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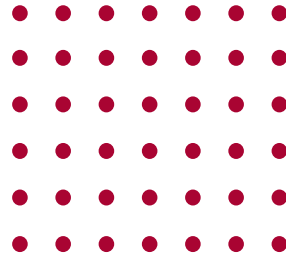
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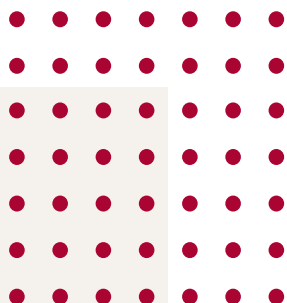
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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

A Black conservative's view on race in America

Hoover Institution Senior Fellow Shelby Steele minces no words when he describes the current Black Lives Matter and other racial protests, saying they are a “distraction” from the real issues facing the Black community.

Steele, a Hoover fellow at Stanford since 1994, speaks from first-hand experience during the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Earlier this month, Steele spoke with Hoover Director Tom Gilligan during one of its virtual briefings on race in America, one of his areas of expertise.

He contrasted what he described as the great moral causes of the 1960s — civil rights for Blacks, equal opportunities for women and the Vietnam War — with the racial unrest of today. His view is the protesters really don't know what they want and what they stand for.

He believes there has been significant progress over the last 60 years in civil rights and opportunities for women. There's still more to be done.

Steele said that during the 1960s non-violent protest marchers dressed in their Sunday best and organizers insisted that people were polite or they were asked to leave.

He readily identified the No. 1 “authentic challenge — the absolute collapse of the Black family. There's no hope if Black America does not address this problem.”

Bob Woodson, another Black man, established the Woodson Center in Washington, D.C. in 1991 to help under-served communities help themselves. In an interview, he pointed out that throughout centuries of slavery and then after the Civil War, Black children were raised by intact families with a mom and a dad. That was true for 70% of Black children through the 1950s and into the 1960s. Today 75% of Black babies are born out of wedlock.

When asked about the Left and its appeal to Black voters, he said that they needed Black people to be “victims” so they could expand the government programs. He suggested the way to have productive conversations with Black leaders was to acknowledge the centuries of suffering and recognize their talent for survival in awful conditions. The civil rights movement “transformed the moral character of western civilization.”

Steele said the Black community needs to focus on intact families and

education.

As a conservative, Steele's view of the solution centers on individual freedom and responsible citizenship.

He also labeled the New York Times' 1619 Project as “politicizing history.” The project retells American history from the date the first slaves arrived from Africa. It's being countered by the Woodson Center's 1776 Group of distinguished Black scholars and conservatives that is embracing the United States history.

In a recent blog, I noted how complicated the issue is with so many layers. My opinion has not changed. Quality information from a variety of viewpoints is always helpful.

I watched NBC's “Conversation on Race and Sports in America” that aired Monday. It featured two panels of golfers from the American Century Championship.

Panelists included Stephen Curry, Charles Barkley, golf long-drive champion Troy Mullin, Hall-of-Fame shortstop Ozzie Smith, retired shortstop Jimmy Rollins, tennis champion James Blake, Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph (the only white man) and Chargers head coach Anthony Lynn.

They all described “having the talk” with their sons about how to react so they stay alive when they are stopped by police. Rollins described being stopped on suspicion of driving a stolen vehicle and having eight guns trained on him here in the East Bay.

Blake told about being tackled by a police officer while he was walking down the street. He asked that the officer be fired. Instead the officer was docked five vacation days — what Blake was told was the standard penalty for that type of violation.

For most of the panelists, they said that this type of incident has broken trust between the Black community and the police departments. It's sad to see what a few bad officers have done to a noble profession.

Barkley summed it up saying get over the past — the racism has been going on for 400 years and the situation is much better now with a need for more improvement. He and others stressed education as the key, a sentiment that Curry shared as he and Rollins emphasized voting at every level. There was also a uniform call for police reform.

What would be interesting is a panel with Steele, Barkley, Rollins and Curry. ■

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This typical set up for cast members of upcoming online production of “King Lear,” which includes lighting and a video camera, shows director Elizabeth Carter on the screen. Photo courtesy of SF Shakes. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Martha Jensen
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Lisa Miller
Child care provider for an essential worker

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Bill Xenakis
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Patrick Schiano
Stock and options trader

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—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Blake Shelton show

Country music star Blake Shelton, joined by special guests Gwen Stefani and Trace Adkins, will star in a video-recorded concert being broadcast at outdoor theater venues across the country later this month, including the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Representing the debut concert of the new “Encore Drive-In Nights” series by production company Encore Live, the special performance will be streamed for audiences at the drive-in venues on July 25. Tickets went on sale Tuesday, but were expected to sell out quickly.

The new concert series was spurred by the success of the “Garth Brooks: A Drive-In Concert Experience” standalone show on June 27 — which was also broadcast at the Pleasanton fairgrounds.

The Shelton performance is designed to kick off an ongoing Encore Drive-In Nights series — additional acts have not been named yet.

PDA accreditation

The Pleasanton Downtown Association recently received designation as a 2020 Accredited Main Street America program.

“Accredited status is Main Street America’s top tier of recognition and signifies a demonstrated commitment to comprehensive commercial district revitalization and proven track record of successfully applying the Main Street Approach,” PDA officials said.

To qualify, the PDA had to meet performance standards in categories such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, documenting programmatic progress and actively preserving historic buildings.

Livermore survey

Livermore city officials are asking residents to share their opinion on the quality of city-owned assets by completing an online survey.

“From streets to sidewalks, trees to traffic signals, the city of Livermore manages over \$3 billion worth of community-owned assets on behalf of its residents, employees and business — and all these assets need ongoing maintenance, repair and eventual replacement to stay strong and useful,” they said, adding:

“Your feedback today will help us plan for the future, create policies, and set priorities to ensure Livermore’s ongoing vitality.”

The survey is estimated to take five minutes to complete. Participants who share their email address at the end will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a yet-unidentified prize. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/livermore-assets. ■

Pleasanton poised for policing policy listening session next week

Council sets open-mic discussion for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday after approving police review action plan

By JEREMY WALSH

The stage is set for a community listening session on policing in Pleasanton next week after the City Council unanimously approved staff’s recommended police review action plan on Tuesday evening.

Leading off with the public meeting next Tuesday (July 21) for residents to speak to the council in an open-mic format to discuss anything and everything police, the three-part action plan also calls for future review of existing Pleasanton Police Department policies and procedures,

and consideration of near- and long-term policy goals for community policing.

“For me, the ultimate outcomes of this action plan, it has to be right for our community ... Whatever we do, the changes that we make, they need to be the right thing for this community,” Vice Mayor Kathy Narum said during the council’s three-hour-plus online meeting.

“I want to be clear that I think our police are doing a great job in keeping our community safe,” Narum added. “Can they do better? Of course. And I think it’s important

to challenge ourselves and to look at that to see what we can improve on.”

“I want to just take a minute and say how much I appreciate having this conversation ... (and) how much I appreciate our police department and our officers,” Councilwoman Julie Testa said. “I just think this is an opportunity that will just make our department better, will serve our officers better and will serve our community better.”

Testa initially pushed for more “substance” at next week’s meeting beyond just a listening session, saying the council already heard from

nearly 40 speakers on various sides of the debate Tuesday night, but she later voted with her colleagues to keep a listening-only format for the upcoming session.

It is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. July 21 as an online-only meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated shelter-in-place health order.

This week’s meeting, a precursor to the overarching police reform debate in Pleasanton, was organized at Narum’s request last month — backed by Councilman Jerry Pentin

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County on COVID-19 watch list

State OKs local variance for outdoor dining; but indoor malls, worship services halted

By JEREMY WALSH

A whirlwind week for COVID-19 regulations in Alameda County settled with some newfound clarity on Wednesday.

That morning, California state officials approved the county’s request for a variance from certain state health guidelines amid the pandemic, meaning outdoor dining will be allowed to continue unimpeded throughout Alameda County, including in Pleasanton, after confusion arose over the status of restaurant activities outside last weekend.

But Wednesday also represented the first day other restrictions imposed by the state took effect locally because Alameda County experienced its third consecutive day on Gov. Gavin Newsom’s county monitoring list due to reported high uptick in COVID-19 cases. That includes immediate closure of all indoor malls and halting all indoor worship services.

“It is critical we all do our part to save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19,” said Neetu Balram, public information manager for the Alameda County Public Health Department.

“Residents and those who work in Alameda County can help by staying home as much as possible and especially when you’re sick, wearing a face covering whenever you leave home, maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from anyone outside of your household and washing or sanitizing your hands frequently,” Balram added in the statement issued Wednesday morning.



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Photo shows ailing hand of Alameda County Sheriff’s Deputy Oscar Rocha, who is hospitalized in intensive care while battling a serious case of COVID-19. “He’s fighting so hard to survive. If you believe in prayer or the power of love and positive energy please send it to him and his family. #covid19 #isreal,” ACSO officials said.

Officials throughout the Tri-Valley and county are urging residents to remain diligent and safe because the coronavirus is still very much present in the community.

Alameda County continues to lead the Bay Area in total COVID-19, with 8,478 confirmed as of Tuesday’s data. That’s up from the

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Dr. Fauci speaks to Stanford Medicine

COVID-19 treatments and vaccines could be ready by early 2021, Dr. Anthony Fauci told Stanford Medicine during a web meeting on Monday. Read the full story inside on Page 10.

PUSD opts for online learning

Remote education for all students until COVID-19 crisis improves

By JULIA BAUM

Students at Pleasanton Unified School District, without any exceptions, will be learning online until further notice when the new school year starts next month.

After a detailed overview of three different instructional plans and in-depth discussion that lasted four hours, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously during its Tuesday night meeting that students will learn remotely for the 2020-21 school year once classes begin Aug. 11.

Instruction will take place virtually for now as the COVID-19 health crisis continues, but Superintendent David Haglund said the district “will revisit the status of this decision monthly during our regularly scheduled board meetings and implement our plan (to reopen) when data suggests that it’s safe to do so.”

“This is a strange situation we find ourselves in and it’s never happened before, at least not in the last 100 years,” Haglund said during the board’s online meeting. “We’re all having to figure it all out as we go.”

Once it is deemed safe, families will have their choice of enrolling in either the hybrid model that would allow their student to receive in-person instruction, long-term independent study or FLEX Academy,

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Census takers want residents to make the count

Tri-Valley communities responding at higher rate than state, national averages

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The 2020 U.S. census may only have nine questions for residents but it has 10 years of impact, and Tri-Valley census counters have been working hard to ensure that every resident counts.

Local officials are striving to make sure the region's count is as accurate as possible and so far appear to be doing an effective job, with Tri-Valley communities responding at rates higher than both the state and national averages.

"The census is extremely important for every citizen to participate in, as it serves as a mechanism for cities/counties to obtain financial support from the federal government. I have encouraged all residents of Alameda County to fill it out so we can get our fair share of funding for important programs that help shape our quality of life," Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty told the Weekly.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of Tuesday, Livermore led the pack with a 76.8% self-response rate, followed by Pleasanton

with 75.3% and Dublin with 71.3% among Tri-Valley cities in Alameda County. Over in Contra Costa County, census officials have documented a high 82.1% response rate in Danville, 79.6% in Alamo and 74.5% in San Ramon.

That makes the Tri-Valley's total self-response average resting at approximately 76.6%.

In Alameda County, the total self-response rate sat at 69.3% while Contra Costa County's was slightly higher at 71.3%, as of Tuesday.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Golden State's household self-response rate rested at 63.2%, which is slightly above the national 62%, as of Tuesday. For reference, in 2010 the national mail-in response rate was estimated to be 74%.

An immense project undertaken once a decade, the U.S. census determines how billions of dollars in federal and state funding is allocated to communities based on population to pay for government efforts such as education resources, affordable housing programs,

nutrition and health care services.

On the state and national level, it also determines how many representatives each state is allocated in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Particular attention is being paid to ensure that hard-to-count populations — residents who are homeless, highly mobile, distrustful of government, require language assistance or live in areas that are hard to reach — are reached according to census officials, so that these figures are as accurate as possible.

According to Contra Costa County census officials, every person missed in the census count is estimated to cost \$2,000 a year in lost federal funds, so even an under-count of only 5% would result in a loss of more than \$1 billion in funding over the next 10 years.

The census is happening now, with all Californians being able to complete the 2020 census form online at census.ca.gov, by phone — 844-330-2020 for English, 844-468-2020 for Spanish — or by mail, as paper forms are being

mailed to households that have not yet responded.

Residents who fill out their census form will be asked a total of nine demographic questions including who lives in the household; how they are related; their age, sex, and race; whether they own or rent their house; and their phone number. Census officials stress that answers are completely confidential and will not include a resident's citizenship status, political affiliation, banking information or Social Security number.

Census takers are scheduled to interview homes that haven't responded Aug. 11 through Oct. 31 with the U.S. Census Bureau set to deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress by December.

Then by July 2021 the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to states for redrawing legislative districts based on population change.

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has slowed many census-related events and in-person activities

to reach these hard to count populations and others — for example plans to count people experiencing homelessness have been pushed from March 30 to Sept. 22-24. However, census officials say they are still doing all they can.

"Despite COVID-19 (making us unable) to do any census events or the county unable to do any workshops, the higher numbers are due to the early outreach efforts started last year," Aparna Madireddi, a member of Contra Costa County's 2020 Census Complete Count Steering Committee, told the Weekly.

"However, at this time, with illnesses and job losses, it has been harder to get people to respond as easily. When the county and I send out reminders, we see an uptick but it's barely inching up at the moment. I am hopeful that once the shelter-in-place orders are lifted fully, things will shift," she added.

Learn more about the census and local officials' efforts to make sure every resident counts online at www.acgov.org/census2020. ■

ACFD Chief Rocha retiring next month

Board taps Las Vegas Fire Chief McDonald as successor

By RYAN J. DEGAN

After 33 years in fire service in the East Bay, Alameda County Fire Department Fire Chief David Rocha is retiring effective Aug. 15, ACFD officials announced on Tuesday.

Rocha's retirement date was confirmed after the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday selected Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Chief Willie McDonald as ACFD's next fire chief, with an Aug. 17 start date. Rocha initially informed the board in



David Rocha

October of his intent to retire but agreed to stay on until a successor was named.

"Fire Chief David Rocha has served the ACFD, the communities and the citizens of the county by truly embracing the core values of the organization, which are members, customer service, strategic management and regional cooperation," county fire officials said in a statement.

According to ACFD officials, Rocha began his career in April 1987 as a firefighter in San Leandro — having previously worked for a private ambulance company — and transitioned into the ACFD when San Leandro officially

enlisted the department's services and signed on as a contracted city.

Rocha rose through the ranks of ACFD and was promoted to fire chief in 2014.

While serving as the department's fire chief, Rocha played a key role in the ACFD's consolidation efforts such as the implementation of the Alameda County Regional Emergency Communications Center, which dispatches to not only local fire services, but also to ambulances and mutual aid resources — an effort that fire officials say went a great way toward connecting services in the region and reaches 16 counties.

As a leader, ACFD officials say

Rocha also prioritized exploring innovative service models, maintaining existing department infrastructure and facilities, enhancing the community's emergency preparedness, increasing operational readiness and ensuring a high degree of cultural competency.

Active on the state as well as local level, Rocha served as the Cal OES Region II fire and rescue coordinator, served on the California Fire Service Task Force on Climate Impact, was appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom to the State Board of Fire Services and was named as California Fire Chief of the Year in 2019.

He has also served as the chair of California Metropolitan Fire Chiefs

(Metro Chiefs) and as an executive board member for the California Fire Chiefs Association.

"He is committed to the department members, fostering partnerships and collaborating with the community. He is an incredibly competent and dynamic leader who is esteemed by all his peers," fire officials added.

ACFD is tasked with providing fire and emergency services to unincorporated Alameda County communities, including parts of the Tri-Valley, as well as the cities of Dublin, San Leandro, Newark, Union City and Emeryville and the Lawrence National Laboratories in Berkeley and Livermore. ■

Gov. Newsom outlines wildfire prevention efforts amid pandemic

Plan includes funding for more firefighters, new equipment

Gov. Gavin Newsom last week spotlighted the steps California has taken to bolster its wildfire prevention efforts this year amid the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Newsom said the state plans to hire nearly 900 temporary firefighters through October to ensure the state has enough fire personnel if the pandemic continues trending the wrong way in California.

The state will also hire 172 full-time staff members for Cal Fire, representing an \$85.6 million investment in the state's 2021 fiscal year budget.

Newsom credited the State Legislature's support for avoiding cutting

the costs of fire prevention services during a budget year in which California faced a deficit of roughly \$55 billion.

"During a difficult budget season, that was not necessarily something many people anticipated we would be able to accomplish," Newsom said.

The state budget also included \$285 billion to purchase multiple Blackhawk helicopters, \$30 million for communication equipment and \$5 million for cameras to monitor the spread and development of fires across California.

Wildfires in California from January to last Sunday were well above average for the state, totaling 4,112

when the state averages about 2,500 fires annually over that same span.

"I won't be shy: the hots are getting hotter, the dries are getting drier, the wets are getting wetter," Newsom said. "You may call that climate change, you may call that global warming but one thing we know is our approach to dealing with wildfires has to change and adapt with a climate that is changing very, very dramatically."

Cal Fire Chief Thom Porter framed the beginning of wildfire season in California as another reason to wear a mask and practice other health and safety guidelines the state has emphasized during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Your mask is what's going to keep you safe from infections coming into your community as well as keep our firefighters and emergency responders from taking infection out into their population," Porter said.

The California Department of Social Services and the California Office of Emergency Services have also updated their mass care and sheltering protocols for wildfire season to ensure that the coronavirus does not spread among residents who may be displaced due to a fire.

Evacuees will receive a health screening upon entry to a shelter site and will have access to medical and mental health professionals.

Newsom also said the state has contingency plans to procure hotel rooms, college dormitories, fairgrounds, campgrounds and short-term vacation rentals to help evacuees take shelter in a non-congregated space.

"Wildfire season this year carries an extra layer of danger as the state responds to the spread of fires and the ongoing health pandemic," Porter said. "It is of the utmost importance that we keep our crews healthy so they can continue their work and that we adjust evacuation and shelter plans to protect communities from the spread of COVID-19." ■

—Bay City News Service

Dublin council plans to impanel citizen task force on policing

Police Chief Holmes gives presentation to council at special meeting

By **RIYA CHOPRA**

The Dublin City Council pledged to establish a citizen task force to review policing practices in the city at a special meeting last week.

Council members Jean Josey and Shawn Kumagai are set to discuss the parameters of the proposed task force and its stated purpose with City Manager Linda Smith and Police Chief Garrett Holmes. They will bring the recommended parameters back to the full council in September, when the task force is expected to be formed.

"I think we need to have a task force where we can engage more deeply with the community around the questions they have and have them put forward a recommendation," Kumagai said during the council's online special meeting July 9.

The council was unanimous in its belief that the next step should be allowing community members the

opportunity to keep asking questions and searching for solutions on police reform, particularly in the areas of police training, department transparency and budgeting, as these were areas in which Dublin residents had expressed significant interest in.

"If one of those (recommendations) is to establish a standing commission within Dublin, then we can consider that. I just don't know what that looks like or if that's what's needed here," Kumagai added.

Mayor David Haubert concurred, saying, "This is a first step that doesn't go too far but gets us broad and useful information. They could discuss the frequency of data reports and (other community concerns)."

The special meeting included a presentation from Holmes and a two-hour discussion on the next steps that Dublin should take in light of recent calls across the nation

for policing reform. The conversation was facilitated by Christine Sliz, an organizational development professional who has previously provided facilitation for citizen advisory panels engaged with law enforcement executives.

Holmes' presentation gave an overview of crime statistics in Dublin, current crime prevention programs in place and insights into current police training, accreditation processes and use-of-force policies. The city contracts with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office to provide policing services in Dublin.

Significant areas of discussion included the Dublin Police Services (DPS) approach to substance abuse and mental health crises. Holmes noted that of 1,700 arrests made by DPS in 2019, 51 incidents involved the use of force.

Of these, "20% of the use of force incidents involved people under

the influence of drugs or alcohol and another 20% were experiencing a mental health crisis," the police chief said.

Many policing reformists have called for mental health crises to be dealt with by social workers or unarmed officers. On July 20, Holmes described, the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency is launching a community assessment and transport (CAT) team to service people who are experiencing a mental health crisis, in lieu of relying on a traditional police response.

The CAT teams are slated to be rolled out in Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward at first. They will expand to Fremont and then the Tri-Valley later on. Holmes emphasized the importance of Tri-Valley officials pushing for these services to be available to cities like Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore sooner rather than later.

Holmes stated that the expansion of CAT teams to the Tri-Valley could be most helpful in dealing with involuntary psychiatric holds on juveniles (also known as "5150" calls) at Dublin schools. In 2019, a total of 34 such calls were requested at Dublin schools; since calls from school are relatively safe due to the low likelihood of weapons being present and the presence of school counselors with the students, Holmes pointed to these as cases that could be handled well by unarmed officers or social workers without requiring DPS involvement.

Other primary areas of reform being raised by the public include increased training for police officers, budget reform and increased transparency. Holmes revealed that DPS is working on releasing annual reports to the public that will detail

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Remembering Barry Schrader

Longtime Livermore community leader, former college board member

Barry L. Schrader, a longtime community leader, former elected representative and retired national laboratory manager in Livermore, died at his home in Illinois last month after battling pancreatic cancer. He was 79.

Also a former newspaper editor in the Tri-Valley and supporter of local nonprofits, Schrader was elected to three terms on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, serving from 1987 to 2000.



Barry Schrader

"On behalf of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, and our Board of Trustees, we send our condolences to former Trustee Schrader's family and would also like to share our heartfelt gratitude for the decades of service that Trustee

Schrader gave to our district, students and community," said Guisselle Nuñez, the district's public relations director.

A native of Illinois, Schrader lived in Livermore for 37 years after initially relocating West to serve as editor of the Livermore Herald & News in the 1960s. His journalism career also included time with the Valley Times and later, writing a column for the Livermore Independent.

He shifted careers to public affairs and communications in 1980, working for Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore for 21 years until his retirement. He later served as a group leader and oral historian for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Also committed to giving back while in Livermore, Schrader co-founded Friends of the Vineyards, spent 33 years as a member of the Rotary Club of Livermore including as club president, helped form the

Livermore Heritage Guild, was an organizer of the Tri-Valley Exchange Club and videotaped oral histories for the Livermore Heritage Guild.

He additionally published a book of local trivia entitled, "Will the Last Person Leaving Livermore Please Unscrew the Bulb in Fire Station One."

Schrader and his wife, Kay, relocated to Illinois in 2006 and he continued supporting local organizations in his new hometown — while also returning to Livermore each summer to visit friends.

Schrader died on June 30 in DeKalb, Ill., from complications from pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Kay, and their sons Todd and Darrin. A memorial service is pending at Sycamore United Methodist Church in Sycamore, Ill.

To read the full family obituary online, visit the Weekly's Lasting Memories page. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint

Public comment period opens on long-range regional plan

The Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint, a long-term vision for a prosperous, equitable and dynamic Bay Area, is seeking public input during a newly opened comment period that runs until next month.

A joint initiative of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Draft Blueprint is a regional 30-year proposed outlook connecting issues like housing, transportation and economic and environmental policy to progress

on climate and equity objectives.

In a statement, both organizations said they "want to hear from all Bay Area residents in order to incorporate diverse voices from across our region."

Feedback from residents will be used for developing the Final Blueprint, which is expected to be approved by the end of the year and "will be integrated into Plan Bay Area 2050 prior to its adoption in 2021."

The Draft Blueprint combines various strategies to tackle overcrowding and the housing crisis,

planning for future growth, and investments in walking, biking and public transit infrastructure including sea flood protection.

MTC and ABAG will hold virtual workshops and telephone town halls through Aug. 7. A list of public events is listed online.

The public comment period runs through Aug. 10. For more information about Plan Bay Area 2050 or to give feedback on the Draft Blueprint, visit www.plan-bayarea.org. ■

—Julia Baum

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Supply levels prompt DSRSD to revise recycled water policy

DSRSD has 'reached the limit' to produce recycled water

By JULIA BAUM

With wastewater being reused for irrigation during the hot summer months, the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors revised its recycled water policy to address supply limits at its July 7 meeting.

The revised policy's "key elements" include providing no more new recycled water connections until new wastewater supplies are identified, helping existing customers find ways to more efficiently use recycled water, and implementing the mandatory conservation of recycled water during the next drought when conservation of potable water will also be required.

According to DSRSD, 23% of its total water demand supply comes from recycled water.

General Manager Dan McIntyre told the Weekly, "We've reached the limit of how much wastewater

coming into the plant is being 100% recycled on our peak days, so we're really not in a position right now to produce anymore (recycled water). It's not really a concern, but there's really no opportunity for new customers right now."

According to McIntyre, it's possible the agency has "reached our limit, but as the Tri-Valley further develops, there may be additional wastewater flow that comes to our plant."

One possible new source of wastewater could come from more people eventually moving into the region.

"Basically there would be new customers flushing, and if that's the case, there's a new supply in the future that can be recycled," McIntyre said.

"For example, 10 million gallons come in a day but we know in the future that number will grow to something over 12 million gallons, so when that materializes, there



DSRSD

The Jeffrey G. Hansen Water Recycling Plant Expansion, completed in 2018, was designed to boost water recycling capacity by 70%.

will be more wastewater we can recycle."

A second possibility is fringe groundwater basins on the periphery of the Tri-Valley which have lower quality groundwater that can't be used as a drinking water supply

but could otherwise be extracted.

"But we don't know yet the technical feasibility of that — how much of the fringe groundwater basin is available, how easy it is to extract," McIntyre added. "That's not clearly understood so that's something we're exploring, but until we can identify the feasibility of that, we can't hook up additional customers."

Potential interagency partnerships are also being explored like a planned pilot project that will divert water from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) into DSRSD's sewer water. When construction is finished, DSRSD will bring in one million gallons of

water a day from CCCSD, though McIntyre stressed that "it's just a pilot project, it's not a permanent commitment or source."

Overall, the agency's recycled water program "is really successful, so on summer days we're recycling 100% of wastewater that comes in the plant," McIntyre said. About 40% of DSRSD's wastewater is recycled and the agency is looking at other opportunities for recycling the wastewater like potable reuse.

"There may be opportunities for wintertime wastewater to be used for those potable reuse and advanced purification," McIntyre said. "That's something we're studying over the next few years." ■

LARPD announces new hours for local parks, trails

Policy change based on daylight starts next week

By JULIA BAUM

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is switching up visiting hours at local parks, trails and other facilities starting later this month, adjusting its policy to center around daylight hours rather than a static time year-round.

"The current hours of operation have raised concerns about safety, vandalism and unwanted activities with park use after dark," spokesperson Stacey Kenison told the Weekly. "We also wanted to be consistent with best practices of other public park agencies hours of operation which are sunrise to one half hour after sunset."

The change takes effect next Friday (July 24); whereas before LARPD facilities were open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., the new hours are from sunrise

until 30 minutes past sunset.

"What was recognized was that at 10 p.m. (during winter) it's dark and parks should be closed," Kenison said.

The revised hours will also accommodate seasonal changes of the natural light throughout the year, giving residents more time to exercise or play in the outdoor facilities during the summer while reducing the open window more significantly during the winter.

"It's really more reflective of what the intent of the hours are," Kenison added.

Only lighted sports facilities will have firm hours; visitors with a permit are allowed to use them up until 10:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.larpd.org. ■

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Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez running for mayor of Dublin

Move guarantees one City Council seat will change hands Nov. 3

By JEREMY WALSH

Dublin City Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez announced this week that she will run for the mayor's position, rather than seek re-election to a regular council seat, during the Nov. 3 general election.

Wrapping up her first full term on the City Council this fall, Hernandez said as mayor she would prioritize top goals of retaining and supporting businesses in Dublin, improving neighborhood safety, alleviating traffic, expanding city-school partnerships and protecting Dublin's open space.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the encouragement and support I've received so far. I am answering the call to take my leadership on reducing traffic, maintaining Dublin's parks and open spaces, maintaining Dublin's 9-1-1 medical response capacity, and supporting our excellent schools

to the next level," Hernandez said in a statement launching her mayor campaign on Monday.

"In these challenging times, I'll ensure Dublin is ready for any emergency while maintaining the quality of life the people of Dublin expect and deserve," she added.

Hernandez's decision to run for mayor — which will be wide open on the ballot, since Mayor David Haubert is terming out — means that one regular, four-year seat on the City Council is guaranteed to change hands in the election because Hernandez's council spot is due up for re-election this fall as well.

First elected to the City Council



Melissa Hernandez

in November 2016, Hernandez has nearly three decades of experience as a small business manager in the dental and health sector. She currently works on the staff of Alameda County District 1 Supervisor Scott Haggerty, as an assistant in charge of health care and human services.

She ran in this year's primary election to succeed Haggerty on the Board of Supervisors upon his retirement in the fall, but she finished in third place in a tight, four-candidate race on the March 3 ballot. Hernandez was 0.71% behind Haubert for a spot in the two-candidate runoff election that will also appear on Nov. 3 ballot this fall. (Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon is the other finalist.)

Turning her attention now to Dublin's mayoral seat, Hernandez said her experience on the City Council, including serving time as

vice mayor and representing the city on multiple regional agency boards, makes her the best candidate to lead the community through and out of the coronavirus crisis and economic downturn.

"One of the most challenging issues we have had to navigate thru in the last several decades has been COVID-19 and I have been committed to our residents and businesses. I will continue to work hard to keep families safe while getting us back to work, school and normal business operations," Hernandez said on her campaign website.

"Simply put, I understand the needs of small businesses as well as Alameda County and the importance of a viable and sustainable local economy," she added.

Currently, Hernandez represents the city on the governing boards of Alameda County Stop Waste, East

Bay Community Energy, Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) and the Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Valley Link). She's a longtime Dublin resident and mother of two teenage children who has also volunteered in the community, including with the Dublin Rotary Club.

"We continue to be a growing city that has had a long tradition of strong leaders who believe in civil discourse while solving challenging issues," Hernandez said. "I will be committed to continuing this tradition to keep our community the great place we love. I want Dublin to adopt smart growth policies and I will support projects that continue to preserve our 'New American Backyard.'"

To learn more about Hernandez's campaign, visit www.melissafornmayor.com. ■

POLICING

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and Mayor Jerry Thorne — to have city administrators draft an action plan beforehand to outline how the police policy review process would play out.

Testa and Councilwoman Karla Brown had instead argued for the first listening session to be as soon as possible, with Testa recommending July 7 or 14, rather than holding an intermediary meeting focused solely on an action plan before hearing from residents.

In response to the council majority, City Manager Nelson Fialho and Police Chief David Swing created a three-point plan and proposed timetable for council consideration. Swing is less than two months on the job in Pleasanton, after moving over from the Morgan Hill Police Department where he was also police chief.

"The goal is to initiate a public discussion regarding community policing in Pleasanton in response to local and national calls for police reform," Fialho told the council Tuesday night.

"While our department has a longstanding and demonstrated success of accountability to the community it serves, both the city and the department do embrace the opportunity to discuss policing in our community and how it could possibly change," said Fialho, adding this is the first time in his 24 years working for the city that there has been such a conversation on local police policy.

The action plan — ultimately approved by the council as recommended — will begin with a first phase consisting of next week's "community listening session/council workshop."

"No formal action will be taken that evening ... No staff

presentation. No report. Instead, it would be an open-mic format that would enable the community to address the council regarding desired police reform locally, relay any direct experiences with the department or the city, or any other related topics," Fialho said.

"The primary goal is to create an environment that welcomes feedback and difficult conversations regarding policing in general, including in our community," he said.

The second phase of the plan will involve a review of existing PPD policies and procedures, including possibly a comprehensive discussion on use-of-force rules and the "21st Century Policing" initiative.

As recommended, a meeting on use-of-force policies is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. It would focus on the "8 Can't Wait" topics: chokeholds, shooting at moving vehicles, de-escalation, exhaust all alternatives before using force, warning before shooting, comprehensive reporting, duty to intervene when another officer uses inappropriate force and the "reasonableness" standard.

Another session would follow on Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. on the six pillars of 21st Century Policing: building trust and legitimacy, policy and oversight, technology and social media, community policing and crime reduction, training and education, and officer safety and wellness.

Those meeting topics were designed as starting points, and the list could be expanded in the future as desired by the council, Fialho said.

The final phase would focus on setting near- and long-term policy goals for community policing in late 2020 or early 2021, along with discussions on allocation and reallocation of city funds to address community concerns.

Tuesday's special meeting with the lone agenda item drew nearly four-dozen citizen speakers — in total, 60 residents submitted requests to speak but about a dozen dropped off the Zoom call before their name was called.

The public discussion, which was supposed to focus explicitly on the draft action plan, heard a few speakers talk about the proposal itself while most others expressed their views on overarching police reform or police advocacy topics.

The citizen comments over the 2-1/2 hours spanned the gamut, from ardent police supporters and opponents of so-called "defunding police" movements to people who commended PPD but saw clear areas for improvement to stauncher police reformists and residents who wanted city funds redirected away from PPD to other services.

"I feel the Pleasanton Police Department has been exceptional," resident John Sensiba said. "So I'm concerned that the conversation about defunding the police, on a national level, could be impacting our decisions at the local level ... I believe the funding level for the police department is appropriate."

"Pleasanton isn't safe on accident. There's no shield that goes up on our borders that keeps violence and crime and harmful things out of our town. We're safe because our police force makes us safe," resident Jill Buck told the council.

"There's been three high-profile deaths at the hands of Pleasanton police: John Deming Jr., Shannon Estill and my son, Jacob Bauer. All three could have been avoided had the responding Pleasanton police officers acted differently," John Bauer said. "79% of the country believes that police brutality is a problem."

"These people are crying out for change because they care, because

they feel compassion for those who are less privileged, for Black and brown people, for people with addiction problems, for mentally ill people," resident Isaac Elias said. "And I pray that that change will happen and that you will act with more urgency."

The council members generally held back on offering comments about specific policy points Tuesday night, saying they wanted to wait until after hearing from the community next week.

Brown, along with Testa, did open the discussion with brief statements trying to dispel emails and other rumors they said misrepresented their positions about police funding.

"There are people saying that I support defunding the police," Brown said later on. "I have never supported defunding the police. No one that I know of on the council has ever supported defunding the police."

Next week's community listening session is expected to start at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (July 21).

The council members will participate remotely via video conferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents can watch online live and offer comments by phone, Zoom or email. To submit a speaker card or find out details on how to watch or stream the meeting, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

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Fauci: COVID-19 treatments, vaccines could be ready by early 2021

Masks, social distancing remain key to turning the surge around

By SUE DREMANN/
PALO ALTO WEEKLY

The prognosis for getting a handle on the deadly COVID-19 disease currently escalating in the United States could be good if the public is responsible for its actions and if scientific breakthroughs continue this year, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said during a half-hour virtual interview with Stanford Medicine on Monday.

Fauci, in conversation with Dr. Lloyd Minor, dean of the Stanford University School of Medicine, minced no words in describing the task ahead, but he offered several bits of encouraging news. Treatments for managing the coronavirus will continue to grow and could help control the disease in its beginning phases as soon as this fall. One or more vaccines might be available by early 2021, he said.

But Fauci warned that this virus is daunting, and surprising, even to an expert such as he, who has fought a pantheon of infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS and the Ebola virus during his more than three decades as the nation's top infectious disease expert.

"This is truly historic. We haven't even begun to see the end of it yet," Fauci said of COVID-19. "It's still globally trending. Some countries are doing better than others, but until you get it completely under control, it's still going to be a threat. It is truly unprecedented."

"We're doing what we can. Of all the emerging infectious diseases I've had to deal with in the 36 years that I've been the director of the institute, starting off with HIV in the early '80s, with Ebola and Zika, this is clearly the most challenging. It's the most challenging because it's so pervasive. It is truly a global pandemic of unprecedented — when I say unprecedented, back to (the) 1918 historical pandemic. I think 50 years from now, people are going to be reflecting historically on this the way we used to reflect on the 1918 outbreak," he said of the influenza pandemic, which killed an estimated 50 million people or more worldwide.

Fauci said that the virus' protean nature can be seen in how it affects so many people in so many different ways: Some have no or mild symptoms, while others are hospitalized or die. For some who survive, the virus causes protracted illness, long-term disability and organ failure, he said.

Minor avoided the current controversy between Fauci and the White House, which has criticized the doctor and his advice.

But the currently grim outlook on COVID-19 could be completely



Dr. Anthony Fauci, founding member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, addresses viewers of a virtual fireside chat hosted by Stanford Medicine on July 13. (Screenshot obtained via Stanford Medicine livestream)

turned around with the development of a safe and effective vaccine, he said. Before then, in the absence of a vaccine, the only means to stop the virus is to physically separate people to the point of not allowing the virus to transmit, he said.

Fauci said that the stay-at-home orders clearly helped reduce the number of infections in the United States, but the country has opened too soon and too drastically, resulting in the surges now taking place in many states, including California, he said.

"We gave a set of guidelines a few months ago that had good checkpoints (phases 1, 2 and 3) unfortunately, it did not work very well for us. ... The increase that we are seeing, we can get a handle on that. I am really confident we can if we step back. We don't necessarily have to shut down again, but pull back a bit and then proceed in a very prudent way observing the guidelines and going step by step," he said, adding:

"All you need to do is look at the (videos) of people in some states going from shutdown to completely throwing caution to the wind: bars that were crowded, people without masks. There are things you can do now: physical distancing, wearing a mask, avoiding crowds, washing hands. Those things, as simple as they are, can turn it around."

Asked by Minor to grade the Bay Area on its efforts to control the outbreak, Fauci said Texas and California are so large and so varied, that he could not make a definitive statement.

"California is a bit of a mixed bag," he said, although the Bay Area is doing better than other areas of the state such as the southern California border where there is a higher percentage of vulnerable populations. He said that Gov. Gavin Newsom is doing "a very good job," as are some mayors.

Fauci said there are a few important developments regarding drug developments and he is hopeful for a vaccine.

Remdesivir, an experimental antiviral drug that was originally developed to treat Ebola, and dexamethasone, a corticosteroid used as an immunosuppressant and anti-inflammatory, are two medications that clearly are working in hospital settings with severely ill COVID patients, according to Fauci.

But he said there needs to be other medications to treat the virus in its earlier stages, and a few are being developed, including direct antiviral drugs, convalescent plasma and monoclonal antibodies. The latter can bind to specific molecules on the outside of a cell and can, among other things, block specific molecule functions on the virus.

"I believe we are on a good track to get there reasonably soon," he said.

By fall, conceivably there could be good antiviral and antibody therapies and potentially, vaccines. "One or two will go into Phase 3 clinical trials, which evaluate the overall risks and benefits of the drugs, at the end of this month.

"So we are pretty cautiously optimistic that by the end of the year ... by 2021, we will have, I hope, one or more vaccines that will be available," he said.

The manufacturers are taking the unusual step of producing large amounts of doses before the drugs' proven safety and effectiveness in order to be ready if the vaccines are approved, he said. If the drugs fail, that would cost any millions of dollars, but if successful, the country would gain many months toward widespread vaccination, he said.

Vaccines are essential to controlling the virus, he said. The distribution of vaccines would undergo a process to determine the ethics of who should have access to a limited supply. Asked how he would address getting people who are resistant to being vaccinated to comply, Fauci said community engagement through "boots on the ground" messaging would have to be done by

Remdesivir treatment study shows 62% reduction in deaths

Antiviral drug greatly improved outcomes for some patient groups

By SUE DREMANN/
PALO ALTO WEEKLY

The experimental antiviral drug remdesivir reduced the mortality rate in severely ill COVID-19 patients by 62%, Foster City-based manufacturer Gilead Sciences announced last Friday.

The drug received emergency-use authorization on May 1 for experimental and compassionate-use treatment for COVID-19 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The results are promising news in the management of the deadly disease, which has killed 578,000 people worldwide and sickened 13.3 million as of July 14.

The study also found remdesivir is equally effective in patients who are from traditionally marginalized racial and ethnic backgrounds — groups that have seen a higher rate of complications and death due to the prevalence of pre-existing conditions and health care disparities.

Gilead presented its findings during the July 10-11 Virtual COVID-19 Conference as part of the 23rd International AIDS Conference.

The mortality and demographic research was part of a larger Phase 3 study, which examined the safety and efficacy of remdesivir in severely ill COVID-19 patients receiving five-day and 10-day intravenous doses in hospitals. The preliminary results of the larger study were published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* in May.

Gilead's comparative analysis in mortality and the larger Phase 3 studies reinforces the findings in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' study in hospitalized COVID-19 patients, which showed remdesivir shortened recovery time by an average of four days compared to a placebo. In the NIAID study, patients taking remdesivir trended toward lower mortality compared with the placebo group, but the results did not reach statistical significance (7.1% versus 11.9%), Gilead noted.

The news was also promising for patients of traditionally marginalized races and ethnic backgrounds.

In a subgroup study along with the mortality findings, 84% of African American patients, 75% of Hispanic white patients, 67% of Asian patients,

67% of non-Hispanic white patients and 63% of patients who did not identify with any of these groups showed clinical improvements by day 14 during treatment with remdesivir, according to Gilead.

Another study looked at the use of remdesivir and hydroxychloroquine, the anti-malarial drug touted by President Donald Trump. Patients who were treated simultaneously with both drugs fared worse than those treated with remdesivir alone.

The recovery rates were 57% for those who received both drugs versus 69% for those who only received remdesivir. The analysis also showed that patients in the hydroxychloroquine-remdesivir group experienced overall higher rates of adverse effects, the study noted.

During the July 10 virtual COVID-19 conference, Gilead also presented analyses of its "compassionate use" program, which provides the drug in hospital settings to select groups of patients. The data showed that 83% of pediatric patients and 92% of pregnant and postpartum women with a wide range of COVID-19 severity recovered by day 28.

Among pediatric patients and pregnant and postpartum women in the compassionate-use group, the vast majority of those who were on supplemental oxygen improved by day 28, with 73% discharged from the hospital; 12% that remained hospitalized but no longer needed extra oxygen and 4% that died.

Drilling down deeper, of the 39 pediatric patients who required mechanical ventilators, 80% of these critically ill patients recovered; of the 38 pediatric patients not requiring invasive ventilation, 87% recovered.

Among the 86 pregnant and postpartum women treated with remdesivir in the compassionate use program, 96% of pregnant and 89% of postpartum women achieved improvement in their oxygen-support levels. Pregnant and postpartum women who had more severe illness achieved similarly high rates of recovery, at 93% and 89%, respectively.

Gilead also announced on July 8 that the company is working on developing an inhaled solution of remdesivir for outpatient treatment. ■

Proposed legislation from Glazer advances during pandemic

Topics include power shutoffs, property tax rules, flavored tobacco

By JULIA BAUM

A half-dozen bills from State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) have cleared several legislative hurdles this year, most recently passing the Senate in spring and moving on to the Assembly for further consideration.

Glazer's legislative agenda includes a trio of bills to protect residents during power outages and a proposed state constitutional amendment, as well as proposed laws to ban the sale of flavored tobacco products and help college students pay for textbooks and other school supplies.

"In a few short months amidst a deadly crisis, lawmakers were asked to scale back their legislative agendas," Glazer said in a statement. "So, I am thrilled with how much important work we were able to get

done, and am especially glad I could address some critical issues for residents in my district."

The power outage bills include Senate Bill 431, which require 72 hours of backup power for cell towers "to ensure people have access to cellphone communications during a wildfire power shutdown."

Senate Bill 801 would require power companies to provide backup power sources for residents who use life-saving medical devices that require electricity, and Senate Bill 1099 would permit hospitals to use backup power without local penalties.

Senate Bill 1049 proposes increasing penalties for short-term rental properties that allow "disruptive and dangerous events," following a mass shooting last Halloween in Orinda, where five people died during a party hosted at an AirBnB property.

Another proposed article of legislation, Senate Bill 793, aims to ban the sale of flavored tobacco products; the bill is similar to previous laws that Glazer has co-authored such as banning the marketing of flavored tobacco products to children.

Glazer's Senate Bill 1232 would help pay for textbooks and college supplies for student parents with a Cal-WORKS grant, as well as exempt them from meeting work requirements.

A proposed state constitutional amendment would allow seniors and disabled people to sell their home and buy another without triggering higher property taxes that are usually assessed on a new property purchase.

If adopted, Assembly Constitutional Amendment 11 (on the

Nov. 3 ballot as Proposition 19) would enable more empty-nesters to downsize while increasing the housing stock for young families that have had difficulty buying a home, Glazer said.

The amendment would also close a loophole for people who receive a property tax break when they inherit a home from their parents. Those who reside in their inherited home would still receive the benefit but landlords would no longer be included.

Glazer's office estimated that the two revisions could eventually generate \$1 billion in new annual revenue that would be earmarked for fire protection.

"Senator Glazer's efforts to create a dedicated fund to support underfunded fire districts in California show how effective a resourceful

and persistent lawmaker can be in delivering much needed funds to his fire districts," said Brian Rice, president of California Professional Firefighters.

Part of the revenue would be allocated to the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District, which has reduced services and closed multiple fire stations due to dwindling state funding formulas that supply less funds than a traditional fire district.

"This fire district has never had the revenue it needs to serve the fast-growing East County," Glazer said. "ACA 11 is a smart, fair tax reform that will help seniors while generating more resources for fighting fires. If it passes, I will work with my fellow legislators to make sure that the East County district gets its fair share." ■

SCHOOLS

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a long-term distance learning option for elementary and secondary students.

A recently updated pre-registration intent data form with 12,130 respondents showed a slight 5% drop but that most families — nearly 85% — still preferred a hybrid learning model for their children when classes start. Students who eventually attend school in person would do so "when it is safe" on a staggered schedule several days a week.

Nimarta Grewal, PUSD technology services coordinator, said that staff could not recommend in-person lessons at this time "as we do not have confidence that we can implement the group sizes and physical distance as needed, along with meeting the sanitization guidelines that are currently called for."

PUSD said it will "enable parent choice, when and where possible" but noted that returning to school hinges on adhering to health guidelines and other factors like following strict physical distancing, cleaning and disinfecting, and PPE protocol.

"All of our plans are really subject to our ability to meet the health and safety standards provided to us by county public health," said Ed Diolazo, assistant superintendent of student support services.

"In the last few months we've had to adjust and so that's really the reality of where things stand at this point. If the restrictions become more constricted from county public health, then we will have to adjust our plans for that, and as they are relaxed, then we will adjust for that as well," he added.

PUSD officials told the Weekly that all 15 sites will eventually reopen "in a phased and prioritized way," starting with their youngest

children in grades TK-2, special day classes and at-risk youths, who would attend in-person classes on staggered schedules several days a week. Along with requiring students and staff to wear face masks or shields, maintain physical distancing, frequently wash their hands and conduct self-screenings before coming to school, small student cohorts will be established to lower the risk of virus transmission.

Teachers will be able to teach multiple cohorts, as long as they wear a face covering and practice physical distancing, though the district noted that this will likely be difficult when teaching younger children who are less likely to remember to keep their distance. That issue factored greatly in staff's consideration and recommendation to have stable cohort groupings in the lower grades.

"I want to assure the community that when we do begin to bring students back, we will start with our small stable cohorts," assistant superintendent Janelle Woodward said. "That would allow us to have students in groups of 12 and ensure that we are able to attend to the cleaning needs and sanitizations needs of our campus."

Following the presentation, Board President Steve Maher asked the cabinet if they could set a timetable for reopening campuses and what the criteria would be.

"If we say 'Hey, in two weeks we're going back,' that may be (difficult) for students, parents and teachers," Maher said.

Haglund replied that he would "love to be able to hear the specific date when we will bring everybody back" but said his concern is providing direct instruction for students who need it sooner than later.

"We have some very young students who are learning to read in TK through grades 2, and teaching reading remotely is a very difficult thing to

do," Haglund said. "While I agree that it might be easier and more practical to have that type of a target at the secondary level, for our students with special needs and for our younger students, they're really working on those foundational skills."

Haglund added, "I'm hesitant to put a deadline that is that far out in the future. The reality is we may not be opening because of the health guidelines any way, so I just want to keep my eye on those most vulnerable students and be able to respond as soon as we're able."

Given the "levels of complexities" involved with keeping secondary students in their assigned social bubbles, he said, "Until there is some very clear guidance as to what we can and can't do, I really foresee

that we'll be out on the longer term at the secondary level."

"I just want to be very sensitive to not setting arbitrary guidelines that might inhibit our ability to reach our youngest students," Haglund concluded.

Association of Pleasanton Teachers president Michelle VerKuilen said though teachers are "saddened" by not teaching in person, the recommendation for remote learning has been well-received.

"The most important criteria we must use in moving forward into a new school year is the health and safety of all. We cannot educate if we are all not safe," VerKuilen said.

Several residents who phoned in during public comment also expressed their preference for distance

learning but student board member Derek Dressler said families need the option of sending their kids to school and that "it must not be about when we can reopen schools safely but how we can reopen in-person schooling for our families safely on Aug. 11."

"I fully expect this board to adhere to all guidelines. However, I also expect you to take into account the risk you could be putting families in, should a hybrid model not be adopted at all levels," Dressler said. "This district has said repeatedly that they will not reopen schools until they feel safe that they can do it safely for students and staff. That's great, but we might be in the same predicament we are now for years to come." ■

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Take Us

By PLEASANTON

The Weekly today is featuring Take Us Along submissions left over from before mid-March, when the COVID-19 crisis and associated shelter-in-place order brought vacation travel to a halt for health and safety reasons.

All of these photos came in

to us in advance of the local pandemic, including some in the queue since before the winter holidays.

We're also aware that summer is usually a popular time for our Take Us Along program, with residents traveling near and far on vacation with



Egyptian temple: Bruce and Yvonne Crawford, along with neighbors Susan and Ron Wacek (all Pleasanton residents), posed at the Temple of Horus in Edfu, Egypt. Horus is a falcon-headed god of ancient Egypt. The group also took the Weekly on their Nile River cruise.



Visiting Venice last year: Cousins Sharon Albertoni from Petaluma and longtime Pleasanton resident Debbie Nappo spent a month in Italy in 2019 visiting relatives, including a few special days in Venice.



Lunch in France: Jon Magnusson (seated), owner and chef of Nonni's Bistro in Pleasanton, met Pleasanton river boat travelers in Strasbourg, France for lunch. Also pictured were Breanna and Deanna Armario, Bob and Joyce Shapiro, and Dave and Jill Culver.



Cabo in winter: Enjoying a beach party in Cabo San Lucas in Mexico last winter were Brandon and Lori Huneke, Steve and Leslie Ziagos, Matty and Jen Kratochvil, Lainie and Jason Howland, Andy and Shawnee Pedraza, Angela and Marco Regacho, Anne Johnson, and Mandi Boni.



James Bond Island: Keiju and Ruth Terada of Pleasanton with Kelsey McLennan, traveled to Thailand in February and visited the island featured in the Bond movie "The Man with the Golden Gun."

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IN WEEKLY STAFF

their newspaper in-hand. But COVID-19 has changed that.

So this summer, we invite you to pose with your Weekly at home, around town or if you take a day trip. Send in your photograph by noon July 24 for consideration in our special “Take Us Along

(home edition)” scheduled for July 31, or for inclusion in future papers. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right) and any relevant details about the scene.

Email editor Jeremy Walsh at editor@pleasantonweekly.com. ■



Cave Creek: From left: Roy Lewis, Tammy Lewis, BethAnn Moitoso and Eddie Moitoso outside a shop in Cave Creek, Ariz., last November.



Greens’ 55th anniversary: Chris and Jim Green visited the Fern Grotto in Kauai, where the locals sang the “Hawaiian Wedding Song” in honor of the couple celebrating their 55th anniversary. They spent five beautiful days without rain during the island’s rainy season in January. They also snorkeled, toured a plantation in Lihue, had their first helicopter ride (over the entire island) and had several wonderful meals along the southern coast of Poipu.



Enchanted: Chris Kearney joined college friends for a reunion at the Enchantment Resort in Sedona, Ariz., last winter.



With their daughters, Sydney and Mallory Shiroyama, and friend “James Bond Island,” known for being featured in the



Go Green: Celine Leroudier (Amador Valley High class of 2014) and Jill Buck attended the Green School Conference and Expo in Portland. Buck and Leroudier both work for the Go Green Initiative, a Pleasanton-based nonprofit.

Livermore Valley Uncorked winners announced

Wine judging goes forward after event is canceled

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Last year the Livermore Valley Uncorked event in April to celebrate the wine country with the Tri-Valley Conservancy was sold out, with 360 wine lovers attending.

This year was to be the 11th for the annual fundraiser, but the gathering had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and ticket purchases were refunded. However the main event still took place — the judging of Livermore Valley wines.

Initial screening of the 123 submissions was done during three days in March, before the pandemic, by many of the region's winemakers.

Sixty-nine wines went on to the final round, where they were judged by three wine writers: Jim Gordon of Wine Enthusiast, Laura Ness of Spirited and Wine Industry Advisor, and Fred Swan of NorCal Wines.

Best Of Show pitted all three Best Of winners against one another, and the winner was the

2016 Ruby Hill Reserve Collection Petite Sirah, chosen for its embodiment of both the varietal and the region.

A complete list of winners as well as a shopping list of all types of wines in different price categories can be found at Tri-ValleyConservancy.org.

The annual Uncorked event raises funds for the programs of Tri-Valley Conservancy, which works to protect open space for parks, farms, trails, ranches and wildlife habitat. ■

COVID-19

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7,725 cases countywide recorded as of Saturday's data.

ACPHD reported 154 deaths from COVID-19 in the county as of Tuesday.

Communities with high positive counts include Oakland (3,259) and Hayward (1,292), with Fremont (435) and San Leandro (429) on the next tier.

The Tri-Valley cities had been on the lower end in comparison but their positive tallies have increased over recent weeks as well. Livermore now stands at 336 confirmed cases, Pleasanton with 170 and Dublin with 88.

It is unclear how many of the county's 154 deaths from COVID-19 have occurred in the Tri-Valley, but one confirmed death involved a resident of the Livermore Community Living Center, a residential facility for military veterans.

The virus has become that much more personal for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, with Deputy Oscar Rocha battling for his life in intensive care with a serious case of COVID-19.

ACSO officials shared on social media a photograph of the deputy's hand holding another in the hospital bed over the weekend with a message

of support for their colleague.

"This is the hand of one of our senior deputy sheriff's in critical condition in ICU with COVID-19. He's fighting so hard to survive. If you believe in prayer or the power of love and positive energy please send it to him and his family. #covid19 #isreal," they wrote in the Instagram post.

Also last week, the Pac-12 Conference confirmed that its Commissioner Larry Scott, who lives in Danville, tested positive for COVID-19 after exhibiting "mild flu-like symptoms."

To support testing options for local residents, the regional COVID-19 testing site at the Alameda County Fairgrounds for residents of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore was extended through August, Pleasanton city officials announced last Friday.

The hours were reduced by one starting this Monday for the week-day-only testing site, running now from 9 a.m. to noon. The supply allows for a maximum of 200 individual tests per day.

The drive-thru operation is open to any resident of the three cities, 10 years old or older, regardless of symptoms — with no appointment necessary and no out-of-pocket expense. The testing is to determine whether a person is currently infected with COVID-19.

From the state's perspective, the Alameda County's case rate over the

past 14 days (109 per 100,000 residents as of Wednesday morning) is particularly alarming. The trend resulted in the state placing the county on the monitoring list Sunday.

"Elevated disease transmission" is the only problem category for which the county didn't meet state criteria to avoid the watch list — hospitalization rates and hospital capacity metrics were still below the state's minimum threshold as of Wednesday.

"Factors driving increased case rates include increased interpersonal interactions without face coverings and physical distancing, and ongoing transmission among health care workers, within households, in frontline workplace settings, and in skilled nursing and other congregate living facilities," ACPHD said.

Because Alameda County has been on the monitoring list for a minimum of three straight days, it became subject to new restrictions for indoor activity that Newsom implemented for watch-list counties on Monday, including shutting malls like Stoneridge Shopping Center, closing offices for non-critical sectors and halting worship services inside (outdoor services are allowed with social distancing).

The governor's move also banned indoor fitness centers, personal care services, hair salons and barber-shops, but those operations had not

yet reopened in Alameda County.

Newsom also ordered all 58 counties to close indoor activities at restaurants, wineries, movie theaters, zoos, museums, card rooms and bars — but those were already closed in Alameda County. Bars and the like are not allowed outdoors statewide either.

Outdoor dining, with proper health-and-safety protocols, had been endorsed without issue in the county since ACPHD's June 19 health order, but the situation was almost turned on its head last weekend.

The department released a statement last Saturday morning saying the updated state "industry guidance (for) restaurants" from July 9 effectively banned outdoor dining in "non-variance counties" — those that did not receive previous approval for a variance from the state health regulations, including Alameda County.

The variance application was a procedural step that ACPHD officials planned to pursue this summer but held off when they hit the pause button on future reopenings June 29 amid a COVID-19 surge.

That left the status of outdoor dining in limbo last weekend in light of the revised state guidance document.

For their part, city leaders in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin proceeded with their street closures and other moves to encourage outdoor

defined parameters as to what the council can realistically implement.

Her colleagues agreed, especially considering that DPS contracts its employees from the sheriff's office. As such, there are areas where the city of Dublin has no authority over sheriff's office practices.

In light of the departmental restrictions, Josey and Kumagai will join with Smith and Holmes to outline the parameters for the task force's purpose and scope to ensure that the task force is able to operate effectively and efficiently.

Josey also pointed out that while many community members expressed opinions about reform at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, the jail is operated by the sheriff's office and "we have, as a council, absolutely zero authority or oversight over the Santa Rita Jail." ■

restaurant activity last Saturday and Sunday while interpreting the state's updated terms as guidance, not a new health order.

ACPHD proceeded with the variance application and obtained a letter of support from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. The state processed and approved the request on Wednesday, allowing outdoor dining — as well as outdoor activities at the Oakland Zoo.

"Applying for a variance is a procedural action that would provide us with the flexibility to ensure that we can continue to allow the activities that the Health Officer determines are lower risk for our community," Balram said last weekend. "Approval of a variance is not an indication that we will pursue additional reopenings of other industries or sectors at this time."

After the variance approval, Pleasanton and Livermore city officials confirmed street closures in their respective downtowns will be in effect as planned this weekend.

"The City of Pleasanton would like to remind residents to continue to wear face coverings when out in public and maintain social distance from others not in the same household — it is critical that the public adhere to this requirement while out in public, including when visiting Main Street for outdoor dining," City Manager Nelson Fialho said. ■

FAUCI

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people who look like the communities they are trying to reach — like the community did when battling HIV, he said.

Fauci did not commit to a position on a national face mask requirement, saying instead that enforcement by the federal government would not likely be effective and might better be dealt with locally.

He had a message for young people, however, to think outside of their "vacuum" and to realize that if they don't mask up, even if they don't show symptoms of the

virus, "almost certainly you are going to infect someone else" and that person will infect others — one of whom may become highly sick and could die, he said.

A poor public health infrastructure, which has languished for many years, has also contributed to the existing crisis, he said.

The impact of those lapses are also evident in the staggering statistics related to people of color, who disproportionately bear the brunt of COVID-19 infections, he said. The country hasn't made much progress addressing those disparities, he noted. Although advances on HIV control steadily gained

since the 1980s, African Americans, who represent 13% of the population, account for 45% of new HIV cases today, he said. It's the same with COVID-19, he said.

The African American population and the Latino population "find themselves with jobs that don't allow them to properly protect themselves. As everybody's locking down, they're doing the essential jobs that require their physical presence, so they're immediately at more risk of getting infected," he said.

The prevalence and incidence of underlying diseases such as diabetes, heart, chronic lung and kidney disease and hypertension make for

a poor outcome if they contract COVID-19, he said.

"It's striking how disproportionately they are disadvantaged," he said.

"We have let the local public health infrastructure in our country really go into tatters," he said. Instead, federal public health focused on successfully controlling subsets of diseases such as smallpox and tuberculosis, while local infrastructure went unattended.

"It attenuated, and it attenuated, and now when we need good local public health capability, it's not as good as it should be. We've got to build it up again," he said.

Fighting and preparing for future

pandemics, which are sure to come, will require rebuilding that public health system and thinking about research in different ways, such as developing avant-garde technologies ahead of potential pandemics and studying prototype pathogens to understand a particular family of diseases.

Coronavirus is at the top of that list. The world is currently in its third coronavirus pandemic in the past 18 years, he said: In 2002, there was severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS); in 2012, Middle Eastern respiratory syndrome (MERS), and in 2020, COVID-19, he said. ■

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This typical set up for cast members of "King Lear," which includes lighting and a video camera, shows director Elizabeth Carter on the screen.

Shakespeare hath gone virtual for 2020

Free summer 'King Lear' performances will still be live and interactive

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Shakespeare's "King Lear" will be online this year instead of at Amador Valley Community Park, but nonetheless the performance will be live. The difference is, actors will be in their homes and the technical director will bring them together through the miracle of technology.

"It's going to be wild," said Rebecca Ennals, artistic director for San Francisco Shakespeare

Festival, which brings Free Shakespeare in the Park to Pleasanton each summer.

This year it will be Free Shakespeare in the Home via YouTube.

"The fascinating thing about watching this, once they get going, you start to forget they can't see each other," Ennals said.

Director Elizabeth Carter cast the 13 roles in "King Lear" before public performances began to be canceled. Jessica Powell stars in

the title role, a white matriarch presiding over a multiracial family, as the tragedy unfolds of a nation disrupted by a vain and aging leader.

When staff realized the production must be online, it raised a lot of questions, Ennals recalled, such as whether it would be regulated by the Actors' Equity Association or the Screen Actors Guild. It turns out AEA gave SF Shakes one of the first contracts

for this type of production in the country.

"What people should know is it does not look like a Zoom meeting," Ennals said. "That can be a fun way to listen to a play, but we wanted to do something different."

Enter Open Broadcaster Software (OBS), a streaming and recording program that lets cast members be brought virtually onto the set. The first item of business was to check out everyone's computers and Internet connections and provide some upgrades.

"Each actor is in their home studio, usually the corner of a tiny apartment, with a green screen, a lighting instrument and microphone," Ennals explained. "They are mostly standing there, with costume changes, makeup, blood — because this is 'King Lear' — and doing the acting

alone in this tiny space."

Technical director Neal Ormond is in his home studio with three monitors and a Zoom screen showing all the actors. Using OSB, he arranges the actors in the space as the drama unfolds.

"It's incredibly technical — and tiring," Ennals said, noting the actors must be presented in proportion to each other. "And the actors don't just get to relax and perform. They are standing on a mark they've made with masking tape on the floor, and there is another tape on the wall for them to speak to."

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Jessica Powell plays King Lear.



COURTESY SF SHAKES

Technical director Neal Ormond, who joined SF Shakes in 2017, is meeting new challenges this year as Free Shakespeare in the Park becomes Free Shakespeare at Home. The experience will also allow live chat among audience members.

About 'King Lear'

"The Tragedy of King Lear" is the story of a nation disrupted by a vain and aging leader who divides the kingdom among her daughters and renounces political responsibility without renouncing power. The result is family dysfunction, political strife, and a murky stage upon which few are who they purport to be. Shakespeare composed the play in

1606 as he sheltered from a deadly plague ravaging London. A recently ascended King James struggled to unite England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and the nation was reeling from a failed terrorist attempt to blow up the king and Parliament. This pervading state of distress in "King Lear" resonates with current crises, showing them curable by returning to the natural world and the core of our shared humanity.

SHAKESPEARE

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Every year the park productions include short zany shows before the play begins. This time three college-age performance interns, working with a writer and director, produced a 15-minute Green Show about “King Lear,” which is available now.

During the “King Lear” live shows, YouTube members can join in a moderated community chat.

“You can watch the performance and chat along,” Ennals said. “The chat is part of the community experience.”

“Something actors miss is they can’t hear people laugh or applaud,” she observed. “When we get wonderful, supportive comments, we can send them to the actors. They crave that feedback.”

The preview performance is this Saturday and Sunday; opening night is next Saturday (July 25). Performances will be at 7 p.m. Saturdays and 4 p.m. Sundays through September, plus a show at 4 p.m. on Labor Day.

Ennals pointed out that people can watch the show more than once or just parts of it on various days.

“It will be different every time, just like live theater,” she said. “It is not a movie and not a film. This is what makes it a bit special.”

And once it is over, no recording will remain, per the Equity contract.

The performances are sponsored by the cities of Cupertino, Redwood City and San Francisco, but Pleasanton opted out this year.

“Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the city is focused on providing essential services and ensuring the needs of the community are met,” said Nick Binzoni, public relations coordinator for the city’s recreation department. “We hope to bring back Free Shakespeare in the Park in the future.”

Ennals hopes Pleasanton residents will view the virtual performances.

“The city of Pleasanton should still get their Shakespeare whether the city can afford it this year or not,” she said. “We all have to support each other and get through these times.”

Despite increased tech costs, the production will cost less than setting up at the usual five venues, Ennals noted, adding she was pleased the majority of the money is going to the individual artists.

“We never for a minute think this will replace live theater but it’s a good way to uphold the tradition,” she said.

To view Free Shakespeare at home, the Green Show or to check the schedule, which is subject to change, visit www.sfshakes.org. ■



NICK BINZONI

Librarian Susan Dickinson places books in the back of a vehicle for a patron, who requested them on the website. Up to 10 books are allowed.

Pleasanton Library offers curbside service

Patrons request books ahead, librarians deliver to cars

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Check it out: The Pleasanton Public Library is delivering pre-ordered books to patrons in their vehicles.

As of last Friday, which concluded its third week, curbside service had filled more than 6,800 requests to a thousand cars, bicyclists and people walking up, said Nick Binzoni, community relations coordinator for the Library and Recreation Department.

“The level of interest was astonishing from the start. The first day alone, we received 3,800 book requests,” Binzoni said. “Our library is really excited to be able to offer this program.”

Patrons go to the library catalog on the website and make requests on the books they wish to check out, with a limit of 10. Then a staff member pulls the books from the shelves and notifies the patron the order is ready. The patron selects a time for pickup from the available half-hour time slots.

Pickup times are scheduled 1-6

p.m. Tuesdays to Thursdays. When patrons arrive, they roll down their windows and confirm their names to a staff member who gets the order and places it inside the trunk of the car.

Patrons who cannot go online can telephone 931-3400 to request books for curbside pickup.

“Sometimes these calls come from our regular patrons, who we’re accustomed to seeing regularly at the library, so it has become especially nice to hear from them during the shelter in place,” said Lia Bushong, assistant director for library and recreation. “We recognize the value and importance of building relationships with our patrons, and we’re proud of the many meaningful connections we’ve made with individuals throughout our diverse community — many of whom would come to the library several times a week.”

She noted that librarians continue to provide other services over the phone, including book recommendations, research assistance

and referrals to agencies that can help with taxes and employment development.

“We have helped connect patrons with community and supportive resources in times of need,” Bushong said.

The library is not currently accepting donations of books, but checked out library materials can be returned to the outside book drop. They undergo a seven-day quarantine before they are placed onto the shelves again, which may add to the time required to fulfill a request, Binzoni pointed out.

The library continues to order new books and materials during this shelter in place period, he added.

“We are focused on acquiring popular titles for all age groups, across a diverse set of media formats — traditional books and DVDs, plus eBooks and audiobooks,” he said, “and we are working on a staffing model that allows for quicker materials’ transfer from shipping box to patrons.” ■



COURTESY SF SHAKES

This home “control room,” with its array of monitors, is where Neal Ormand, technical director and scenic designer, arranges each of the 13 cast members as they “step” onto the set, using Open Broadcaster Software.

Virtual Shakespeare Camps

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival has revised the format of its summer camps for online with hands-on, tactile production and design projects as well as scene work and one-on-one coaching.

Two sessions remain: July 20-31 and July 27 to Aug. 7. Campers are divided into Shakespeare Players (ages 7-13) and Upstart Crows (12-18), to study and perform “The Witches’ Brew” (a collection of scenes from “Macbeth”), “Macbeth” and “King Lear.”

As with the traditional camps, a performance with family and friends is held on the final day.

“Storytelling in community is the kind of healing emotional release our children need right now, and as always, Shakespeare’s language and themes provide us with the tools to express the big feelings that we’re all experiencing,” artistic director Rebecca J. Ennals said.

Robyn Grahn, who directed the spring’s Saturday Upstart Crows classes, said, “When it comes to younger campers, what I’ve learned is that our tried-and-true theater games translate really well to the online environment; they help with listening, with confidence, and with creation.”

The fee for two weeks of Virtual Shakespeare Camp is \$695. Visit sfshakes.org or call 415-558-0888.

Rotary Club of Pleasanton scholarships

\$51,800 given to 22 students

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton recently donated \$51,800 to 12 local high school students and 10 local college students who needed financial assistance. This year the club utilized Zoom, conference calls and Ring Central to present the scholarships.

The following high school students were recipients:

- Amador Valley High School: Harry Plett Memorial Scholarship, Jocelyn Castro, \$3,750; Sean Choi, \$2,300; Avery Schurhoff, \$2,300;

- Logan Seitz, \$2,300; Shangxi Wu, \$1,250; and Ramya Ayyagari, \$1,250.

- Foothill High School: Warren Anniis Service Above Self Scholarship, Karyna Russo, \$4,750; Roger Dabney Memorial Scholarship, Jessica Gudino Nava, \$3,750; Julia Lee, \$3,300; Kaela Lee, \$3,300; Dylan Tan, \$2,300; and Samantha Do, \$1,250.

The college students honored were UCLA junior Cameron Bowers, \$3,000; San Jose State junior

Michelle Diaz-Nava, \$3,000; UC Berkeley junior Bradley Russo, \$3,000; Rollins School of Public Health (Atlanta) grad student Anisha Sheth, \$3,000; UC Santa Cruz junior Fiona Debernardi, \$2,000; UCLA junior Daniel Do, \$1,500; Carnegie Mellon University senior Lekha Kesavan, \$1,500; UC Davis junior Jeanette Cardenas, \$1,000; CSU Long Beach junior Demi Magana, \$1,000; and University of Arizona senior Bryce Taylor \$1,000. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Charges filed against suspect accused of killing Danville doctor

An Oroville man accused of fatally shooting a Danville doctor during the Fourth of July weekend has formally been charged with murder, according to the Sierra County District Attorney's Office.

Officially filed in a complaint to the Sierra County Superior Court on Monday, prosecutors have charged 40-year-old John Thomas Conway with a slew of charges including murder, attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer.

Conway has also been charged with burglary, robbery, unlawful discharge of a firearm at an occupied vehicle and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Sierra County Sheriff's Office deputies and other regional officers arrested Conway on July 4, one day after they allege he shot Dr. Ari Gershman to death while the Danville doctor was four-wheeling with his 15-year-old son, Jack, in the Tahoe National Forest.

The sheriff's office alleges Conway also shot two other strangers nearby that afternoon, July 3. Those victims sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Sierra County Sheriff Mike Fisher described the situation as an apparent "random act of violence." Conway allegedly opened fire on the father and son after they came into contact with him on a rural road.

Dr. Gershman, a pulmonary doctor and married father of three from Danville, died at the scene. Jack Gershman was able to escape unharmed by running into the wilderness, and the teenager survived for more than 30 hours alone before being located and rescued by law enforcement officers and a tracking K-9 unit.

Prior to the July 3 shootings, Conway had a warrant out for his arrest, according to Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey, who added that police had been on the lookout for the defendant after allegedly violating his parole.

"He had two cases he was previously convicted on here and was on what we call mandatory supervision, which is like an enhanced probation, and had violated that probation and there

was a warrant out for his arrest," Ramsey said.

Conway had two previous convictions in Butte County, the first in March 2019 involved a battery of a family member and felony vandalism that occurred when he drove his truck through his "family's gate," according to Ramsey.

He then allegedly violated his probation for the first time in January with a new offense involving the theft of an ATV in what Ramsey said was "much the same style that he did involved in the shooting case as it is alleged." Ramsey added that Conway then violated his probation again when he failed to report to his probation officer, and officers found ammunition in his home when conducting a search of the premises.

Dr. Gershman's slaying while on a trip in rural Sierra County has sent shockwaves through his hometown of Danville while grabbing headlines across the country.

A virtual lawn luminary vigil (with social distancing) was held for Dr. Gershman on Monday night, that consisted of participants decorating bags with battery-operated tea lights, notes and photos, that were then placed on his family's Danville home.

In other news

- Calls to domestic abuse hotlines have risen locally and

nationally during the COVID-19 pandemic and advocates are trying to reach victims in innovative ways, according to prosecutors and Childhelp, a group that helps abused children.

Calls to the Alameda County Family Justice Center, which helps abuse victims locally, have risen from 45 in March to 264 in June, county prosecutors said. Additional calls may have been taken by police, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Nationally, calls to the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline were up 31% in March, 17 percent in April, 43% in May and 32% in June compared to the same months last year.

"In the beginning of the shelter-in-place, which for us happened on March 17 of this year, we were very concerned," District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said.

"Because we weren't getting calls about domestic violence, we weren't getting calls about child abuse," she said.

So, Alameda County prosecutors opened the Family Justice Center in case victims could get away. Also, the center's navigators, who take calls from victims, started calling clients of the justice center.

When they did that, they found that victims were willing to talk and tell the navigators that they

needed a safe place to go to get away from their abuser, O'Malley said.

- Fewer hearings, longer wait times and other service cuts can be expected in Alameda County Superior Court after monthly furloughs of court staff that began this week, judicial leaders said.

In response to state funding cuts, one half of the county's trial court personnel are to be furloughed on the second Friday workday of each month and the other half on the fourth Friday workday.

Alameda County court officials already put a freeze on hiring.

The dates of the expected furloughs are today, July 31, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20 and Dec. 4 and 18. The furloughs may extend past December, judicial leaders said, if the county doesn't receive enough federal aid to end them sooner.

State funding is being cut for trial court operations across California by \$167.8 million. Of that amount, \$150 million could be restored if federal funds are received by Oct. 15, according to the Judicial Council.

Alameda County's share of the statewide Superior Court budget cuts is expected to be more than \$6 million. ■

—Ryan J. Degan and Bay City News Service

Joan Marlene Campanile

July 13, 1935 – June 18, 2020

Joan Marlene Campanile of Pleasanton peacefully entered into rest due to respiratory failure.

Joan was born in Omaha, Nebraska, moved to Oakland, CA in 1942 and graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1953. She went onto Business College to study shorthand, which she excelled at. She began working for Chabot Community College, Hayward in 1966 and later transferred to Las Positas Community College, Livermore as Secretary to the President. She retired in 1993 with many high honors.

Joan enjoyed traveling, animals, gardening and life at home. Joan was graceful, eloquent, sophisticated, mild mannered, caring, kind, thoughtful, compassionate, strong, very bright and just plain special. She made you feel special and loved. The day you meant Joan is the day you met an Angel. The memories of her will make you smile as she meant so much to every life she touched. She made anything dark become bright.

Joan is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Frank, devoted daughters, Valerie Ann Fontes of Copperopolis and Carrie Lynn Bradley of Livermore. Her love excelled for her grandsons Forrest Bradley and Nicholas Bradley.

Services were held Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, Pleasanton. She was laid to rest at Lone Tree Cemetery Mausoleum, Hayward.



PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 12

Drug violation

- 12:06 a.m. at Stoneridge Mall Road and Embarcadero Court

Warrant arrest

- 10:29 a.m. on the 5000 block of Owens Drive

- 5:57 p.m. on the 6200 block of Roslin Court

Burglary

- 11:13 a.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

Theft

- 2:21 p.m., 3900 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

- 3:08 p.m. on the 6700 block of Paseo San Ramon

- 5:44 p.m., 8000 block of Mountain View Drive; auto theft

July 11

Domestic battery

- 4:11 p.m. on Rosewood Drive

- 4:55 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

Burglary

- 12:25 p.m. on the 6200 block of Calle Fuego

- 7:17 p.m. on the 5600 block of Ellis Court

- 7:17 p.m. on the 5800 block of Corte Mente

- 9:24 p.m. on the 1300 block of Whispering Oaks Way

Theft

- 5:41 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

- 4:34 p.m. on the 4800 block of Ganner Court

- 7:17 p.m., 900 block of Summit Creek Court; bicycle theft

Assault/battery

- 5:25 p.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

- 6:11 p.m. on the 200 block of Main Street

July 10

Warrant arrest

- 6:53 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Theft

- 9:21 p.m. on the 2700 block of Maria Street

Burglary

- 10:38 p.m. on the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

July 9

Warrant arrest

- 3:14 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

July 8

Vandalism

- 10:14 a.m. on the 5900 block of Sterling Greens Circle

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Theft

- 4:28 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 6:20 p.m. on the 500 block of Bonita Avenue

July 7

Graffiti offense

- 8:40 a.m. on the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 11:49 a.m. on the 5200 block of Golden Road

Theft

- 10:01 a.m. on the 800 block of Hopkins Way

Vandalism

- 8:20 p.m. on the 2700 block of Laramie Gate Circle

Sex offenses

- 10:32 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

July 6

DUI

- 12:08 a.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and Coronado Lane

Robbery

- 12:28 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 9:11 a.m. on the 2500 block of Santa Rita Road

Vandalism

- 3:25 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street

- 5:29 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street

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LETTERS

Policing in Pleasanton

Dear Editor,

I applaud the Pleasanton Weekly for noting the urgency of a community debate on policing in Pleasanton in their recent editorial.

A June 14 online forum on "Racial Inequity in City Governance and Policing" organized by Unify Livermore provided the first opportunity for such a debate. The event was intended to encompass all the Tri-Valley and include the mayors and police chiefs of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. Indeed, the Dublin and Livermore mayors and chiefs of police, as well as Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, all participated in the forum.

Although Pleasanton Councilwoman Julie Testa also participated, Pleasanton's mayor and police chief missed a valuable opportunity to be part of this dialogue, which presented very poor optics for our city. In addition, I came away with less information about policing in our community as compared to Dublin and Livermore because of their absence.

As a result of the online forum, the Weekly's editorial, and citizen's speaking out at the June meeting of the city council, a special meeting of the Pleasanton city council is scheduled for July 14 with a single agenda item of policing (action plan), although residents are limited to three minutes to speak. A community listening session open to the public with an open mic format is also tentatively scheduled for July 21.

It is critical that residents of Pleasanton show up and make their voices heard at these meetings. We need to maintain momentum so that this timely issue doesn't just fade away.

—Ward Kanowsky

One solution to chronic underfunding

The economic crisis is hitting everyone hard, and Californians — including local governments and school districts — are facing unprecedented budget shortfalls. We've appreciated Gov. Newsom's leadership, but current budget proposals could mean more devastating cuts to historically underfunded communities, particularly those of color.

As we face these hardships, many corporations benefit from tax loopholes that drain resources from communities of color. The very resources that would correct decades of disinvestment. This is unacceptable. In November, we can change that.

The Schools & Communities First initiative, which qualified for

the ballot after garnering 1.7 million signatures of support, means \$12 billion every year for critical local services like hospitals and schools by closing corporate tax loopholes — while protecting homeowners and residents, small businesses, and agriculture from any changes.

Our analysis shows that 94% of the revenue would come from only 10% of the most under-assessed commercial and industrial properties in the state — meaning a fraction of top corporations would finally pay their fair share.

We can't afford corporate tax loopholes at the expense of our schools and communities.

—Kristen Sison
SRVUSD teacher

Virus deaths by city

Why has no investigative reporting been done of the Alameda County Health Department failing to tell people which cities have had coronavirus deaths. The department is putting peoples' health at risk by not keeping them informed.

—Mike Robertson

Congress should protect our elections

Do you know who's voting by mail this election? Donald Trump. And do you know who's making it harder for everyone else in the country to vote by mail in the middle of a global pandemic? That's right — Donald Trump.

He and other White House officials have gone on record with false claims against mail-in voting, even though it's one of the safest options for us to cast our ballots as the country recovers from this pandemic.

In the face of Trump's hypocrisy, I expect Congress to do the right thing and provide both economic relief and expanded funding for no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, and other options to make voting safer this November. These are all commonsense reforms that a vast majority of Americans support and changes that would help increase voter participation during and after this crisis.

Even though Congress allocated some funds to help states implement these voting reforms, without an additional \$3.6 billion in election assistance funding, some voters may not be able to make their voices heard during one of the most important elections of our lifetime.

We must prevent a situation where voters are forced to choose between protecting their health and casting a ballot — no matter what Trump says.

Congress has the ability to act right now and we need to make sure our representatives know that anything less than immediate action is unacceptable.

—Freyja Pettersen

Break the Outbreak

I want to inform Tri-Valley residents of a youth nonprofit that I'm a part of called Break the Outbreak (BTOB).

With more than 10 chapters across three states, BTOB is dedicated to supporting establishments heavily affected by the pandemic. We use donations to build face masks, shields, care packages and other protective equipment for businesses and their workers.

All our materials are high-quality and thoroughly sanitized. Our clients include Rigatoni's, Baja Fresh, Boba Guys, Tandoori Pizza and Pleasanton farmers' markets. In just three months, we have created and donated over \$3,500 worth of supplies to communities in the Tri-Valley Area and beyond.

The coronavirus outbreak presents a daily threat to our city's most vulnerable population. Behind the recent hike in coronavirus cases are the lax in social distancing guidelines, masks usage, and sanitation. Thousands of people of all ages are at risk. Through social media and virtual outreach, we hope to alleviate the consequences of COVID-19 and establish meaningful engagement among city residents.

To learn more about Break the Outbreak, please visit our website at breaktheoutbreak.org or our social accounts on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn.

—Kanchan Naik

Karla Brown for mayor

Join me and vote Karla Brown for mayor 2020. I have supported Karla on her first two wins for council and now I support her for mayor.

Karla has worked for eight years on the City Council fighting for slow and smart growth policies, ridgeline and hillside protection, and safe and clean drinking water. She wants to preserve our charming downtown, and does not support converting downtown restaurants and shops into multi-story housing!

I often see Karla Brown and her friends supporting veterans and the American Legion events

in Pleasanton. She told me many members of her family have served in the military, including her father who was an Air Force pilot in WWII and her brother who served in the Navy with a construction battalion in Vietnam.

Karla supported the Wounded Warrior fundraiser at Wente Vineyards, and I often see her at the Veterans' Hall with friends at events like Beer, Brats and Bingo, Turkey Bingo, Bunny Bingo and more.

Karla Brown is a proven leader who loves Pleasanton and our veterans. She is the right candidate to serve as Pleasanton's mayor in 2020.

—Sharon Morris

Congress must fund vote-by-mail in every state

The impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on all of our lives is clear. Even as some states begin to recover or even reopen, many of us are still worried for the health and well-being of our families, friends and colleagues.

But I'm also worried about the impact this crisis will have on our elections. After seeing how it impacted elections already this year in places like Wisconsin and Georgia, I'm scared this pandemic will jeopardize Americans' ability to vote in-person in the 2020 election.

While some states are taking steps to help people vote safely, Trump and his administration are going to great lengths to make mail-in voting seem like a voter-fraud scheme — even though Trump himself votes by mail. It's clear Congress needs to intervene and focus on what's right for the American people in every state: expanding vote-by-mail and other voting options.

To keep voters safe, we need our representatives in the House and Senate to provide states with emergency funding to ensure that every eligible American can safely cast their ballot through the mail, that they can register to vote online, and that any in-person polling places are safe for voters and poll workers.

For this election, we must protect every eligible voter's right to have a say in who is in office. The leaders we elect in 2020 can take actions that improve the health and well-being of all Americans, or put us at further risk.

Nothing less than our democracy is at stake.

—Katarina Amadora

What's your opinion?

Send a Letter to the Editor to Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com or put your opinion on Town Square at www.PleasantonWeekly.com. Letters must be 250 words or less.

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.

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, 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, 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.

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.

Outdoor Recreation

EXPLORE THE CREEK Join Ranger Amy and explore what's lurking in the shallows of the creek. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet. All ages welcome. Sunday, July 19 at 2 p.m. RSVP by calling 960-2400 or awolitzer.larpd.org. Sycamore

Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road, Livermore.

AAUW JOY OF NATURE GARDEN WALK 2020 Celebrate outdoor beauty and stroll through 5 spectacular private gardens in Danville and Alamo today and tomorrow. Proceeds support scholarships for local women attending university. All participants will wear masks and observe social distancing. <https://daw-ca.aauw.net/garden/>

Seniors

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

Rally

NO ON PROP. 16 TRI-VALLEY CAR RALLY Join the District 16 No to Prop 16 Car Rally at 10:30 a.m. on July 18. Police will be on site and masks are required. Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, 4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. For more information contact: <https://StopProp16.org>.

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/K. CAUGHELL

He's the Maestro

A master cuddler, master purrer and master meower, this large senior cat will be an artful addition to your home. Polite and friendly, Maestro is looking for a home in which to spend the rest of his nine lives. While Valley Humane Society remains closed during the shelter-in-place, it is coordinating adoptions by appointment with approved adopters. Reach out via email to info@valleyhumane.org for more information.

Environment

DROUGHT-PROOF YOUR HOME Guest Chris Dundon from Contra Costa Water District will focus on the landscape and will show how to beautify your yard, improve property value and conserve one of our most precious resources. July 22, 7-8 p.m. Broadcast using Zoom, register on Eventbrite.

Government Meetings

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING The next Pleasanton City Council meeting is scheduled for

the evening of July 21 at 6:30 p.m. — expected to be held virtually due to the pandemic related shelter order. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov for more details.

Career

COMPLIMENTARY PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS Nina Pomeroy Photography, based in Pleasanton, will be producing complimentary headshots to include with resumes and post to job sites. Open to anyone currently unemployed, but participants are asked to visit HeadshotBooker.com for details. July 22, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Brookfield Property, 3251 20th Ave., San Francisco.

Employment

Senior Software Engineer

Senior Software Engineer sought by Hint, Inc. (dba HintMD). Pleasanton, CA. Full-time, 40 Hours/week, Long Term. Write computer codes for payment facilitator platform; create and build API; fix production issues; test software. Master's in Computer Science; 10yr experience in Software Engineer or related; Skills in Java, Spring, Spring Boot, Junit, REST API, Relational Database, NoSQL Database, Hibernate, Maven, Git. Send resume to Hint, Inc., 7901 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 150, Pleasanton, CA 94588 and reference Senior Software Engineer position to apply.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF Alameda Case No.: HG20065646 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Sandra Marie Nayebi filed a petition

with this court for a decree changing name as follows: Sandra Marie Nayebi to Sandra Marie Plunkett. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: July 31, 2020, 11:00 a.m., Dept. 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020. Judge Desautels, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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Livermore Lab Foundation scholars

By EMMA HALL

Two students from the University of California, Merced — Jose Garcia-Esparza, a computer science major, and Teagan Zuniga, a political science major — have each been awarded the Livermore Lab Foundation one-year scholarship.

The \$15,000 scholarship includes an internship and the opportunity to participate in the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Data Science Summer Institute. Both students began their internship with LLNL on May 26 as the first-ever recipients from UC Merced.



Jose Garcia-Esparza



Teagan Zuniga

"Both Jose and Teagan have been interested in STEM-related programs and specifically data science and its real world applications for several years." Dona Crawford,

chair of the Livermore Lab Foundation, said in a statement. "They are great role models for our future generation of scientists and engineers."

The foundation will support each student with their educational and living expenses as they focus on their studies, internship, and what to do after graduation.

Garcia-Esparza and Zuniga both have been praised for their academic achievements and research. According to Gregg Camfield, executive vice chancellor and provost, their excellence is emblematic of the goals of UC Merced.

"We are excited to further our involvement with both organizations and for the experiential learning opportunities this affords to Teagan and Jose and future UC Merced students," he said in a statement.

Last year, the foundation awarded its scholarship to Alan Noun from Cal State East Bay. Noun graduated this year and is pursuing a career in software development.

The foundation was created to supply opportunities and support for scientific research, innovative technology, and educational endeavors at LLNL. The foundation aims to advance fundamental knowledge, create impactful technologies that enhance human health, safety and quality of life. ■

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Real Estate

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (May 11-15)

Total sales reported: 7
Lowest sale reported: \$638,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,860,000
Average sales reported: \$950,000

Dublin (May 11-15)

Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$440,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,460,000
Average sales reported: \$875,000

Livermore (May 11-15)

Total sales reported: 8
Lowest sale reported: \$325,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,210,000
Average sales reported: \$671,000

San Ramon (June 8-12)

Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$385,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,525,000
Average sales reported: \$875,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 11-15 for Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, and June 8-12 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4127 Amberwood Circle** M. Zang to E. & A. Saunders for \$682,000
- 1424 Calle Enrique** Colvin Family Trust to A. Hartman for \$725,000
- 4525 Entrada Court** Campbell Living Trust to T. Perry for \$950,000
- 53 Golf Road** Bisnette Trust to M. & S. Layegh for \$1,860,000
- 1931 Paseo Del Cajon** L. & H. Buehler to D. & R. Lange for \$1,301,500
- 3823 Vine Street** J. Norton to S. & S. Landrey for \$638,000
- 3516 Whitehall Court** T. & I. Hill to N. & R. Domingo for \$1,126,000

Dublin

- 4719 Brannigan Street** A. & B. Cardella to E. Borrelli for \$785,000
- 7129 Calistoga Lane** E. & R. Savage to A. & A. Shah for \$890,000
- 3871 Camino Loop** S. Khan to F. Lim for \$820,000
- 7911 Castilian Road** M. & W. Aerni to K. & A. Burtch for \$910,000
- 7577 Frederiksen Court** Jewell Living Trust to I. & N. Laderas for \$875,000
- 7413 Oxford Circle** J. Macdougall to J. & L. Becerra for \$650,000
- 4717 Perugia Street** L. & K. Prahallad to Thomas Living Trust for \$680,000
- 3339 Ridgefield Way** W. Mao to S. & G. Suravajhula for \$1,380,000
- 6982 Stagecoach Road #C D.** Walker to Allison Living Trust for \$440,000
- 2956 Stringham Way** S. & S. Kim to P. & D. Burman for \$918,000
- 1756 South Terracina Drive** K. & K. Katragadda to B. & S. Barathan for \$1,460,000

Source: California REsource

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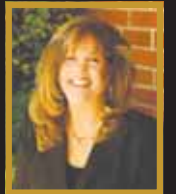


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5 BD | 3.5 BA | 6,000 SF

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Soar Like an Eagle to the Grey Eagle Gated Community. Drive to the End of Grey Eagle Court to Your Own Private Lane. Arrive at this Secluded Hilltop Custom Home that You Can Now Make Your Own! Panoramic Views and Privacy Highlight this 5.24 Acre Private Estate Located on Pleasanton's Eastern Hills. Enjoy Wine Made from Your Personal Hillside Cabernet Sauvignon Vineyard. This Property also Includes a Large Expansive Deck, Inground Newly Refinished Wet Edge Pool/Spa, and Outdoor Kitchen Area. The Main House is approximately 6,000 Square Feet with Five Bedrooms, Office, Bonus Room, Exercise Room & Three and One-Half Bathrooms, Remodeled Gourmet Chefs Kitchen, and Expansive Master Suite with Retreat. Also Included is a Newer Detached 1,140 Square Foot Entertainment Pavilion/Guest Quarters Combination with Infinity Edge Hidden Wine Tasting Room and Expansive Cellar. Homes in this Neighborhood Rarely Become Available. Don't Miss it! Offered at \$3,500,000. Private Showings Include a Pour of the Delicious Nectar coming from these Quality Grapes looking through Picture Windows that Frame Mount Diablo. Call Now for your Private Showing!

OFFERED AT \$3,500,000

OAK PARK



248 TOMAS WAY, PLEASANTON

3 BD | 2 BA | 1,600 SF

Completely Remodeled & Customized Single-Family Detached Home in Desirable Oak Park! Don't Miss This One! It's Better than New, Because It Has Everything & It's Ready for You Now! Over \$400K in Upgrades in Last 3 Years! Don't Miss Seeing the Comprehensive Features/Upgrades List. Remodeled Chefs Gourmet Kitchen, Remodeled Bathrooms, New Hardwood Flooring, New Windows, Wood Covered Vaulted Ceilings in Great Room with Recessed LED Lighting & Wood Beams, Indoor Laundry Room, Tile Roof, Completely Re-Landscaped with Paver Patio, Built-In BBQ and Newer Fencing! Walk to Main Street, Mission Hills & Neighborhood Park, Oak Hills Shopping Center (Raley's Plus), and Award-Winning Hearst Elementary and Pleasanton Middle Schools. Essentially a Custom Home in a Premium Location!

View the virtual tour & 3D tour @ 248Tomas.com

OFFERED AT \$1,195,500

OLDE TOWNE — DOWNTOWN



4890 COBBLER COURT, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 2.5 BA | 3,602 SF

Don't Miss This Remodeled and Expanded "Olde Towne" Home Near Main Street. Premium .37 Acre Lot, Quiet Court Location, Panoramic Views, Remodeled Gourmet Kitchen and Bathrooms. Newer Dual Pane Windows, Newer Wood Floors & Carpet, Four Bedrooms, Two and One-Half Bathrooms, Game Room, Large Bonus Room (Potential Downstairs Suite), Approximately 3602 Square Feet, Upgraded Dimensional Roof, Large Private Backyard Includes: Heritage Oak Tree, Pleasanton Ridge & Panoramic Views, Raised Planter Boxes, Potting Shed (Outbuilding), Chicken Coop, Short Walk (5 minutes) to Main Street, Nearby Parks and Award Winning Schools!

View the virtual tour & 3D tour @ 4890Cobbler.com

OFFERED AT \$1,879,000

VENTANA HILLS



997 SHERMAN WAY, PLEASANTON

5 BD | 3 BA | 3,179 SF

Upgraded & Remodeled in 2012- Large Gibson Model in Ventana Hills. Five Bedrooms (One suite Downstairs), Includes Upstairs Expansive Master Suite with Fireplace & Extra Retreat Area for Possible (Office, Nursery or Exercise Area) Three Remodeled Full Bathrooms. Quality Engineered Wood Floors Throughout (2014), Newer Windows, Built-In Wet/Wine Bar, Security Alarm System, Upgraded Dual Furnace & Air Conditioning Units, Immaculately Maintained Home, Beautiful Recently Re-Landscaped Grounds with Built-In Outdoor Kitchen Area, Remodeled Gourmet Kitchen, Crown Molding, Views of Surrounding Oak Studded Hills. Walk to Mission Park & Main Street, Great Award winning Schools, and Convenient Commuter Access. Don't Miss This One!

View the virtual tour & 3D tour @ 997Sherman.com

OFFERED AT \$1,799,000

VENTANA HILLS



1039 NELSON COURT, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 3 BA | 3,050 SF

Spectacular Highly Upgraded, Remodeled & Expanded Ventana Hills Home on Premium Secluded Lot! Panoramic Views of Oak Studded Bonde & Pleasanton Ridges. Backs to Permanent Open Space. Beautifully Landscaped Private Grounds with In-Ground Solar Heated Pool & Spa. Expanded Gourmet Kitchen, Newer Upgraded Fully Cased Windows (Sizes Expanded), Crown Molding, Plantation Shutters, Automated Window Shades (LR & DR). Four Spacious Bedrooms Includes Upstairs Expansive Master Suite and Downstairs Secondary Bedroom. Hardwood Floors & Newer Carpet. Great Court Location-Walk to Mission Park & Main Street, Great Schools, and Convenient Commuter Access. Original Owner Had First Choice of Any Lot in Ventana Hills. Don't Miss This One!

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SOLD FOR \$1,875,000

ALAMO



21 SUSAN COURT, ALAMO

3 BD | 2 BA | 3,498 SF

Upgraded Westside Single Level Alamo Home on Premium .57 Acre Lot Situated on Quiet Court! Over \$200K in Upgrades in Last Couple of Years. Beautiful Grounds with Recently Upgraded Landscaping. Secluded Backyard with In-Ground Pool & Spa. Home Has Owned Solar Power System For Energy Savings. Room for Guest House-Casita. Excellent Location Provides Short Walk to Shopping & Restaurants, and the Iron Horse Trail. Excellent Schools! Private Automated Driveway Gate, Three Car Garage & Large Motorhome/RV Fenced Storage Area. Great Room with Rustic Wood Floors & Newer Large Gas Burning Fireplace Opens to Chef's Gourmet Kitchen, Spacious Master Suite with Fireplace and Spa-Like Master Bathroom, Custom Millwork Throughout, Lots of Natural Light.

View the virtual tour & 3D walk through @ 21Susan.com

SOLD FOR \$2,500,000

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NEW LISTING

3802 Kamp Drive, Pleasanton
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OFFERED AT \$1,025,000



PENDING BEFORE GOING TO MARKET

7285 Beaumont Court, Pleasanton
5bd/4.5ba, 5,329+/-sq.ft, 14,810+/-sq.ft lot
OFFERED AT \$2,550,000



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OFFERED AT \$1,525,000



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2782 Turnstone Drive, Pleasanton
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OFFERED AT \$1,219,000



SOLD \$31K OVER ASKING WITH 5 OFFERS

4122 Clarinbridge Circle, Dublin
2bd/2.5ba, 1,401+/-sq.ft
SOLD FOR \$680,000



SOLD \$19K OVER ASKING WITH 2 OFFERS

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4bd/2ba, 2,201+/-sq.ft, 6,560+/-sq.ft lot
SOLD FOR \$1,268,000



SOLD \$35K OVER ASKING WITH 4 OFFERS

7147 Newcastle Lane, Dublin
3bd/2ba, 1,288+/-sq.ft, 6,612+/-sq.ft lot
SOLD FOR \$810,000



SOLD \$76K OVER ASKING

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4bd/3ba, 2,042+/-sq.ft, 14,643+/-sq.ft lot
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