla for \$1,600,000
- 7589 Peppertree Road** Hughes Trust to R. & A. Mann for \$795,000
- 6844 Sage Court** A. Drummond to M. & P. Kalyanraman for \$848,000
- 11495 Silvergate Drive** Pacillas Family Trust to R. & A. Restani for \$1,100,000
- 5671 Sterling Street** Calatlantic Group Inc to J. Kubo for \$814,000
- 3963 Summit Road** Taylor Morrison of California to Evans Family Trust for \$1,030,000

4415 Healdsburg Way S. & B. Baillargeon to M. & G. Satpal for \$1,282,000

7769 Hillrose Drive S. Lam to K. Rantz for \$830,000

6844 Lancaster Road Smith Living Trust to M. & N. Stevenson for \$900,000

7005 North Mariposa Lane H. Nutakki to N. Lehuong for \$885,000

7105 Mei Fong Court Mcpherson Family Trust to S. & S. Sawkar for \$1,479,000

6016 Prism Court Calatlantic Group Inc to T. Li for \$1,025,000

6932 Stags Leap Lane S. & S. Sawkar to L. & R. Luc for \$901,000

4255 Trolan Lane D. & S. Lee to A. Tantawy for \$1,100,000

Livermore

- 2819 7th Street #4** Johansen Living Trust to T. & B. Smith for \$547,500
- 1060 Bluebell Drive** V. & J. Maassen to S. & S. Aran for \$890,000
- 1882 Carnation Circle** Z. & B. Meyer to K. Ruhm for \$789,500
- 1163 Caroline Court** Shephard Family Trust to S. & J. Robb for \$815,000
- 839 Central Avenue** Weinstein Family Trust to N. & M. Ramankutty for \$1,003,000
- 2458 College Avenue** Mikolich Family Trust to C. & C. Wallace for \$762,000
- 5696 Elder Circle** A. & K. Huppert to R. & J. Wade for \$1,290,000
- 248 Fennel Way** L. Mcleod to S. & K. Hong for \$790,000
- 1955 Ginger Common** P. Berry to L. & S. Thulaseedharan for \$815,000
- 151 Glacier Drive** S. & K. Ford to A. & R. Rodriguez for \$870,000
- 1280 Gusty Loop #8** J. & A. Smith to Chen Family Trust for \$735,000
- 866 Highland Street** M. & K. Blattman to C. & M. Campos for \$1,160,000
- 1072 Larkspur Drive** S. & C. Coatney to S. & R. Bibby for \$775,000
- 726 Moraga Drive** K. Doughty to M. & K. Stickler for \$810,000
- 418 Persimmon Common #6** M. & J. Boice to J. & J. Chopra for \$700,000
- 3542 Pestana Way** Blaich Living Trust to C. & M. Ross for \$750,000
- 3147 Salisbury Court** Connolly Living Trust to S. & S. Hashimi for \$1,225,000
- 256 School Street** W. Leu to K. & J. Castro for \$749,000
- 2471 Sheffield Drive** Kelly Trust to Bowman Family Trust for \$1,921,500
- 881 Tranquility Circle #7** H. Shea to A. & J. Goodwin for \$765,000
- 780 Tranquility Circle #3** H. Shea to P. Mckibben for \$780,000
- 788 Tranquility Circle #2** H. Shea to S. & A. Rondon for \$808,000
- 1348 Vancouver Way** Turnquist Family Trust to M. & J. Boice for \$950,000

325 Vista Street Alamillo Trust to A. & D. Karamanos for \$665,000

5454 Betty Circle J. & R. Davidson to A. & L. Coleman for \$910,000

4463 Buckskin Court Fields Trust to Curtis Living Trust for \$835,000

773 Carla Street Lanci Family Trust to Linden Trust for \$825,000

1121 Carrara Court D. Rusnak to D. & S. Lesuer for \$1,350,000

2781 Cooper Circle Jsts Family Trust to E. & P. Weinstein for \$1,375,000

731 Grace Street Brekke Trust to K. & J. Egan for \$790,000

845 Hazel Street Shepard Living Trust to J. & K. Gryszowka for \$800,000

767 Jefferson Avenue Coray Family Trust to M. Kuchlenz for \$765,000

772 Katrina Street C. & D. Miller to E. & P. Brookens for \$925,000

2949 Marina Avenue S. & M. Lampley to Hajduk Trust for \$2,550,000

12457 Mines Road R. & D. Vance to M. & B. Thurgate for \$1,390,000

788 Tranquility Circle #3 H. Shea to D. & J. Dearing for \$785,000

San Ramon

91 Casa Grande Place #P1 N. Yerragonda to X. & V. Kot for \$765,000

7 Crested Oak Court Shah Living Trust to S. & M. Gaspy for \$1,445,000

9601 Erwood Street L. Ospina to D. & D. Patel for \$950,000

6102 Lakeview Circle X. Zhong to H. Jia for \$1,090,000

518 Marlboro Court L. Bauer to T. & M. Honsinger for \$781,000

2308 Millstream Lane Y. Guan to S. & S. Sharma for \$830,000

430 San Diego Place Hillis Trust to S. & T. Ahmed for \$1,145,000

10081 Santa Rosa Avenue Amaf Investments LLC to M. & G. Bachelor for \$1,160,000

3722 Stonehenge Way Hu Family Trust to Gopalakrishnan Family Trust for \$1,584,000

105 Wildflower Valley Court L. Acker to V. & G. Madivanan for \$1,420,000

3447 Ashbourne Circle C. & C. Park to Chhabra Family Trust for \$1,987,500

5280 Canyon Crest Drive Djurich Trust to M. & V. Enger for \$1,110,000

90 Casa Grande Place P. Mcmichael to D. & Y. Ryzhova for \$888,000

30 Eagle Lake Place #33 Goodwin Family Trust to Farzinpour Living Trust for \$985,000

144 Eastridge Drive W. Beemiller to Y. & C. Chun for \$500,000

120 Reflections Drive #22 D. Johnson to J. Kehrig for \$346,000

12227 Toledo Drive J. & J. Bowden to Kennedy Trust for \$1,260,000

9687 Velvet Leaf Circle D. & T. Aiken to R. & R. Sawhney for \$1,320,000

878 Via Palermo Faria Preserve LLC to Y. & K. Park for \$1,612,000

2049 Watermill Road S. Becker to A. & S. Pugsley for \$858,000

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (April 20-24)

Total sales reported: 4
Lowest sale reported: \$1,050,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,000,000
Average sales reported: \$1,425,000

Dublin

(April 20-24)
Total sales reported: 8
Lowest sale reported: \$830,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,479,000
Average sales reported: \$963,000

Livermore

(April 20-24)
Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$765,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,550,000
Average sales reported: \$872,500

San Ramon

(May 26-29)
Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$346,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,987,500
Average sales reported: \$1,047,500

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