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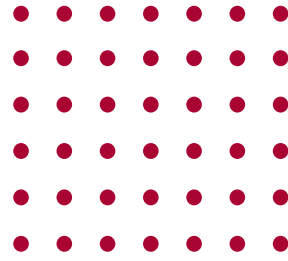
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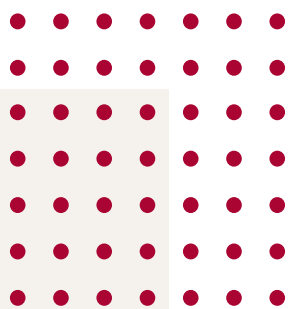
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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## Buzzkill Labs progressing on tech to test impairment

Three years ago Tom Olenic and George Farquar set out to use cutting-edge technology to solve a vexing problem for employers and law enforcement — how to efficiently determine whether a person was impaired from marijuana.

Olenic is a serial life entrepreneur while Farquar spent 10 years working at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on chemical analysis before joining Olenic as a serial entrepreneur. Since leaving the lab, he's been part of four different startups with Buzzkill Labs in Livermore being the latest.

With recreational marijuana now legal in 11 states and medical marijuana legal in 33, it's a big problem. Unlike alcohol that is water-soluble so breath, urine and blood tests are all reliable, the active ingredient in marijuana, THC, is fat-soluble. Urine tests can determine past use, but cannot determine current impairment.

For law enforcement pursuing an illegal-impairment case, that means getting a warrant after the arrest, bringing in a person to draw blood and then awaiting the test results. It's very expensive. Officials have designed a field test specifically for the mental impairment caused by THC that can provide probable cause for an arrest.

In their discussion with police departments, the immediate question becomes when can they get a unit? Current testing programs can determine if a person has used THC, but cannot quantify the degree of impairment.

Think about a person driving a bus or heavy equipment or a construction worker on a ladder or a high-rise building. It's legal for them to have smoked a joint after work or eaten a marijuana edible the night before.

The Buzzkill solution is tests using a simple saliva swab. Farquar already has proved the concept based on a series of tubes and plungers, and they've now developed their first prototype that they are refining. The next step is to bring it to market on a pilot basis early next year.

They've poured all of their time and money into developing the machine that will be completely automated once the swab sample is inserted. They've outsourced the engineering to the same company that serves 10X Genomics and its life science analytic tools.

They've been working in the basement of the incubator Daybreak Labs

on Second Street in downtown Livermore. As a true startup, they painted their space themselves as well as hanging a drop ceiling.

When the pandemic hit and the incubator shutdown, Farquar set up a lab in his garage. He was doing double-duty because his first-grade daughter was home. His wife works for Lawrence Livermore so he was dad, teacher and researcher. Their chief chemist was working in his kitchen and then riding his bike across Livermore to deliver the samples to Farquar for processing.

Their machine is designed to deliver results in less than 15 minutes after the saliva sample is collected. It weighs less than 20 pounds and will operate by pushing one button. In addition, it will have the capability to test a variety of drugs: THC, morphine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, 6-acetylmorphine, phencyclidine and amphetamine/methamphetamine, to name a few.

Their goal is to produce a finished product for around \$20,000 that they can rent to agencies based upon the number of tests they conduct. Each test requires a disposable sample that potentially becomes the cash flow for Buzzkill. It's why the razor companies will give you the razor so they can sell you the blades — same concept.

The company started with \$1.2 million in seed funding and Olenic now is starting to raise the next round from venture capitalists in the \$3 million to \$3.5 million range. This will allow Buzzkill to start to scale and develop the sales and marketing teams as well as ramp up manufacturing.

They believe the market and opportunity is huge as marijuana continues to be legalized and employers become increasingly concerned about testing potential impaired workers. Worldwide, Buzzkill's white paper estimates that the drug screening market was \$7.1 billion in 2019 and is expected to double by 2027. Positive tests for marijuana increased significantly from 2015-18

These trends effect worker productivity, on-the-job injuries and workers comp claims as well as additional health problems driving up insurance rates. The Buzzkill founders believe they have developed the right technology to address this big problem. Despite the COVID-19 remote working, they plan to hit the market next year. ■

### About the Cover

Pleasanton's Frey family — (from left) Lydia, Andy, Julie and Annika — enjoy hiking in the Tian Shan mountain range while living in Kazakhstan, working and studying at Almaty International School. Contributed photo. Cover design by Amy Levine. Vol. XXI, Number 17

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## What do your parents do that makes you really wag your tail or purr?



### **Buddy**

*Personal trainer*

My dad takes me absolutely everywhere with him and I really love that. Especially our long walks into downtown, and trips to the creek where I find sticks for him to throw into the water for me to retrieve. Wag, wag, wag!



### **Koa**

*College student*

My mom makes me really happy by understanding my personality. She knows when I want attention, versus when I'd like to be left alone to just enjoy some peaceful time by myself. She also helps me get up to high places because she knows I like them, but am not the greatest jumper. Especially for a cat.



### **Millie**

*Retired*

My dad lets me sit on his lap during his Zoom calls and even allows me to make occasional appearances on screen. He and my mom also give me back scratches that feel soooooo goooooood!



### **Charlie**

*Sidekick*

My parents cuddle with me and rub my tummy every single morning when I first wake up. It is a wonderful way to start the day! Especially when followed by a nice walk to the park.



### **(another) Buddy**

*Loyal companion*

My parents go to great lengths to make me feel secure, safe and happy. This includes bringing me with them everywhere they go because I just hate to be home alone.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### City Permit Center

The city of Pleasanton's Permit Center, which has been operating primarily via online and phone service in order to adhere to county health guidelines amid the COVID-19 pandemic, is now offering limited in-person appointments for select services.

The Permit Center oversees applications related to building and safety standards, planning projects, business licenses, engineering and landscape architecture. To seek out an in-person appointment or to learn more, go to the Permit Center webpage at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov).

### Miller not running

The Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees will have at least one new member after the November general election, with Trustee Amy Miller announcing that she will not be seeking re-election.

Originally appointed to the board in September 2010 and re-elected for two subsequent full terms, Miller said that she had known for a while that she would not run for a fourth term.

"Serving this community has been one of the most fulfilling (and challenging, the past couple of years), experiences of my lifetime," Miller stated in her announcement. "Being so involved in our schools has kept me relevant and helped me to restart my career where I left off 20 years ago. I'm excited to be back in the workforce, helping people and doing work I love."

Miller's departure leaves the Area 1 seat open, a district which encompasses the southern half of west Dublin. Kristin Wright Pelham is the only resident of Area 1 so far to declare their intent to run for the seat.

### TV30 news shows

Tri-Valley Community Television is broadcasting the latest episode of the news interview program "Supervisor's Report," featuring host Catharine Baker (remotely) interviewing local Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley along with special guest Dr. Nicholas Moss, interim county health officer.

The show includes updates on the COVID-19 crisis and shelter-in-place order in Alameda County, including the recent surge of new cases, school reopenings, testing, contact tracing, and fact checks on face masks and social distancing.

"Supervisor's Report" is airing on TV30 and other TCTV stations, and can be streamed at [tv30.org](http://tv30.org). The public access station also has new episode of "Mayor's Report," with Baker interviewing mayors Jerry Thorne, John Marchand and David Haubert about topics such as COVID-19, outdoor dining and policing policies. ■

## Sheriff's office mourning two employees who died after battling COVID-19

Technician Valerie Leon, Deputy Oscar Rocha succumbed to virus a day apart

By JEREMY WALSH

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office is grieving the losses of two longtime employees who died at different hospitals less than 24 hours apart last week from complications caused by COVID-19.

Deputy Oscar Rocha, a nearly 25-year department veteran from Danville, died at 6:45 p.m. July 23 at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek after battling a serious case of the coronavirus for more than a month.

Then the next evening, at 6:30 p.m. July 24, sheriff's technician



Valerie Leon



Oscar Rocha

Valerie Leon succumbed to the virus at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Modesto.

"Once again, it is with a heavy heart we must announce the passing of one of our own," Sheriff Gregory Ahern said in a statement Saturday.

"Valerie was just a wonderful and loving person with a bright smile. She loved her job, community, family and friends. We are truly heartbroken at her passing."

Of Rocha, Sgt. Tya M. Modeste said last Friday, "He was a well-known deputy, well-liked."

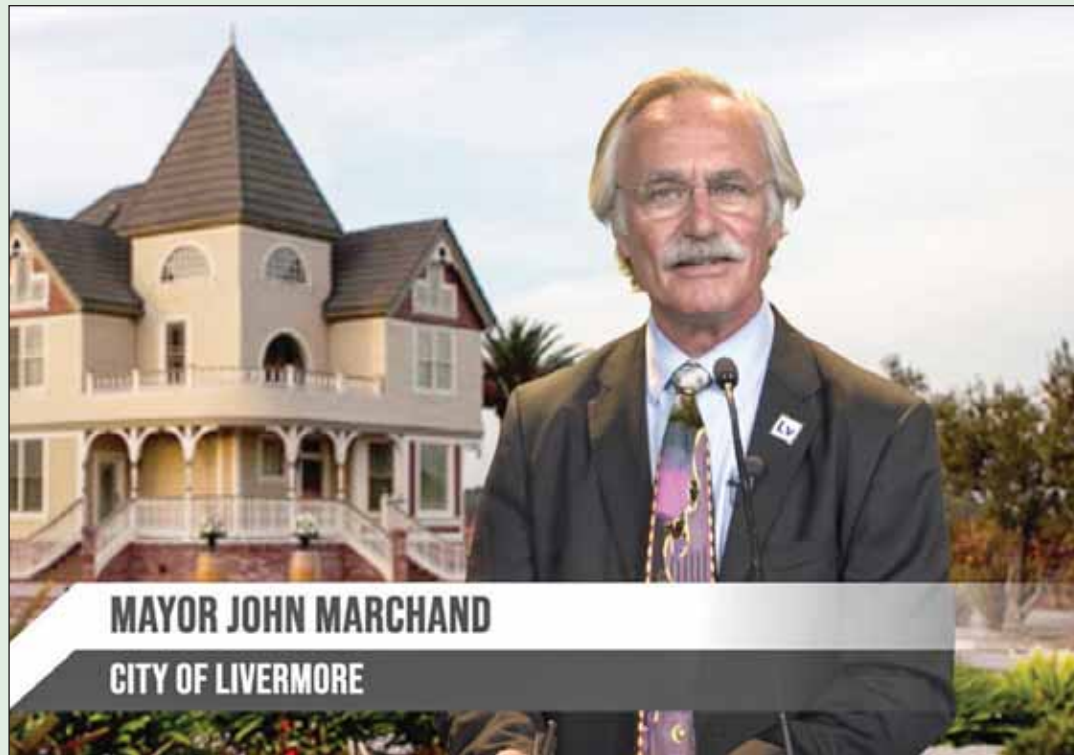
"He was a really hard worker. He loved being a deputy-sheriff," added Modeste, who worked alongside Rocha earlier in her career. "He was very passionate about the work that we do, and that people were doing the job the way they were supposed to do."

Rocha and Leon are the first ACSO employees to die as a result of COVID-19 since the pandemic hit the Bay Area in mid-March. Each received salutes from uniformed colleagues as their body, draped in the U.S. flag, was wheeled on a gurney outside the hospital and coroner's bureau.

Memorial services for each are pending.

Flags at the State Capitol in Sacramento were flown at half-staff to honor Rocha as well as Los Angeles

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Livermore Mayor John Marchand delivered his final State of the City address via video on July 23.

## State of the City goes virtual

Marchand talks Livermore's COVID-19 response, downtown revitalization, homelessness, public safety and more

By CIERRA BAILEY

"This is different than I ever imagined," Livermore Mayor John Marchand said after removing his face mask to deliver his final State of the City address, remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom last week.

An online audience of about 130 people, consisting of city officials, business leaders and community members, attended the virtual event hosted by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce with technology

partner, Amos Productions. In previous years, the mayor has delivered his addresses in-person during a formal luncheon at Concannon Vineyard.

Marchand kicked off his 226-slide presentation on July 23 by outlining the council's priorities, which include moving forward with the downtown revitalization project, continuing to manage the city's assets, encouraging technological innovation, expanding the diversity of affordable housing opportunities in the city and

establishing a strategy to address homelessness.

With 57% of the city's budget going to the police and fire departments, Marchand named public safety as another one of Livermore's top priorities.

The council's new Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee co-chaired by council members Bob Woerner and Trish Munro and a subsequent working group composed of community members were also spotlighted during the

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## Candidate lists start to shape up

Filing deadline for local elections is 5 p.m. Aug. 7

By JEREMY WALSH

The candidate lists for local elections in the Tri-Valley are beginning to come into view with one week left before the candidacy nomination deadline.

Pleasanton so far has seven prospective candidates for City Council, six for mayor and five for school board, as of press time Wednesday. Multiple incumbents and newcomers have pursued candidacy for city, school and special district elections in Livermore and Dublin as well.

The nomination filing period continues until 5 p.m. next Friday (Aug. 7). That deadline would be extended five calendar days, to Aug. 12, for challengers only in an election in which an eligible incumbent chooses not to run or doesn't file by the Aug. 7 deadline.

The city of Pleasanton will have its mayoral position and two City Council seats completely change hands in the Nov. 3 election, because incumbent Mayor Jerry Thorne and council members Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin are termed out of their positions.

Pentin and Brown, however, are among the six residents who have pulled nomination papers for mayor. The other prospective candidates are Druthi Ghanta, Monith Ilavarasan, Gary Thomas and Tom Turpel. Only Ilavarasan had returned the paperwork and qualified for the ballot as

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# Glazer calls for a second lockdown for most of California

Local reopening variances would be excluded under legislator's proposal

By JULIA BAUM

Tri-Valley State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) is leaning on Gov. Gavin Newsom to enact another shelter-in-place policy for most parts of California until the COVID-19 virus is under control, including a mandatory two-week quarantine for certain individuals.

During a virtual press conference last week, Glazer unveiled his proposal for a set of new restrictions that he said are necessary to keep the virus from spreading out of control, and also "to support vulnerable people while setting transparent metrics for reopening the economy."

"With this crisis on the verge of spiraling out of control, the

only question we should be asking is, what will it take to lower infection rates?" Glazer said. "At this point, we have no choice but to take tough measures, while we simultaneously act to help those in need. Our lives and our livelihood depend on us to move forward as Californians unified against this deadly virus."

Following Newsom's announcement that the state's rising case-load demands limited interaction to contain the spread, Glazer said



Steve Glazer

time is of the essence and that the state's current policies are hurting its own attempts to protect public health and invigorate the economy.

"We can't wait another four to six weeks to see if the measures now in place will do the job," Glazer said. "If they don't, the virus will be completely out of control. We need to act now to ensure that doesn't happen."

"More people are getting sick, more people are dying, and people won't shop or invest until it's safe to do so," he added. "We need to control the virus in order to restart the economy."

Glazer suggested measures that include renewing shelter-in-place

orders for counties with positive test rates of greater than 2% over a 14-day period, and requiring residents to stay home except for essential work, essential shopping, or to seek medical care.

During that time, grocery stores over a certain size would need to provide curbside pick-up of orders placed online, and meal delivery programs for seniors and other vulnerable residents would be expanded. Unemployment or direct assistance would also be increased for affected workers.

Counties under shelter-in-place orders could not reopen using a process that grants local variances to the statewide order, and a 14-day quarantine period would

apply for anyone entering the state from another state or country with a positive test rate of greater than 2%, including California residents.

The rule would also apply to anyone entering the state from anywhere that does not report its positive test rate on a daily basis.

A county that falls below the 2% threshold would be required to continue sheltering "if it is adjacent to or in the same Metropolitan Area as a county with a rate greater than 2%." Restrictions would be lifted in phases "when thresholds are met on positive test rates; and when sufficient testing and sufficient contact tracing standards are met." ■

## 'We need you.' Female students recognized for STEM achievements

Sandia Labs group awards local high-schoolers

By EMMA HALL

The Sandia Women's Connection Math and Science Awards honored 26 female high-schoolers, including a handful from the Tri-Valley, for their accomplishments in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

"Women often bring a different and important perspective to their work, and we all benefit from that," State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) said during the online award ceremony. "We will continue to need your bright minds to join the ranks (of STEM fields) and help solve some of society's hardest challenges."

The host of the award ceremony, Sandia Women's Connections, holds the annual awards program to help introduce female students to careers and STEM opportunities through the Sandia internship program.

"We are proud of you because we know that the accomplishments that brought you here require

perseverance and determination," said Marcey Hoover, director of the energy and homeland security program management center at Sandia.

"Through young women like you, we will continue to make strides in having more diverse mathematicians, engineers and scientists. This is really important because it takes diverse approaches in thinking to solve complex problems," Hoover added.

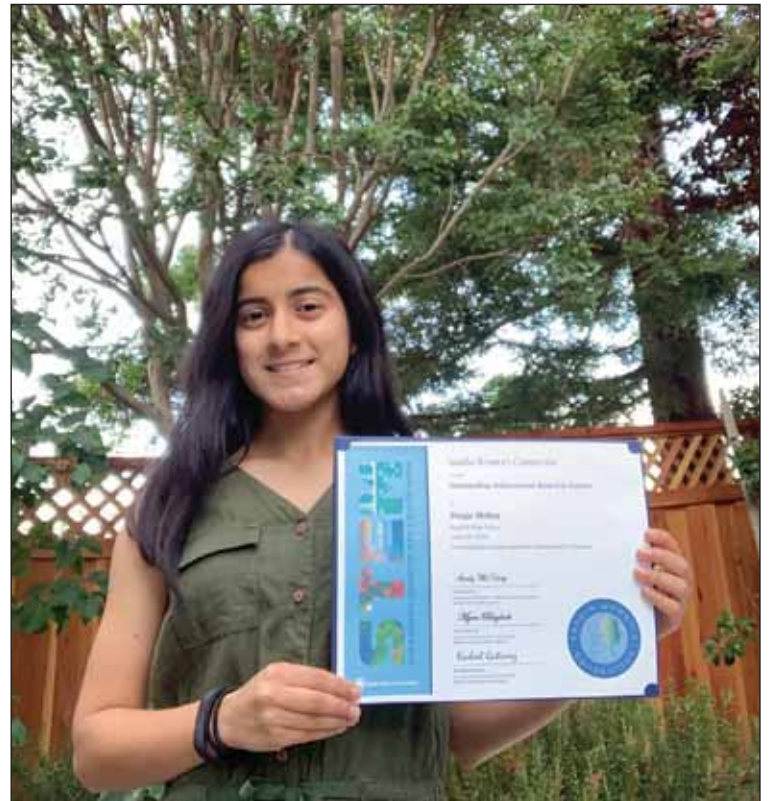
Award recipients in the Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics included Ekaterina Osipova (Amador Valley), Lilly Jiang (Dublin), Andrea Cheng (Foothill), Tida Ngov (Granada), Kiara Kelly-Montoya (Castlemont), Cristina Pineda Carranza, (Lathrop), Paige Felkins (Lincoln), Nevaeh Thompson (Merrill F West), Emma Brown (Millennium Charter), Jaquelen Gómez, (Oakland), Christy Ko (Oakland Technical), Samantha Ivey (Skyline) and Natasha Rodriguez-Zanuto (Tracy).

For Outstanding Achievement in

Science, the recipients were Jocelyn Zhu (Amador Valley), Audrey Kwan (Dublin), Pooja Mehta (Foothill), Emily Macias (Granada), Manvitha Nandamuri (Livermore), Tricia Mae Albano (Lathrop), Isabella Costigliolo (Lincoln), Shannon Le (Manteca), Zeenat Entezar (Millennium Charter), Sahityasree Subramanian (Mountain House), Mia Pollard (Oakland), Samantha Ivey (Skyline) and Mysha Mamsa (Tracy).

Award winners are paired with female scientists, engineers and mathematicians at Sandia who fulfill a mentorship. Following the award ceremony, recipients had the opportunity to connect one-on-one with their female mentors to discuss academic plans and careers in STEM.

Due to COVID-19, the award ceremony was held online rather than a physical event. Despite this change, the ceremony included prerecorded remarks from elected officials, including one from U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore).



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Foothill High School student Pooja Mehta was awarded for Outstanding Achievement in Science.

"The number of women in science and engineering is, thankfully, finally growing, but the scarcity of women in STEM fields is a persisting problem. We need you," Swalwell said. "That's why I'm so

excited to offer my sincere congratulations to all of you. You have shown that anything you set your minds to, you can achieve, and that no obstacle can prevent you from future success." ■

## BART board told COVID-19 resurgence is hurting budget further

'I don't see how BART is going to survive,' Director Ames says

BART officials told the agency's Board of Directors last week that the Bay Area's COVID-19 coronavirus resurgence has BART already falling behind on its revenue projections for fiscal year 2021, which began July 1.

BART officials said the agency is likely to receive nearly \$40 million less than the \$416 million it requested from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic

Security (CARES) Act.

BART ridership is also trending closer to its slower projected ramp-up, in which the agency would reach 15% of its pre-pandemic annual ridership during the fiscal year, than its faster projected ramp-up, which included a 50% ridership goal for the fiscal year.

Board Director Liz Ames said BART could consider finding additional funding by taking out loans or reducing daily service,

but the state of the agency is dire in either scenario.

"I don't see how BART is going to survive," she said during the July 23 meeting. "I mean I don't want to say bankruptcy but this is a fiscal emergency."

BART passed its fiscal year 2021 budget last month after making roughly \$200 million in cuts from the preliminary budget the agency considered in mid-May.

The final budget punted on planned funding for things like

new hires and BART officials touted that the budget avoided making cuts or to existing staff or furloughing them. However, that budget was predicated on CARES Act funding and fare revenue sitting at the midpoint between 15% and 50% of pre-pandemic ridership.

Board Director Janice Li said part of BART's lack of ridership increases and the Bay Area's coronavirus surge in general falls at the feet of President Donald Trump.

"It's hard for me to be optimistic until we get past November when we have a president of this country who sees mask-wearing as political," Li said.

BART officials are expected to meet again with the board later this year to determine whether revisions to the fiscal year 2021 budget are necessary. The agency has planned to consider such revisions each quarter, starting in October. ■

— Bay City News Service

# Livermore winery replacing blend as part of #endSupremacy initiative

Neighboring vintner promotes awareness for African American winemakers

By RIVA CHOPRA

Nottingham Cellars in Livermore is discontinuing its flagship red blend, Supremacy, upon deciding that the name is insensitive to the Black community.

The move comes as part of the Vasco Road winery's #endSupremacy initiative, a wider effort on the part of the Nottingham team to expand inclusion in the winemaking industry. Nottingham Cellars is owned by Collin Cranor with his parents Jeff and Diane Cranor of Danville.

"When Nottingham Cellars opened its doors in 2009, the Supremacy program was launched in hopes to capture and represent the best that the Livermore Valley had to offer. It was never their intention for it to represent anything other than the pinnacle of winemaking here in the valley," explained Jeremy Troupe-Masi, Collin Cranor's partner on the initiative.

"With that being said, regardless of their initial intent, the name is insensitive and after eight vintages, they decided enough was enough," Troupe-Masi said. "In 2016, Collin Cranor and his father Jeff made the decision that this vintage would be the last for the flagship. In light of all that is

happening, we made the decision that rather than let the name simply fade away, we would make a statement and launch this #endSupremacy initiative."

The initiative aims to create "a future of inclusion and taking an active stance to end systemic oppression," according to a statement on the winery's website.

Nottingham is working to develop a successor to Supremacy, though details are still being finalized.

As they sell the remaining inventory of Supremacy, 15% of all sales will go to the Oakland chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. with a goal of raising \$30,000. They will continue donating 15% of all sales even after the Supremacy inventory is depleted.

100 Black Men of America, Inc. is an organization that "serves to create environments where our children are motivated to achieve and to empower our people to become self-sufficient shareholders in the economic and social fabric of the communities they serve," according to Troupe-Masi.

The Cranor family first learned of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. when they met chairman Thomas W. Dortch in 2017 and were

impressed by the mission statement of the organization and, more significantly, the results that the organization was able to produce.

"(Dortch's) passion for our wines was undeniable, and conversations of making wine for the organization began," Troupe-Masi said. He explained that Nottingham Cellars then created a red blend called 'Significant GSM', and 100% of the proceeds of this wine are directed back to 100 Black Men of America, Inc. to support the group's programs.

"When it came to doing more with the #endSupremacy program, we knew immediately that we wanted to do more to feed this vast and powerful team and organization," he stated.

"Our long-term goal is to work alongside their local Oakland chapter, further developing their hospitality sector," Troupe-Masi continued. "We believe that this program will begin to serve as the bridge that connects us to talented, hungry, and motivated young (African American professionals) looking to make a difference."

Nottingham Cellars is not alone in its push for more racial awareness in the wine industry.

Enter Phil Long, owner and



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Phil Long (middle), owner of Longevity Wines, attends a 2019 event in the Livermore Valley with Mac McDonald, founder of the AAV, and his wife Lil.

operator of Longevity Wines and a San Ramon resident. Longevity Wines, located near Nottingham Cellars on Vasco Road, is one of approximately two dozen Black-owned wineries in the United States.

Earlier this year, Long was appointed president of the Association of African-American Vintners (AAAV). Founded by Mac McDonald in 2002, the AAAV's mission is to promote awareness of Black winemakers and winegrowers in the industry, promote their products, and, most importantly, "pave

a path for future generations of African-Americans in this industry," Long explained.

"We have a scholarship fund with the United Negro College Fund for African-American winemakers, vinologists and viticulturalists," Long said. "We are partnering with several other entities to pave a path for more scholarships from level one all the way to master's. We're also partnering with national magazines to continue promoting awareness and to keep this train rolling that got rolling under unfortunate circumstances." ■

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address. The subcommittee was formed last month in response to police brutality and racial justice protests sparked by the police-involved death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on Memorial Day.

A significant portion of the approximately hour-long presentation focused on Livermore's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of the statewide shelter-in-place order first implemented in March, the council began holding its meetings virtually. Other departments have pivoted to offering more resources online, including library services, utility billing and permit applications.

The city has also maintained daily COVID-19 updates on its website and now regularly uses Facebook, Nextdoor, Twitter and other social networks to communicate with residents, Marchand said.

Marchand called attention to how Livermore's schools, businesses, nonprofit and faith-based communities have responded to the pandemic with efforts to assist those in need as well as keep themselves afloat. Among the examples he shared were Joya Yogo's shift to virtual classes, Pinot's

Palette offering take-home paint kits, and restaurants like Monica's and First Street Alehouse providing contactless grocery services.

While he mostly praised the community's fortitude during these "trying" times, he also addressed complaints he's received about residents who refuse to practice social distancing and wear masks while out in public.

"Wearing your mask is not a political statement; it's an IQ test," Marchand said, adding that looking out for each other by following social distancing guidelines is the "Livermore thing to do."

Marchand highlighted ongoing projects in the city, including the Legacy at Livermore mixed-use development consisting of 222 apartments and approximately 14,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space that the council approved in 2018. He expressed excitement for the ribbon-cutting at the new Stockmen's Park slated for mid-August and the groundbreaking for Livermorium Plaza, which is also set to take place later this summer.

He closed his presentation with a "Montage of Memories" slideshow that included a myriad of photos taken over the past nine years from community events, business mixers, holiday celebrations, public art displays and

other pivotal moments in Livermore's history like the 150th anniversary of the city's founding.

During the Q&A period following his address, Marchand was asked what advice he could offer for the

next mayor of Livermore, to which he replied, "listen to the community" and "keep up the momentum."

"There are so many things going on right now that the person who steps in after me is going to

have to hit the deck running, and know how the system works," he said. "We've got a tremendous set of partners behind us working together, and we cannot afford to lose that momentum." ■

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# Pleasanton HVAC company acquired by Georgia firm

Service Champions becomes Wrench Group's first California presence

By JEREMY WALSH

Service Champions North, a heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) service company based in Pleasanton with multiple offices in Northern California, was recently acquired by nationwide firm Wrench Group, LLC.

The transaction, which was announced publicly earlier this month, gives Marietta, Ga.-headquartered Wrench Group its first location in California. Terms of the acquisition were not released.

"Our culture is unique and special, and it's been our competitive advantage for more than 17 years," said Kevin Comerford, owner and president of Service Champions.

"I'm delighted to have found a partner whose core values align with ours. We're excited about the tremendous growth we see in our future and the opportunities that growth will provide for our team members both personally and professionally," added Comerford,

who along with his management team will remain onboard to lead the brand during this phase of growth.

Service Champions is headquartered on Commerce Drive in Pleasanton, and operates other locations in Livermore, Concord, San Jose and Sacramento. The company focuses on air conditioner and furnace repair, maintenance, and replacement services.

The acquisition allows Wrench Group to expand into the Northern

California HVAC service market for the first time. The firm and its other regional brands already operate in Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Fort Myers, Houston, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Naples, Sarasota and Tampa metropolitan areas — specializing in HVAC, plumbing, water and electrical services.

"The Wrench organization is excited to establish a presence in Northern California," Wrench Group CEO Ken Haines said in a statement July 6. "Service

Champions has become a household name in their markets with an unmatched customer reputation."

"Part of Wrench's strategy is to partner with market leaders, and Service Champions has experienced impressive growth over many years and prides itself on its positive customer loyalty," Haines said. "We are looking forward to having them join the Wrench organization and look forward to working together to grow in the California market." ■

## Face mask incident causes stir at farmers' market

Police respond as group not wearing face coverings in public July 18 draws ire

By JULIA BAUM

A small group of people campaigning for a local congressional candidate caused a stir by not wearing face masks at the Pleasanton Farmers' Market earlier this month.

Onlookers at the market on July 18 photographed the people in question, who were not wearing face coverings while sitting at a table with signs and other informational materials relating to the election campaign for Alison Hayden, the Republican candidate looking to unseat incumbent

Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) in the Nov. 3 general election.

Photos of the mask-less campaigners made the rounds on local social media pages and groups as well.

Hayden distanced herself from the individuals involved when contacted by the Weekly, saying no one officially affiliated with her congressional campaign attended the Pleasanton market that day.

Face coverings and physical distancing have become commonplace since the COVID-19

pandemic started, with many states including California requiring residents to wear them while in public.

Teri Yan, spokesperson for the Pleasanton Police Department, confirmed "an incident regarding face coverings did occur at the Farmers' Market" and that an officer "responded to the scene and spoke with the individuals" after their dispatch center received multiple calls about the group that day.

"The officer spoke to the individuals and convinced them to

wear their face covering, though one person was determined to be medically exempt from the mask regulation," Yan said. "After the officer left, it was later reported the masks were taken off."

Hayden told the Weekly the table was "not something I endorsed" and that none of the people there are staffers or volunteers for her campaign. "That has nothing to do with me. Nobody in my campaign was there that I know of," Hayden said.

After asking around later that week, Hayden said, "The person

did call me and told me apparently she was sitting by herself drinking coffee not near anyone. She has a medical exemption, and the person who approached her was very loud and got kind of antagonistic about it, and I think she was trying to tell him that she has a medical exemption."

The current health order from Alameda County requires all residents to wear face masks when visiting any essential business or when they come within 30 feet of another person while outdoors. ■

## DEATHS

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Police Department Officer Valentin Martinez, 45, who died last Friday from COVID-19.

"The deaths of these two heroes is a very real and painful reminder

of the risks these men and women face every single day protecting the people of California. Jennifer and I extend our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Deputy Rocha and Officer Martinez as they grapple with these tremendous losses,"

Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement over the weekend, before Leon's death became public.

Rocha, 57, worked for the sheriff's office since graduating from the sheriff's academy in 1996, according to Modeste. The Tri-Valley native worked in the detention/corrections and court services division, as well as formally served in the now-defunct marshal's unit.

Rocha had most recently been assigned to the René C. Davidson Courthouse in Oakland, but he had been working shifts at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin under mandatory overtime for deputies due to staffing levels. Modeste said it's "highly probable" that Rocha became infected while working at the jail, likely in the late-May timeframe.

"We do believe that is where he contracted it ... His passing is being considered in line of duty," the sergeant said.

A California High School (San Ramon) alum, Rocha is survived by his wife Maureen Ennor Rocha, his son Alexander Rocha, stepchildren Haley and Patrick Urbanus, and his parents Oscar and Rosario Rocha. His wife was hospitalized for 10 days because of the virus and has recovered.

Like many of those who knew Rocha, Modeste said last Friday she was still coming to terms with his death amid the pandemic.

"It's surreal. I stayed up all night last night," the sergeant added. "It's

shocking, and it brings COVID-19 a little more into the real ... having a person you know (die) brings a different type of realness to it."

The reality of the pandemic struck the department again the evening after Rocha's death, with news that longtime colleague Leon had become the second ACSO employee in less than 24 hours to die from COVID-19 complications.

Leon, 61, served as a sheriff's technician — a professional non-sworn staff member — for ACSO for more than two decades.

Remembered as a "beloved friend and co-worker," Leon joined ACSO in 1997 and worked a variety of assignments, including at the Davidson Courthouse in Oakland, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly. During the pandemic, Leon had been assigned to the coroner's bureau working in administration.

Leon is survived by her children Brandon Perez (wife Sarah), Frank Perez (wife Josephine) and Michael Leon, as well as 13 grandchildren.

As the sheriff's office grieves the deaths of two of its employees, Alameda County at-large continues to grapple with the spread of the virus throughout the community.

The county has surpassed 10,000 positive cases of COVID-19 late last week. The totals sat at 10,633 positive cases confirmed countywide and 181 deaths related to the virus, as of Tuesday, according to the Alameda County

Public Health Department.

Nearly 40% of those cases occurred in Oakland — 4,218 — and nearly 10% of the cases were in Hayward (1,536). The next highest city counts were Fremont with 584 cases and San Leandro with 551.


Livermore recorded the fifth-highest total among cities in Alameda County, standing at 443 as of Tuesday. Pleasanton climbed to 220 cases and Dublin was at 118 cases.

ACSO has seen COVID-19 conditions improve at Santa Rita Jail, which experienced a significant uptick mid-month including a high of 110 positive cases among inmates last Friday.

The department reported on Tuesday that the active case count stood at 22 positive cases among inmates (19 of which were asymptomatic). Over the course of the pandemic, there were 143 positive cases with inmates who recovered and remain in custody, 11 who recovered and were released, and 20 positive releases being tracked by ACPHD. Of jail staff or contractors, there were 11 active cases and 39 recovered.

"Thank you (Wellpath) and (ACPHD) for your hard work and commitment to the COVID-19 response at the Santa Rita Jail. The work you do has helped us keep our cases manageable and in alignment with CDC guidelines. We appreciate you!" ACSO officials said on Twitter. ■

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council – Special Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

On March 3, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and subsequently issued Executive Order N-25-20 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The virtual meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton> and <https://www.tri-valleytv.org>

- Consider adoption of a resolution accepting the FY 2020/21 Mid-Term Capital Improvement Program Budget
- Review and consider the City's legislative framework with the 2020 focus areas and establish the City's legislative positions on selected housing related bills and request City staff to monitor remaining legislation throughout the 2020 legislative cycle to determine whether the City Council should take a formal position

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# LVJUSD proclaims success for remote ed

Four-week summer session taught over 700 students

By EMMA HALL

After completing the summer school session for K-12, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District has declared success for its remote-learning model.

“The session ... provided unique classroom experiences for over 700 students with the right blend of rigor, fun and innovative approaches to learning,” LVJUSD officials said in a statement Monday.

The LVJUSD’s summer session spanned for four-weeks in an exclusive virtual environment for 700 students. By using a K-2 Literacy Academy and a K-5 Academy for English language development programs, the district utilized goal-setting and self-monitoring for students.

“The commitment of the teaching staff and the involvement of parents in at-home support made this year’s model successful for students and valuable for teachers involved in remote instruction,” wrote LVJUSD.

Specifically, students were invited to the program for individualized needs. Overall, classes were small and instructors were given time for professional development and support.

As a result, according to LVJUSD, students were able to develop self-confidence in their achievements. Because of virtual instruction, teachers were able to create small groups to individualize instruction and connect to their students more closely.

In addition, the Extended School Year Program, which included 128 students, were able to maintain their academic skills through guided practice and instruction from coordinator Jenny Kordes, according to the district.

In the secondary program, principal Clark Conover was able to “virtually visit” classrooms to observe co-teachers working with groups of students, citing it as a positive aspect of the program. The program focused on character development for students, and teachers were also able to utilize office hours for personalized learning, LVJUSD officials said.

Conover cited that over 300 students took additional coursework

in specifically targeted areas like math, English, social studies and world language. Even courses that would usually require physical instruction made virtual accommodations. Notably, agriculture students participated in animal care and sold livestock via a live show and auction, even with the absence of the Alameda County Fair, he said.

Students in upper grades were also given the opportunity to work on “credit deficiencies” to get on track with fulfilling graduation requirements, according to LVJUSD.

“It was a positive experience for all of us, and I know my colleagues and I are proud of our summer school team,” Conover said in a statement. ■

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Meeting time change

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District announced that its Board of Directors meetings will now be held at 2 p.m. via Zoom on the second and last Wednesdays of each month, instead of the typical 7 p.m. start time, due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

The meeting agenda and Zoom links will still be posted 72 hours in advance and can be found on the district website at [www.LARPD.org](http://www.LARPD.org). Past agendas can be accessed on the “Board Agenda Archive” page.

### Downtown grants

The Pleasanton Downtown Association alerted members this week to a national grant application, via the “HartBeat of Main Street Grant Program,” which will award grants of \$5,000 to \$15,000 to support brick-and-mortar small businesses in commercial districts as they enter the next phases of reopening across the county.

The grants are being offered by Main Street America in partnership with The Hartford. The application window closes at 11:59 p.m. Aug. 22 or once 500 applications are submitted, whichever is sooner. To learn more, visit [www.mainstreet.org](http://www.mainstreet.org).

### Board president

The Alameda County Board of Education underwent some recent re-organization after appointing Trustee Aisha Knowles, who represents western Dublin on the county board, as board president earlier this month.

Following eight years of representing Area 4, which includes the western portion of Dublin as well as San Leandro, Castro Valley and several unincorporated communities, Knowles ascended to her new post during the board’s July 14 virtual meeting.

Knowles expressed her gratitude and welcomed newly sworn Area 2 Trustee Angela Normand, who represents the city of Alameda and parts of Oakland, and Trustee Janevete Cole, whose Area 5 territory includes Hayward, Union City, and the southern portions of unincorporated Cherryland and Fairview.

### New caucus, bill

Tri-Valley Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) announced the formation of a new Congressional Critical Materials Caucus and introduced legislation for student loan forgiveness this month.

The caucus — co-chaired by Swalwell and Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-Penn.) — aims to “help the United States develop the technical expertise and production capabilities to assure a long-term, secure and sustainable supply of energy critical elements (ECEs)” as well as educate other congressional leaders and the public about the matter.

Swalwell also introduced a bipartisan bill that would forgive student loans for public employees whose jobs have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. ■

# Dublin Unified honors retiring staff members

Other employees also celebrated for milestone anniversaries with district

By RIYA CHOPRA

The Dublin Unified School District recently recognized nearly 70 staff members for their long-term commitment to the district and its students.

“Working in education takes a special breed of person, one who places others before themselves,” Acting Superintendent Daniel Moirao said in a statement. “The work is not always glamorous, but the rewards of contributing to the future of a young person, and therefore to our community and the world, is incalculable.”

The district celebrated both classified and certificated staff members, with Moirao noting that “in a world where the average stay at a job is less than five years, it is always uplifting to see the number of people who

have made a long-term commitment to public education.”

Members of the public also celebrated many of the retirees. Dougherty Elementary parents threw a car parade for Lori Van Dorn, who taught for more than 30 years and had been teaching kindergarten at Dougherty since the school first opened. It was just one celebration of many others held for various retiring staff members.

Teachers and other staff members retiring this year include Liana deWit-Smith (library media technician/Fallon), Sheila Buckley (special education/Dougherty), Mark McCoy (human resources/district office), Martin Garcia (custodian/maintenance and operations), Kerstin Taugher (teacher/Amador), Fran Natale (teacher/Green), Caroline Rubio

(counselor/Dublin High School), Lotus Lee (secretary III/Amador), Hourik Lonergan (special education/DHS), Lisa Caldara (facilities technician/facilities department), Amy VanEmmerik (special education/DHS), Janet Kaehms (teacher/DHS), Cathleen “Sam” Shiell (teacher/Dublin Elementary) and Mark Pignolet (teacher/DHS).

In other recognitions, the district also celebrated employees who reached milestone anniversaries in their DUSD tenure during the 2019-20 school year.

Tracey Crisologo, a teacher at Murray Elementary, is the sole district employee celebrating 30 years at Dublin schools this year.

Staff members celebrating 25 years of service were Monica McLeod (Dublin), Melinda Collins (Murray),

Elizabeth Logan (Dublin), Frances Natale (Green), Andrea Bloom (Wells) and Joanne Palia (Green).

This year also marked 20 years of service for many staff members, including Guy Rose Sr. (M&O), Rebecca Briggs (DHS), Robert Herdman (Wells), Valerie Jacob-Bohart (DHS), Jennifer Keller (DHS), Jeffrey Taylor (DHS), Gina Hillier (Green), Anne Stevens (business services), Dayna Tutino (Green), Jennifer Porter (Murray), Virginia Wolfenberger (DHS), Nola Ting (Dougherty), Ralph Rivera (M&O), Christine Immesoete (education services), Shobha Tejwani (education services), Andrea Ramirez (education services), Kerstin Taugher (Amador), Kimberly Vanner (education services), Danee Mitchell (Green) and Lorrin Harris (Cottonwood). ■

## CANDIDATES

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of press time Wednesday.

For the City Council election, only Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Randy Brown had filed his papers and qualified for the ballot as of press time. Planning Commissioner Jack Balch returned his paperwork on Tuesday, with processing pending. The other prospective candidates to pull papers so far are Planning Commissioner Nancy Allen, school board Trustee Valerie Arkin, and residents Isaac Elias, Zarina Kiziloglu and Chimin Lee.

In the Pleasanton Unified School District race, with three Board of Trustees on the ballot, incumbents Steve Maher and Jamie Yee, and challengers Mary Jo Carreon, Kelly Mokashi and Chong Wang had all pulled nomination papers but had not filed as of press time Wednesday.

With Arkin pursuing City

Council instead of re-election to the school board, it appears as if the PUSD candidacy deadline will be extended to Aug. 12 at 5 p.m.

In Livermore, Vice Mayor Bob Woerner has qualified for the ballot to run for mayor at-large. Realtor and former police officer Mony Nop has also pulled papers, but not yet filed, to succeed Mayor John Marchand, who is terming out.

This will be the first election for Livermore City Council under a district-based format, with District 3 (southeastern Livermore) and District 4 (southwest) on the ballot. Councilman Robert Carling has qualified for District 4; residents Brittni Kiick and Jennifer Spriggs have pulled papers for District 3 but not yet filed.

Councilman Bob Coomber already announced that he would not seek re-election for health reasons. But because he and Carling were originally elected at-large, they are not considered incumbents under the district-based elections — so

the filing deadline will not be extended beyond Aug. 7, according to the City Clerk’s Office. The same is true of mayor, since Marchand is termed out instead of choosing not to run.

Six candidates have pulled papers for the two at-large positions on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District board: incumbents Charles Rogge and Chris Wenzel, and newcomers Yanira Guzman, Kandiss Hewing, Asa Strout-Hearick and Kristie Wang. Only Rogge had completed filing.

For Dublin’s at-large city elections, sitting council members Arun Goel and Melissa Hernandez have pulled papers to run for mayor instead of seeking re-election to their City Council seats this fall — hoping to succeed Mayor David Haurbert, who is termed out. Neither had yet filed the paperwork.

Five prospective candidates had pulled papers, but not yet filed, for the two Dublin City Council seats on the ballot: Shawn Costello,

Lucrecia Deleon, Sherry (Xin) Hu, Michael McCorriston and Stephen Wright. The deadline is likely to extend to Aug. 12 in light of the incumbents’ decisions.

For Dublin Unified School District, only one person has pulled papers per trustee area: newcomer Kristin Pelham for Area 1, incumbent Catherine Kuo for Area 3 and newcomer Michael Utsumi for Area 4.

Also on the ballot on Nov. 3 in this part of the Tri-Valley will be Sunol Glen Unified School District, BART Board of Directors District 5, Dublin San Ramon Services District (Divisions 1, 3 and 5), Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (Areas 5 and 7) and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

Contact the individual local agency for information on candidacy paperwork. General election information, or details on how to register to vote, can be found on the Alameda County Registrar of Voters’ Office website at [www.acvote.org](http://www.acvote.org). ■

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**Invitation to Bid for General Contracting Services**

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

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

The bid package containing the drawings and project manual are available on PlanWell and accessible at the link below. Bids will be due September 10, 2020 at 3 pm. To access the bid documents take the following steps:

Step 1: <https://www.e-arc.com/location/san-ramon/>

Step 2: Go to Planrooms and click on "Order from PlanWell"

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Step 4: Locate the "Tri-Valley Haven Facilities Rehab Project"

Step 5: Order Plans and Project Manual

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

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

**Agitators vandalize county courthouse, police department in Oakland**

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf chastised people who attended a protest over the weekend for vandalizing a police station and attempting to set the René C. Davidson Courthouse on fire.

The Oakland Police Department and Oakland Fire Department both confirmed Saturday night that agitators at the protest had started a fire at the courthouse that was quickly extinguished. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office said Monday on Twitter that the estimated damage to the courthouse is roughly \$200,000.

Oakland police also alleged that some protest attendees hurled fireworks and rocks at officers and pointed lasers at officers and police helicopters.

"We celebrate passionate protest but Oaklanders need to know that when they attend protests after dark they may be providing cover for agitators who are more intent on stoking civil unrest than advancing racial justice," Schaaf said in a statement Sunday.

The protest began as a show of support for protesters in Portland, Oregon, who continue to demonstrate against police brutality following the May 25 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody.

The Portland protesters have clashed multiple times over the last two weeks with federal agents and law enforcement officers in unmarked uniforms.

President Donald Trump and Chad Wolf, acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, have used the Portland protests to justify sending federal agents into other large metropolitan cities like Chicago, Los Angeles and New York City.

Schaaf argued agitators in Oakland make it easier for the Trump administration to vilify otherwise peaceful protesters.

"Vandalizing our downtown gives Donald Trump the images he wants and the justification he seeks to send federal troops into American cities," she said. "We can't be fooled and play into his twisted campaign strategy."

**In other news**

- Former Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder Joe Canciamilla pleaded not guilty Monday morning to 34 felony counts of grand theft and perjury related to allegations he illegally used nearly \$262,000 from election campaign accounts to pay off a personal loan and for travel and other luxuries.

Canciamilla did not appear at Monday's brief arraignment in Contra Costa County Superior Court. His attorney Michael Rains said Canciamilla is out of state, and remains free on his own recognizance. Rains entered the pleas in front of Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge Laurel Brady.

The DA's office in June had charged Canciamilla, 65, with 30 counts of felony perjury for allegedly making misstatements on 30 separate campaign disclosure forms, along with four additional felonies related to grand theft for using nearly \$262,000 in campaign funds for personal expenses from 2010 to 2016.

Prosecutors in June said it had been told in early 2017 by the state Franchise Tax Board of possible criminal activity associated with campaign accounts for Canciamilla.

Canciamilla, of Pittsburg, resigned as county clerk-recorder last October, and a short time later agreed to pay \$150,000 to the California Fair Political Practices Commission after admitting to spending campaign funds on personal expenses such as vacations to Asia, restaurant meals, airfare, repayment of a personal loan and transfers to his personal bank accounts.

Canciamilla had been a widely respected politician, with a long track record and a variety of experience. He was first elected to the Pittsburg Unified School District school in 1973, when he was 17 (and sworn in at 18).

Canciamilla went on to become a Pittsburg city councilman, a Contra Costa County supervisor and State Assembly member before he was appointed in 2013 to lead the county's Clerk Recorder's Office, which also oversees the elections division. He won election to that post in 2014 and 2018.

Canciamilla is scheduled to return to court Sept. 8. After Monday's brief hearing, Rains said he hopes a final "reasonable resolution" can be struck on that date.

"He's not a young man, and he wants to live the rest of his life without the weight of this on his shoulders," said Rains, who noted Canciamilla has acknowledged wrongdoing. "He understands he did things he should not have done with this money." ■

—Bay City News Service

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

**July 25**

**Burglary**

■ 6:48 a.m. on the 300 block of Neal Street

**Theft**

■ 10:43 a.m. on the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

■ 6:25 p.m. on the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane

**Weapons violation**

■ 11:48 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

**July 24**

**Burglary**

■ 11:24 a.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

■ 11:34 a.m. on the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road

■ 6:41 p.m. on the 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road

■ 8:05 p.m. on the 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road

**July 23**

**Theft**

■ 2:48 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**DUI**

■ 9:43 p.m. at St. Mary Street and Pleasanton Avenue

**July 22**

**Graffiti**

■ 8:29 a.m. at Main Street and Vervais Avenue

**Burglary**

■ 10:03 a.m. on the 1200 block of Machado Place

**Theft from auto**

■ 12:44 p.m. on the 6900 block of Corte Mercado

**Domestic battery**

■ 2:35 p.m. on Owens Court

**Vandalism**

■ 3:38 p.m. on the 1000 block of Malaga Court

**Drug violation**

■ 8:07 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**July 21**

**Theft**

■ 10:55 a.m. on the 7900 block of Kemper Court

**Burglary**

■ 2:24 p.m. on the 4600 block of Chabot Drive

**Graffiti**

■ 4:15 p.m. at Harvest Circle and Winter Court

**Drug violation**

■ 5:14 p.m. on the 1400 block of Freeman Lane

**July 20**

**Theft**

■ 11:06 a.m., 4800 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

■ 5:18 p.m. on the 7900 block of Stoneridge Drive

■ 6:55 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 7:33 p.m., 2300 block of Greenberry Court; theft from auto

**July 19**

**Theft**

■ 7:17 a.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas; theft from auto

■ 11:18 a.m., 4400 block of Fairlands Drive; auto theft

■ 8:17 p.m., 500 block of Boulder Court; theft from auto

**Burglary**

■ 12:45 p.m. on the 4000 block of Peregrine Way

**Domestic battery**

■ 5:32 p.m. on Johnson Drive

**Drug violation**

■ 6:55 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

**Fire**

■ 7:00 p.m. on the 800 block of Clara Lane

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# Experiment aimed at improving tone, dialogue on our Town Square forum

Beginning this Saturday, participation in PleasantonWeekly.com's popular Town Square reader forum will be limited to those who register on the site with their name and email address.

The change is an experiment to determine if requiring registration will lead to a more welcoming environment for those interested in respectful discussions of local issues.

In spite of the large numbers of people who enjoy engaging in meaningful discussion on Town Square, we know that there are many others who stay away because they view it as an inhospitable

place often dominated by rude posters who belittle others and their opinions. Town Square wasn't intended as a place exclusively for the thick-skinned.

The actions of these problematic posters have demanded increasing amounts of our staff's time to moderate, edit and sometimes delete disrespectful comments that seem intended to antagonize or manipulate public opinion with false or misleading information.

The volume of commenting has soared since the shelter-in-place orders were made in mid-March, fueled by deep divisions over the handling of the pandemic response

and, more recently, on protests and advocacy relating to racial injustice and police reform.

We are constantly evaluating how to make Town Square a safer place for all posters and to keep out those who attack others, make repetitive comments and side-track discussions. With an expected highly-charged election season ahead of us, it seemed like the right time to implement new requirements.

Becoming a registered user requires a person to register their name and email address with PleasantonWeekly.com. Although posters are encouraged to use their name when they post comments,

they may choose to use a screen name instead. But the registration requirement will create some accountability and a way for our moderators to contact the poster.

There is no perfect way to weed out posters who are hell-bent on being snarky, rude and disrespectful. But at a time when emotions are high and so much polarization exists in politics, we hope this step will move Town Square closer to a place where constructive dialogue and debate can occur.

PleasantonWeekly.com readers will be asked to help evaluate the registration requirement after the Nov. 3 election. ■

## LETTERS

### 'Policing in Pleasanton' article

Dear Editor,

Your cover headline "...listening session gives residents on all sides a chance to voice their opinions" had me looking forward to reading a diverse sampling of statements made by 98 individuals who chose to weigh in on Pleasanton policing policy.

What the article contained was not "all sides." There were two sides expressed, and the comments were heavily weighted against current Pleasanton policing policy.

Out of 24 paragraphs, there were only four paragraphs with positive comments from two people: One who expressed a desire to maintain police funding to keep police response time low, and a second who expressed appreciation of a police force which has showed no racism toward him. — he was grateful for police who put their lives on the line for his safety as a Hispanic man.

The rest of the article — 20 paragraphs — was devoted to negative comments from five speakers. Much space was devoted to comments about the unfortunate death of Jacob Bauer. His parents believe his death was caused by the Pleasanton police.

The article fails to mention that the case was well-investigated and that the police officer/police department were cleared of wrongdoing. This omission is misleading to readers who may not know the case outcome. It is an unfair representation of the police department and officers.

Finally, readers were not told how many speakers favored fully

funding/supporting our police versus those opposed to current policing policies. Such biased reporting does not help our community make good decisions.

—Candyce Roberts

### Questions for PUSD board candidates

1. What is your motivation to want to become a school board member?

2. What attributes/qualities are essential for successful school board membership?

3. What do you see as the school board's role and responsibilities?

4. What role does policy have in the functioning of the board? Of the school?

5. Will you have sufficient time/energy to devote to this position?

6. How would you handle the requests, if approached, by a member of the community? Special interest groups? Teachers?

7. What qualities, behaviors should board members exhibit?

8. What is your vision for education in this community?

9. What is or describe the role of superintendent? The principal?

10. How can or does district attract and retain quality teachers?

11. Should individual board members/or the board have a role in the day-to-day operation of the district? Can you/should you support a board decision that you were not in favor of?

12. What kind of relationship should a district/board have with its community? With its parents and families? The teaching and

classified staff?

13. How can a board know if its goals are being accomplished and its policies carried out?

14. Who should set the rules governing board procedures, methods and behavior? Who should enforce them?

15. With one or two meetings a month, school boards are limited in what they can do. How does/should the board decide what's most important?

16. How can or will the board be accessible to the community?

—Michael Austin,  
PUSD taxpayer

### A friend's experience with Pleasanton PD

A close friend wanted me to share this...

"My personal experience with PPD:

"Unfortunately I had a bipolar son who was also addicted to drugs, not unusual. We, as parents, friends and professionals, tried to help Mike stay off drugs and on his meds.

"For years we allowed Mike to live with us, thinking keeping him sheltered safely would help.

"Over the years Mike got progressively worse, none of the programs seemed to work and occasionally he was so strung out it felt as if I was losing my mind. There was also belligerence.

"I couldn't get through to Mike and occasionally sought the department's help and insight. Many responding officers came to know Mike, and if they saw him walking on the streets would stop to ask how

he was doing.

"Thankfully he never hit us, but the drugs did make him delusional, making our safety uncertain. I'm sure we called PPD a dozen times over 15 years and the officers always treated my husband, myself and Mike with respect. I appreciated that because we certainly felt humiliated and ashamed, and I'm sure Mike did also.

"I never saw him antagonized, even when he was cuffed and taken to the only county mental hospital.

"Most frustrating was that most often the officers looked at me helplessly, saying 'Sorry, there's nothing we can do.' If Mike wasn't threatening suicide or harming someone else, he couldn't be taken in on a 72-hour psychiatric hold.

"I have nothing but good things to say about my encounters with them."

—Linda Kelly

### Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on election-related issues until 5 p.m. Oct. 25. Letters are published based on order of receipt and space availability, among other factors. We will publish only one letter per person per election topic this fall, and we reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Send via email to [letters@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:letters@pleasantonweekly.com).



The Frey family — (from left) Annika, Julie, Lydia and Andy — are living in Almaty, Kazakhstan, working and studying at Almaty International School.

# Mountains, markets and new friends

Pleasanton family's two-year adventure abroad in Kazakhstan continues despite virus

STORY BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI | PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE FREY FAMILY

**W**hen the Frey family left Pleasanton for two years of teaching and attending school in Kazakhstan, they didn't know they would have to factor in a coronavirus.

"Once the pandemic started and all the international schools went online, a bunch of us reached out to each other," said mom Julie Frey, a counselor at Almaty International School. "We found that every place in the world was experiencing the exact same things. All the students were feeling anxiety, and everyone was scrambling to figure out online learning."

Julie, husband Andy and daughters Annika, 15, and Lydia, 12, were staying with her mother Charlotte Severin this summer in Pleasanton as a break after their first year abroad.

Julie had always wanted to live overseas, and she majored in international studies at Pepperdine University and spent a year at its campus in Heidelberg, Germany.

"That ignited my desire to live abroad, but the timing never worked out," she said.

Julie joined the Pleasanton Unified School District in 1996 while Andy worked at Apple for 15 years before starting his own business, and they stayed busy rearing their two children.

"Then we had friends who taught abroad, and that perked my family's interest," Julie said. "We visited them in Colombia and got an idea of what it would be like."

They attended international school job fairs and found Almaty International School in Kazakhstan



Lydia, Andy and Annika Frey in the dried fruits and nuts section of the huge Green Bazaar in Almaty.



Andy and Julie Frey in front of Zenkov's (Russian) Cathedral in Almaty, which has huge mosques as well as churches.



Lydia, Andy and Julie Frey are ready to tackle the snowy mountains at the Akbulak ski resort about 25 miles east of Almaty.

to be a good fit. With grades preschool through high school, it is one of several international schools in a city of 2-3 million people.

"The girls were exiting elementary and middle school, and Andy was exiting his business — the timing came together," Julie recalled.

In Almaty, Julie counsels preschool through middle school, while Andy taught technology in

the elementary school and next year will teach physical education.

"We live in a nice four-bedroom, three-bath townhouse that is one year old, and we feel well taken care of," Julie said. "The campus is right there; we walk to work and the girls walk to and from school. It is a great introduction to living abroad."

The girls were immediately welcomed by their classmates.

"International kids connect easily, and people are welcoming," Julie said. "They have an understanding of what it is to feel new, and they reach out to each other."

Soon after arrival, the family was invited to join a camping trip in the four-wheel-drive vehicle they had bought from a departing faculty member.

"We drove off the road and into the mountains and onto the steppe," Julie recalled. "We camped out in the middle of nowhere, with yurts in the distance, shepherds living in the outback, on the Assy plateau."

The mountains continue to be a draw.

"We are very outdoorsy, and we go hiking in the Tian Shan mountain range," Julie said. "They are gorgeous mountains, looming peaks with glaciers on top of them, and it's a 15-minute drive to the base of the hiking trails."

Almaty, which is in the southeast of the country near China, has four distinct seasons, with sledding a favorite recess activity in the winter. The family also enjoys nearby ski resorts.

Both girls play on soccer teams — varsity and junior varsity — which compete against local schools as well as teams from Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and northern Kazakhstan. Andy, a runner, took part in the Almaty Marathon with the high school cross country team.

The city is cosmopolitan, with

strong Asian and Turkish influences, Julie said, and not far from the campus is a Uighur neighborhood.

"It's post-USSR and reclaiming its Kazakh heritage," she noted. "Everybody speaks Russian but it's part of the educational requirement that all children born in Kazakhstan must take Kazakh language and history."

"Religiously, it's a real combination. Down the street is a huge mosque, the other way is a big Russian Orthodox church," she added. "The population is very secular, and people are respectful of one another."

Every neighborhood has a marketplace with indoor stalls selling fresh fruits, vegetables and animals butchered on the spot.

"Pork is not very common but it is possible to find pork," Julie said. "There are grocery stores similar to western stores that cater to everyone."

One thing they can't find is peanut butter so they will pack some for their return.

A national rice and meat dish called "plov" is cooked in oil rather than water, which makes it quite rich. The girls love a fried pastry called "boortsog" that is sold at stands.

"They are like donuts, fried dough, but not sweet," Julie said.

The school has between 450 and 500 students from families with the American Embassy as well as Chevron and Samsung.

"Lots of local families send their kids to our school so they can go to English universities," Julie said. "Students are a mix from other places — Germany, Italy, Switzerland, from Eastern Europe and the other Stans."

"Class sizes are really small, 10-13 students per class," she added.



The Frey family dogs, Joey and Rudy, stayed in Almaty this summer with a housesitting friend.

Lydia's Spanish class, with a teacher from Venezuela, only has one other student.

COVID-19 has hit the country with a spread similar to the United States, Julie said.

"When it first started, they really put everyone in a quarantine lockdown," she remembered. "People could only go to grocery stores or pharmacies within one kilometer or two of their home, and you had to use a mask."

The campus is surrounded by a one-kilometer (0.62 miles) loop.

"We had our own bubble and were able to get outside and exercise, within the confines of the school campus," Julie said.

To return to Kazakhstan next week, they must test negative for

COVID-19 within five days of their arrival. For now, Almaty International School fourth-graders and older will do online learning.

The family discussed different options, Julie said, and both girls want to return.

"We want to finish our overseas experience and don't want to cut it short," she said.

They look forward to reuniting with Joey and Rudy, the family dogs, both whippet-terrier mixes adopted from Tri-Valley Animal Rescue.

"I was pleasantly surprised how well my family adapted to the experience," Julie said. "We have definitely had our ups and downs — and culture shock — and driving there is really kind of stressful. But we have managed to adapt." ■



Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Almaty.



While camping on the Assy Plateau, Lydia Frey (left) and Annika play with two puppies who wandered into their camp from a nearby yurt.

## Enjoy 'Virtual Gene' while Tao House is closed

O'Neill plays will be presented online starting in the fall

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Hikers in Las Trampas Regional Wilderness are welcome to enjoy the outskirts of the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, but otherwise the Tao House is available only online as visits are canceled due to Contra Costa County's shelter-in-place order.

To provide fans with a touch of the playwright and his peaceful home in the Danville hills, where he lived from 1937-44, the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House has been filming videos dubbed "Virtual Gene" and posting them at [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org).

In one short video, artistic director Eric Fraisher Hayes talks about the series. He is in the Old Barn theater, standing before remains of a set of the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Long Day's Journey into Night," written at Tao House.

"Using various social media platforms we intend to highlight the beauty and the history of Tao House, the power and the poetry of Eugene O'Neill's words as well as the often overlooked ironic wit of America's first great playwright," Hayes says.

"In the coming months look for virtual contributions from artists, scholars, the national park service as well as general enthusiasts."

In another video, he announces

upcoming online productions of O'Neill plays.

"With live performances canceled for the foreseeable future, we've been forced to think of new ways to bring you the plays of Eugene O'Neill," Hayes says. "Earlier this year we were scheduled to present some of his one-act plays, also known as 'The Lost Plays.' As we go virtual, we've decided to stick with 'The Lost Plays' as it seems appropriate to do 'lost plays' in this 'lost year' of theater."

The one-act plays include "The Web," "Abortion" and "Recklessness." Hayes will work with actors in the Old Barn, which will become an open air studio, he explains. After editing, the performances will be presented virtually in a series of rolling premieres starting in late September or early October.

Some performances may be filmed in the Tao House courtyard if the sound system permits, Hayes adds.

"As Tao House has been closed to the public for months, and visitors have been deprived or dispossessed of the opportunity to enjoy its beauty and feel its power, we want to share a little bit of it with you," he says.

Another video features Dan McGovern, president of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation Board



EUGENE O'NEILL FOUNDATION

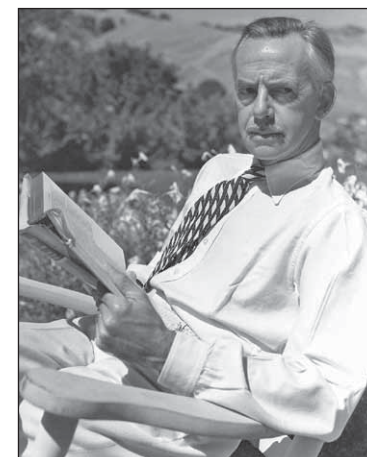
Tao House blends Eugene O'Neill's interest in Eastern thought and wife Carlotta Monterey's love of Asian art with Spanish-style bricks for a peaceful, inspiring retreat.



of Directors, standing in O'Neill's study inside the Tao House.

"We want to stay in touch with you and that's why we're making these 'Virtual Gene' videos," McGovern says. "And we want to continue to bring great theater to you."

Other short films are "A Short Hiking Tour of Tao House" by board member John Barry, and "10 Essential Tips on Visiting Tao House" by Teresa and Dan Morley. "Like everyone we are facing new challenges, but I like to think of it as an opportunity," Hayes says. ■



EUGENE O'NEILL FOUNDATION

Above: Playwright Eugene O'Neill on the grounds of Tao House in the west hills of Danville, where he was the first "artist in residence," from 1937-44. At left: The Tao House barn still stands on the grounds and now serves as a theater for plays written by Eugene O'Neill and others.

## Grey Muzzle to the rescue

East Bay SPCA gets grant to help senior dogs

Senior dogs have something to wag their tails about this summer: The Grey Muzzle Organization has announced that East Bay SPCA has won a grant to help at-risk older dogs.

"This grant will help us give senior dogs like 9-year-old Darby the veterinary and dental care they need so they will be ready to go to their forever home," East Bay SPCA President Allison Lindquist said. "No one is more grateful or loving than an old dog, and we're looking forward to helping more senior dogs get the second chance they all deserve."

Sixty-four animal welfare groups were chosen from 288 applicants to receive a grant and share in \$510,000 to help save or improve the lives of senior dogs in their communities.

During the past 12 years, the



EAST BAY SPCA

Darby, 9, is one of many great senior dogs available for adoption at the East Bay SPCA.

national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided \$2.5 million in grants to support its vision of "a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid."

"Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we're delighted to help deserving organizations like the East Bay SPCA make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities," Grey Muzzle Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer said. "Many senior dogs in Alameda and Contra Costa counties are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of the East Bay SPCA."

The East Bay SPCA, which has locations in Oakland and Dublin, will use the grant money on a special program it launched at the end of 2019 called Seniors for Seniors, which waives adoption fees for shelter dogs and cats ages 7 and up for adopters ages 65 and older.

Learn more about Seniors for Seniors and other special adoption programs at [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## MADD sponsoring painting event

Unleash creativity while helping to stop impaired driving

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Northern California is holding an evening for supporters to take paintbrushes in hand and follow an instructor to create their own individual works of art.

"Paint It Forward" will take place virtually at 6 p.m. on Aug. 12. Cost is \$55 per person, with 40% going to support MADD services.

Individuals, couples or the whole family or groups of friend can sign up, either locally or anywhere with an internet connection; no prior art or painting experience is necessary.

Register at [bit.ly/2VCqzU](http://bit.ly/2VCqzU), and receive supplies, which can be shipped to homes or picked up at Wine & Design on Bernal Avenue or at the MADD offices in Walnut Creek.

Art kits include a 16-inch-by-20-inch canvas, paints, brushes, mixing plate, napkin and disposable plate. For an extra cost, easels and aprons can be ordered.

The deadline to sign up for the two-hour experience is Aug. 5 but orders must be placed by this Saturday (Aug. 1) to have supplies delivered.

The mission of MADD is to eliminate substance impaired driving, which annually in the United States results in more than 10,000 deaths and 290,000 injured, impacting each victim's family, friends, classmates and colleagues. Victim services are available at no charge through MADD's 24-hour victim help line, 1-877-MADD-HELP (623-3435). ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

# Take Us Along (home edition)

By PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

This summer amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Weekly invites you to pose with your newspaper at home, around town or if you take a day trip. Email your "Take Us Along"

photo to editor Jeremy Walsh at editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right) and any relevant details about the scene. ■



**Rock City:** 2-year-old twins Emerson and Addison Rearick at Mount Diablo's Rock City after a Sunday afternoon picnic under old oak trees and hiking in the state park.



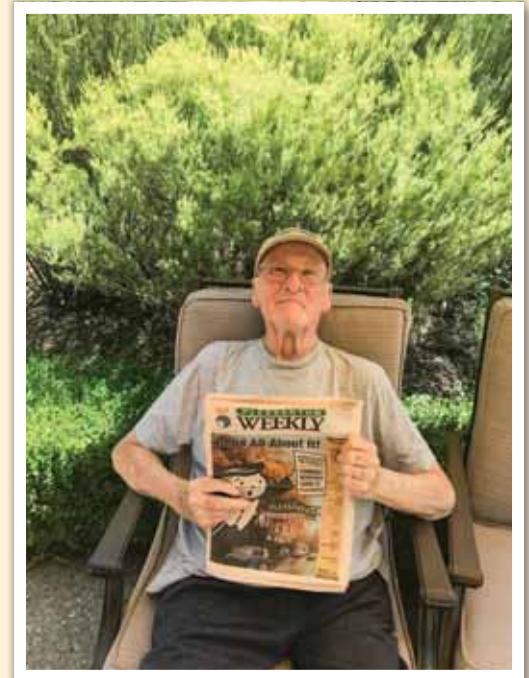
**New reading room?** Desperate for a change of scenery, Dolores Fox Ciardelli takes her Weekly into the hall closet to read.



**Into the woods:** Lily Adelzadeh, a local dermatologist, and her husband Riley Adams, take their young son Connor on a socially distanced hike in the Santa Cruz redwoods.



**Camping in the backyard:** Pleasanton resident Evangeline Freschi, 11, sets up tent in her family's newly remodeled backyard for summer relaxation, dining and lodging.



**Looking back:** With the social distancing recommendation, our editor emeritus Jeb Bing has plenty of time to sit in his backyard and review all 20 years of the Pleasanton Weekly, starting with issue No. 1.



**Dancing at home:** Ella Lynn, 16, is staying on her toes and keeping up with dance, at home, during the pandemic.



## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Youth sports leagues show resolve while searching for path forward

BUSC working hard to keep in touch with athletes during pandemic

Since COVID-19 basically shut everything down in March, it has been tough for local sports organizations to move forward.

If anything, they have moved backward with the uncertainty of when they will be allowed to resume full practice and eventually, games. I have been impressed with the resolve most of the youth sports groups have shown throughout the pandemic.

Some have been able to run camps following strict social distancing guidelines. It has allowed the kids to get outside, work on their skill sets, and be around their friends — all the while be under a safe and structured environment.

The bottom line: The kids want to get outside and play.

I see it when I am driving around Pleasanton each day. The parks are getting more crowded, be it kids playing with their parents or more and more, kids playing with kids.

This is what the youth sports

organizations are dealing with — trying to figure out how to get everyone back involved. In this day of parents and teachers' unions fighting it out over when school can begin, sports can be the only sense of normalcy for the youth.

I have said before that kids learn as much in sports as they do in the classroom. Athletics, or any extracurricular activity, is every bit important as academics in the development of a child.

I have been able to see up close how one local youth sports group has been working hard in terms of keeping in touch with their athletes.

The Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) has been around for over 50 years and has been proactive in engaging their base be it through social media, email blasts, Zoom meetings and camps. BUSC also has taken steps forward in the continued development of their Developmental Academy for elite players.

The club took a hit when the United States Soccer Federation discontinued their Developmental Academy program, leaving a lot of youth clubs around the country in limbo.

Shortly thereafter, Major League Soccer (MLS) stepped forward to announce that 65 former U.S. Soccer Development Academy (DA) clubs would join the league's existing club academies to create a partnership that will transform youth player development in the United States and Canada.

The 65 youth clubs will join the MLS academies as "Founding Members" of MLS's elite player development platform. The new platform, which will include more than 8,000 players throughout the U.S. and Canada, will consist of elite year-round competition, as well as player identification initiatives, coaching education opportunities and additional programming to create the premier player development environment.

### Amador alum spearheads project focused on improving hockey players

Granada students join in on equipment startup, SportVue

By EMMA HALL

SportVue, an independent tech startup focused on sports equipment, has launched a new product called HockeyVue, which trains players to remain focused on the puck and game action.

A small device that hockey players

hook onto their helmet, the HockeyVue will sense when a player is looking down or distracted and flash a soft light in their peripheral vision to signal them to look up and focus on their surroundings.

"There's a lot of places the player needs to be aware of — the puck,

their own body, their teammates and their opponents," said Pedro Pachuca, one of the founders of SportVue. "The only way they're able to be aware of all these things is by looking up."

Pachuca, a 19-year-old Amador Valley High School alumnus and current student at UC Berkeley studying electrical engineering, computer science and business administration, is leading the project alongside co-founder James Li.

The inspiration behind SportVue comes from Pachuca's own stumbling blocks while playing soccer growing up with the Ballistic United Soccer Club.

"Whenever I played the game, one thing that really stopped me from getting better was, one of the reasons I got injured, was because I wasn't looking up," he said. "That was my issue in soccer and was one of the reasons I was hit really hard because I wasn't aware of my surroundings.

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Players in Ballistic United's Developmental Academy battle in a soccer match at Patelco Park last fall.

The elite academy clubs that are Founding Members of the new platform have also been leaders in the development of players for college, MLS and the national teams. Combined, MLS Academies and the elite academies joining the platform have produced more than 90% of the U.S. Youth National Team players in the last year, making the new platform the top destination for the best young players in North America.

BUSC currently has four players that spent time in its DA program on MLS rosters. Three — Gilbert Fuentes, Cade Cowell, and Jacob Akanyirige — are with the San Jose Earthquakes. Nico Lemoine is a member of the Houston Dynamo.

All four cut their competitive teeth with BUSC. One thing the club didn't offer were DA teams for the older

youth players, but that has been remedied and done so with impressive coaching hires for their teams like former MLS player Eric Denton and Dana Taylor, a coach with extensive collegiate coaching experience.

Former BUSC player Kevin Crow, who played professionally for San Diego, as well as represented the United States in two Olympics, remains as the club's technical director.

All of our local youth sports organizations have the best interests of the kids in mind and offer kids to build their social interaction skills, as well as teach life lessons. I look forward to the day kids are going to be allowed to be kids again. ■

*Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his "Pleasanton Preps" column, email acesmag@aol.com.*

And so, we set out to solve this problem."

SportVue's founders decided to focus their product on hockey due to Li's familiarity with the sport, alongside a consistent understanding of the sport among the entire team.

"For hockey, it's a contact sport, so players can get hit really hard, which causes concussions," Pachuca said. "That's when the biggest hits happen, when players are just not aware of their surroundings."

The HockeyVue not only trains players to be aware of their surroundings, but it prevents future concussions from happening, according to Pachuca.

"One of the biggest reasons we created this product was so players can get better and stay on the ice. If a player is injured, they're out for the season," Pachuca said.

Li, also now a student at UC Berkeley, had Division I college hockey aspirations that were eventually dashed in part because he had trouble keeping his head up during the game, according to Hriday Sheth, a member of the SportVue team.

"Instead of being upset about it, Pedro and James decided to fix the underlying issue and help other youth athletes, leading to the creation

of SportVue," Sheth said.

Sheth, a 15-year-old from Livermore, and fellow Granada High School student Daniel Thinfen, 16, have also joined in on the project.

"Daniel and I have known Pedro for several years due to regional cybersecurity competitions," Sheth said. "One day on LinkedIn, I saw that Pedro was creating a new startup. Because I am interested in entrepreneurship, I asked Pedro if I could join the SportVue team, and he said yes."

The journey to HockeyVue hasn't always been easy.

After the founders devoted two months to the project, they kept running into problems with creating HockeyVue. Instead of giving up, Pachuca said they changed lanes and kept going. Pachuca and Li decided to take HockeyVue to an embedded systems conference in Germany to find solutions for technical problems with the product. After that trip, they were able to create HockeyVue.

What is in store for the future of SportVue is kept secret for now, but the company is looking into another product — which is currently in research and development. For now, HockeyVue is up for pre-order on the SportVue website. ■



SPORTVUE

The HockeyVue is a lightweight device that attaches to a hockey helmet and emits a non-intrusive light into a player's peripheral vision, signaling them to keep their eyes on the puck.

# Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

## Talks & Lectures

**TRI-VALLEY CAREER FAIR** This free event allows high school students to gain exposure to different industries and hear an in-depth presentation from industry professionals. Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 743-4451-2152; password 02D7YS.

**FIVE WISHES - A UNIQUE HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE** Hope Hospice will present a free educational webinar about the Five Wishes document, written in easy-to-understand language. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of our panelists. Aug. 5 from 4:30-6 p.m. Register at [HopeHospice.com/townhall](https://www.hopehospice.com/townhall).

**BILLS MADE CLEAR-DECIPHERING MEDICAL BILLS** Recent Foothill High graduate and Harvard University-bound Alexander Chen has launched a student-run initiative called Bills Made Clear to help citizens understand their medical bills. The online webinar will feature a panel of experts in patient advocacy. Aug. 8 from 2-4 p.m. RSVP at [billsmadeclear.org](https://www.billsmadeclear.org).

**MT. DIABLO PEACE & JUSTICE CENTER - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** The Peace Center will host their annual membership meeting via Zoom video conference. The meeting is an opportunity for members to hear updates from the center and provide feedback. Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/peacecentermembers>.

**WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN THE TRI-VALLEY** Zone 7 Board President Olivia Sanwong will share her knowledge about the agency and planning for droughts and floods. The presentation will provide an overview of "Water Supply and Demand in the Tri-Valley." Visit [YouTubeLive-Museum on Main Channel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

## 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](https://www.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](https://www.alamedacountyfair.com).

## Arts

**PAINT IT FORWARD-VIRTUAL PAINTING EVENT** Enjoy a night of learning to paint and raising funds for a great cause (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers). \$55 per person includes all painting supplies. Have

## PET OF THE WEEK



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### Meet Sayde

Sweet Sayde would like a home of her very own. She's a lovely Boxer mix who recently arrived at the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin. A gentle companion, she walks nicely on leash, likes to engage in play with toys and enjoys tasty treats. Sayde is smart, a good listener and knows some commands. Available for adoption through Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, she weighs 58 pounds, is current on vaccines, spayed and microchipped. Contact the shelter at 925-803-7040.

supplies shipped (fee) or pick up. Event is Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/2VCqnzU>.

## Fundraisers

**GROWL MEOW & WINE ONLINE** Join in supporting the East Bay SPCA mission of helping dogs and cats in need in the local community. There will be animal appearances and a lively silent auction. The event is Aug. 16 from 5-5:45 p.m. Register at [rsvp@eastbayspca.org](mailto:rsvp@eastbayspca.org).

**DRIVERS FOR SURVIVORS BLACK & WHITE BALL** This virtual event includes a live and silent auction. The event is Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. Visit [DFSball.org](https://www.dfsball.org) for more details.

## 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](https://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov).

## Film

**FILM SCREENING - HOMETOWN WATER: THE LIFELINE OF PLEASANTON** The Go Green Initiative will screen its new film,

"Hometown Water: The Lifeline of Pleasanton." The film will explore the interaction with water today and how water use in the past helped shape the community landscape. Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Visit [YouTubeLive-Museum on Main Channel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

## Music

**AUDITIONS FOR SAN FRANCISCO BOYS CHORUS** Classes will be conducted online starting after Labor Day. Boys under 7 are not required to audition and will be automatically accepted. Older boys must set up an online audition before classes begin. Visit [www.sfbcc.org/auditions](https://www.sfbcc.org/auditions).

## Food & Drink

**WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY: VIRTUAL WINE TASTING ON AUG. 5** Wente Vineyards is hosting a virtual wine tasting night with Ambassador Kevin Gott to guide participants through a virtual tasting of a 2019 Eric's Chardonnay and a 2018 Winemakers Selection Artisan Red (blend). Sign up by 11:59 p.m. Aug 2. Visit <https://app.donorview.com/w79pk>.



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## 3D-printed face shields

Austin Chen, an incoming sophomore at Amador Valley High School with an interest in engineering/design, gives a donated face shield to resident Regan Clark — distributed as part of the Pleasanton teen's effort to create face shields for health care workers, seniors and other residents using 3D-printing technology. Through his "Mask Up Pleasanton" campaign, Chen has made around 800 face shields to date. They are handed out to seniors for free or any resident can purchase a shield for \$5 apiece, with proceeds donated to local hospitals. Visit <http://maskuppleasanton.com>.

# Public Notices

## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

Pleasanton Weekly  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571276

The following person doing business as: Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Embarcadero Media, 450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306. This business is conducted by Embarcadero Media, a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein February 15, 2009. Signature of Registrant: Peter Beller, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 9, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2020.)

Tri Valley Taxi  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571030

The following person doing business as: Tri Valley Taxi, 4900 Hopyard Road, #100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Ali Naqi Akbari, 367 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Ali Naqi Akbari, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein October 1, 2013. Signature of Registrant: Ali Akbari, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2020.)

Flex Locksmith  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571330

The following person doing business as: Flex Locksmith, 367 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Ali Naqi Akbari, 367 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Ali Naqi Akbari, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein June 20, 2020. Signature of Registrant: Ali Akbari, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2020.)

DeSoto Cab of Tri Valley  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571331

The following person doing business as: DeSoto Cab of Tri Valley; Yellow Cab; Pleasanton Taxi; Dublin Taxi; Livermore Taxi, Sunol Taxi, DeSoto Cab Dublin; DeSoto Cab Pleasanton; DeSoto Cab Livermore; DeSoto Cab, 4900 Hopyard Road, #100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Ali Naqi Akbari, 367 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Ali Naqi Akbari, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein October 30, 2007. Signature of Registrant: Ali Naqi Akbari, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2020.)

Yellow Cab Company  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571332

The following person doing business as: Yellow Cab Company; Yellow Cab Pleasanton; Yellow Cab Dublin; Yellow Cab Livermore; Yellow Cab Co; Yellow Cab Sunol; Yellow Cab Co Dublin; Yellow Cab Co Pleasanton; Yellow Cab Co Livermore; Yellow Cab Co of Tri Valley, 4900 Hopyard Road, #100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Ali Naqi Akbari, 367 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Ali Naqi Akbari, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein October 30, 2007. Signature of Registrant: Ali Naqi Akbari, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2020.)

DeSoto Access Transportation  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571377

The following person doing business as: DeSoto Access Transportation, 4900 Hopyard Road, #100, Pleasanton, CA

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Orange Cab Co  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571378

The following person doing business as: Orange Cab Co, 367 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: American Cab & Orange Cab Co LLC, 367 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by American Cab & Orange Cab Co LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein October 1, 2013. Signature of Registrant: Ali Akbari, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 13, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2020.)

Liberty Cab  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571379

The following person doing business as: Liberty Cab, 4900 Hopyard Road, #100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: DeSoto Cab Company LLC, 367 Earhart Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by DeSoto Cab Company LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein October 1, 2013. Signature of Registrant: Ali Akbari, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 13, 2020. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2020.)

DeSoto Cab Company  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571380

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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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Visit [AlamedaCountyFairgrounds.com](http://AlamedaCountyFairgrounds.com) for updated ticket information — all shows have sold out quickly!

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**3657 MANCHESTER STREET, PLEASANTON**

4 Bed | 2.5 Bath  
 2,047 +/- Sq Ft | 7,644 +/- Lot  
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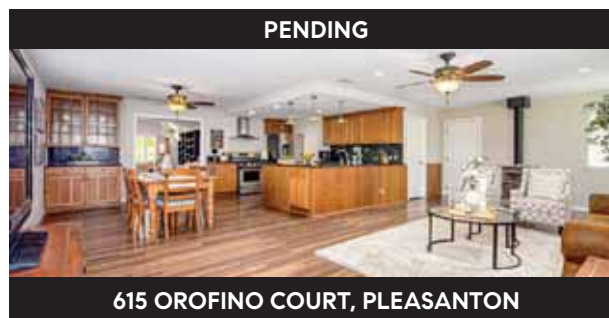
4 Bed | 2.5 Bath  
 2,111 +/- Sq Ft | Custom Home  
 Listed at \$1,270,000



**SOLD**

**4055 PEREGRINE WAY, PLEASANTON**

3 Bed | 2 Bath  
 1,246 +/- Sq Ft | 3,486 +/- Lot  
 Sold for \$860,000



**PENDING**

**615 OROFINO COURT, PLEASANTON**

3 Bed | 2 Bath  
 2,062 +/- Sq Ft | 10,920 +/- Lot  
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4 Bed | 2.5 Bath  
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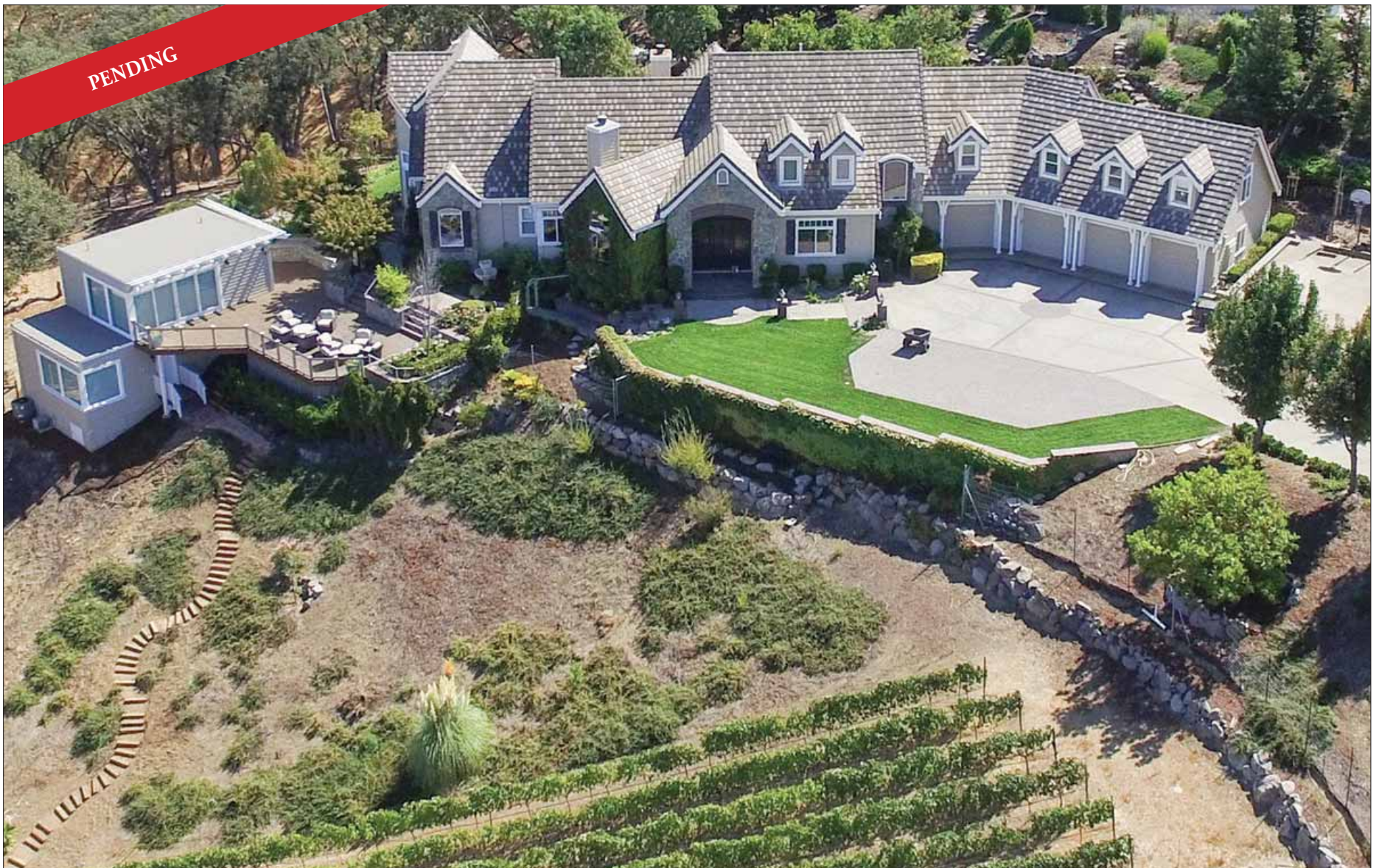
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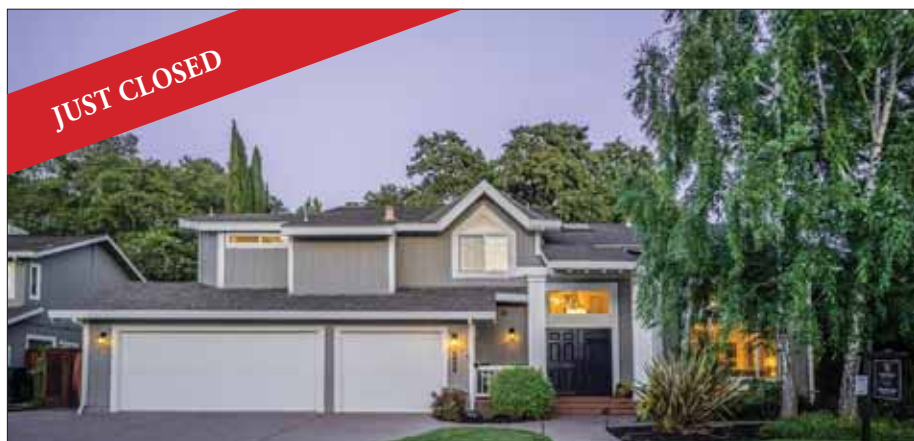
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- Downtown building up to \$1M
- Engaged couple need small home up to \$900k
- Peninsula family needs luxury modern up to \$3M
- Local family wants pool this summer up to \$1.4M
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5bd/4.5ba, 5,329+/-sq.ft, 14,810+/-sq.ft lot  
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SOLD \$99K OVER ASKING WITH 17 OFFERS

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