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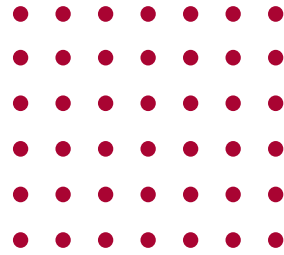


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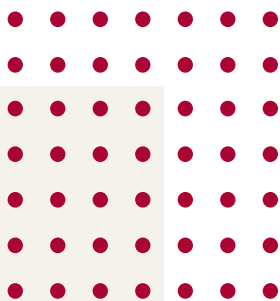
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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Potentially unlimited clean energy

Pleasanton-based NDB, Inc. last week announced what could be a game-changing advance in battery technology — a battery powered by Carbon-14 with up to a 28,000-year life.

That's no typo — essentially unlimited life with no need for charging.

The firm, based on Hopyard Road, announced two proof-of-concept successes involving Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.

The nano diamond battery uses radioactive isotopes to fuel its batteries. The isotopes are coated with layers of synthetic diamonds that isolate the isotopes and capture the electrons to power the battery. The diamonds are one of the hardest materials to break or damage. It involves proprietary nanotechnology to surround the isotopes.

The company was co-founded in 2018 by Nima Golsharifi and Sugura Amakuho, both holders of doctorate degrees with backgrounds in both academia and the defense industry. They had been researching in their respective areas of expertise for seven years before putting the company together.

“Our team is bringing together leaders in the nanotechnology, nuclear science and diamond fields with military, academic and research backgrounds, and combining our unique mix of expertise has made it possible for us to crack the code in developing this groundbreaking, life-changing solution,” Golsharifi said in the press release.

The potential uses are mind-boggling and potentially solve energy issues forever. Because their initial products will recycle spent nuclear waste, it also is taking care of that vexing challenge.

Imagine electric vehicles that run without needing a battery charge or a laptop or phone that never needs charging. They believe their technology will scale to virtually any use such as meeting the power needs of huge data centers or powering jet airlines.

In our interview, Golsharifi said there's significant interest in the defense industry with aviation including vertical takeoff and landing as well as urban air mobility.

In the long term, they see applications in space travel including

potential intergalactic missions. That will take a more efficient battery than their current technology that captures a 40% charge, a huge improvement over the 15% that today's batteries capture.

Given a never-ending life as well as emission-free operation, it's a revolutionary technology that tackles climate change issues as well as the current reliance on fossil fuels.

The press release also announced two beta customers, a company focused on nuclear fuel cycle products and a leading global aerospace, defense and security firm. The company currently is developing the first commercial prototype that they plan to be available later this year. It also will launch its first funding round soon.

Although the headquarters are in Pleasanton, its leadership is located across the country and in England. In addition, they are working with academic researchers at Carnegie Mellon and MIT as well as universities in Europe. They said they wanted the Pleasanton location for two reasons: proximity to Lawrence Livermore and the Silicon Valley.

They are working on two components for their batteries — the power that would go into consumer electronics devices and propulsion and then a storage system connected with super-capacitors. The second system could make California's rolling blackouts because of its reliance on wind and solar a thing of the past.

NDB has an impressive group of advisers including Dr. John Shawe-Taylor at the University of London (UNESCO Chair).

Shawe-Taylor was quoted in the press release, “NDB has the potential to solve the major global issue of carbon emissions in one stroke without the expensive infrastructure projects, energy transportation costs, or negative environmental impacts associated with alternate solutions such as carbon capture at fossil fuel power stations, hydroelectric plants, turbines, or nuclear power stations.

“Their technology's ability to deliver energy over very long periods of time without the need for recharging, refueling, or servicing puts them in an ideal position to tackle the world's energy requirements through a distributed solution with close to zero environmental impact and energy transportation costs.” ■

About the Cover

Vine Cinema, a boutique film theater in downtown Livermore, has turned to creative strategies to try to survive its pandemic-induced closure, including selling snacks curbside and holding a well-supported GoFundMe campaign. Photo by Cierra Bailey. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What are you looking forward to doing over the long Labor Day weekend?



Meredith Loggins

Server/bartender/student

I'm looking forward to using those days to mentally reset myself. I also plan to eat a lot of bread because I love carbs and bread is always my go-to comfort food.



Irma Grant

Art teacher

Well, COVID puts a bit of a damper on my plans, but at least I can still paint. So I'm planning to work on my series of "Geisha Girl" paintings, as well as another painting I've been working on. It's of a saxophonist.



Klara Grant

Middle school student

I'm looking forward to hanging out with my friends, at a safe social distance, of course. And also going swimming in our pool.



Stephen Grant

Engineer

Well, what I'd really like to do is go for a bike ride through Sycamore Grove. But the park has been closed due to the wildfires. So I'm looking forward instead to discovering a new biking venue. It will probably be somewhere along the Pleasanton Ridge.



Mike Collis *Retired*

To be honest, I'm looking forward to doing exactly what I'm doing right now, which is taking a drive to downtown Pleasanton in order to watch how well people are responding to and coping with our recent challenges. And to support and encourage all of the local businesses and their employees who have acclimated so well to the strange situation we are all in these days.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Closures extended

The city of Pleasanton has extended the closure of Main Street to vehicular traffic on weekends to run through October, including an extra day this holiday weekend on Labor Day itself.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association announced on Tuesday the extension of the downtown street closure each Friday morning through Sunday evening that aims to create more space for restaurants and businesses to operate outdoors. This weekend's closure will include Monday (but not overnight Sunday).

City officials have decided to continue the weekend closures through all of September and October, with the final Sunday to be Nov. 1. That is a hard end date, according to the PDA.

"Alternative solutions to utilizing outdoor space will be examined beyond that point. Exploration of these additional solutions are beginning now and will continue through the next several weeks to ensure a viable plan is put in place come Nov. 1," the PDA stated.

Dublin city forum

Candidates for Dublin mayor and city council on the November ballot are participating in an online candidate forum next Thursday evening (Sept. 10), presented by the Pleasanton Weekly in partnership with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce and Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club.

First up, from 6-7:15 p.m., will be the the mayoral candidates — sitting council members Arun Goel and Melissa Hernandez and newcomers Regina Pangelinan.

The council candidates will follow from 7:30-9 p.m.: Shawn Costello, Lucrecia Deleon, Razi Hansi, Sherry Hu, Michael McCarriston, Sri Muppidi, Dawn Plants, Kashif Qaadri and Samir Qureshi. Two at-large council seats are on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Registration for the Zoom forum is required via dublinchamberofcommerce.org. To suggest a question for the moderators, email Weekly publisher Gina Channell at gchannell@pleasantonweekly.com.

Moirao's new deal

Dublin Unified School District Acting Superintendent Daniel Moirao received the new title of interim superintendent and will serve in the role for the entire 2020-21 school year under a new contract approved by the Board of Trustees last month.

Moirao, who was brought in after the sudden resignation of Superintendent Dave Marken in June, will receive an annual salary of \$336,000 for his year of employment under the contract that would run through Aug. 31, 2021 unless a permanent superintendent starts sooner. ■

PUSD board discusses 'significant' drop in enrollment on first day of school

Also: A farewell to retiring assistant, new Amador vice principal, polling places at schools

By JULIA BAUM

Remote learning started recently at Pleasanton Unified School District but saw lower numbers of enrollment than last year, staff reported at the Board of Trustees meeting last week.

Exactly 14,500 total students were enrolled in PUSD on the first day of instruction, Aug. 11 — about 400 fewer students than the first day of school in 2019, according to the district.

"The largest number of students that have left or are no longer enrolled, are at the elementary level," student services director Kathleen

Rief told the trustees during their remote meeting Aug. 27.

"There's about a roughly 250 students difference from the second week of school last year to this year," Rief added, which she attributed mostly to families' child care needs.

The district had 5,928 elementary students enrolled on the first day this year, compared to 6,191 students for the first day of the 2019-20 school year.

"I know that TK and kindergarten, there are child care facilities operating in person and so we've seen some drops there," Rief added. "I think parents have shifted to go to child

care that's in-person rather than enroll in online programs. I think if we are able to shift back to some sort of hybrid scenario at some point, that we would see enrollment come back, because those are programs that parents pay for, too."

Assistant superintendent of student support services Ed Diolazo said, "We have a pretty significant drop in our enrollment numbers on the first day of school, and it's even more telling at the secondary level."

PUSD had 8,672 students enrolled at the secondary level for the first day of classes — 3,447 middle-schoolers and 5,125 high-schoolers.

According to Rief, as far as actual attendance goes, "Anecdotally, overall, a large percentage of our students are participating, logging in" and doing well with synchronous learning.

Diolazo said "students are expected to participate with a visual check in," and though there may be some confusion about technological barriers to completing that requirement, auditory or chat features may suffice for purposes of documenting attendance.

If students are habitually late,

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KRISTIE WANG

Census volunteers distributed thousands of door hangers in apartment complexes as a way to get the word out about the census ahead of the Sept. 30 deadline.

'Everyone counts, everyone matters'

Officials focus on hard-to-reach populations as national census deadline approaches

By RYAN J. DEGAN

While the Tri-Valley community's census self-response rates remain above the state and national average, there are still large groups of residents in the region — roughly 15% to 30% — who are still unaccounted for, many of whom belong to so-called "hard-to-count populations."

A primary target of census takers throughout the country, hard-to-count populations are classified as such by census officials due to existing barriers. For example, they may be highly mobile, distrustful of government, require

language assistance or reside in areas that are just hard to reach.

With the census currently entering the later stages of tabulation, officials and volunteers are working hard to reach these groups because federal funding — as well as representative boundaries for federal, state and local elected offices — are directly related to population, and an under-count may result in hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars in lost revenue for civic services.

"When you look at the Tri-Valley, a pattern emerges if you

know our communities. The slower response areas have a higher Hispanic population and/or multi-unit housings. The higher response area is mainly white middle-class populated areas. If you see the city ranking in California, it is even more evident," Kyoko Takayama, community organizer and Alameda County census ambassador, told the Weekly.

"In Livermore, there are two slow response areas. They have a higher Hispanic/Latino population and/or multi-unit housing.

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7 residents, 1 employee dead from COVID-19

Outbreak continues at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab Center

By JEREMY WALSH

The COVID-19 outbreak at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has killed seven residents and one employee and resulted in 60 other infections at the facility, according to data available as of press time Wednesday.

The influx of COVID-19 cases apparently began surfacing last month at the multi-room skilled nursing facility on Neal Street several blocks away from downtown Pleasanton operated by Generations Healthcare.

While public data from the state has not specified the fatality rate due to the single-digit count at the facility, a Generations Healthcare spokesperson confirmed on Wednesday that so far seven residents and one employee have died from COVID-19.

"Pleasanton Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has been consistent in following state and federal guidelines in responding to COVID-19. We have been transparent and diligent in reporting our cases as required, which sadly includes the death of one employee and seven residents," spokesperson Steve Black told the Weekly.

"This health care crisis has impacted us as a facility and community, and our team of physicians, nurses, and experts are intimately

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Pleasanton proceeds with removal of tree in park amid minor pushback

Fungus-infected eucalyptus in Lions Wayside Park was among the oldest, tallest trees in city

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton officials initiated a project to cut down one of the city's oldest and largest trees this week, doing so over the objections of some residents who opposed the tree's removal despite the city classifying the eucalyptus as a public safety hazard.

Located at Lions Wayside Park behind the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton, city officials said that the eucalyptus tree must be taken down as a matter of safety, specifying that it has become infected with an incurable sulphur fungus that could potentially result in falling branches and debris while the park is in use.

But resident Todd Myers was unconvinced that the tree couldn't be saved, at least partially, through diligent pruning or significant trimming as necessary. He, along with several other residents, organized a small protest to help spare the tree on Tuesday morning.

"I've been up here since 1968

(and) we were taking pictures of it and videos, and it was sad because we used to play there as kids behind the ravine there and all in the park for forever and kids still do," Myers told the Weekly on Monday. "We're doing a protest for sure ... We just want them to be able to prune it down. It's just grown to the point where it is dangerous, but you can prune it down."

The protest received only a small attendance on Tuesday morning, with a handful of residents turning out to show their support for the tree.

"The problem is (the city) really didn't alert anyone. They put a notice out about a week ago on social media but it was very brief," Myers added on Monday.

City officials, however, maintain that all avenues of saving the tree had been exhausted and removing the beloved eucalyptus was simply a matter of public safety.

"With this particular fungus, it is my understanding that once the tree

is infected with it, it can't be saved," city spokesperson Cindy Chin told the Weekly. "Because of the location of the park and the size, it really creates a safety risk for the community and that's why we are having it removed."

"We've also had a wildlife ecologist come examine the tree on Friday and then again (Monday) morning to verify that there is not any wildlife nesting in the tree," she added. "We've really exhausted every measure to save and preserve the tree."

Chin further refuted a circulating claim that a parking lot would be built in the tree's current location, saying that there are no plans to build a parking lot there. Chin also noted that at the moment there are also no plans to replace it with a new tree.

While the city maintained that the tree must come down, as a way to assuage residents distressed by the tree's removal, Chin said a



MIKE SEDLAK

Crew member works on cutting the fungus-infected eucalyptus in Lions Wayside Park on Wednesday.

portion of the tree will be preserved at Alviso Adobe Community Park for "as long as the piece will last."

There it will be placed on display for residents to recognize the long-standing historical relevance the tree has had to the city.

A standing landmark that very nearly predates the city (Pleasanton

was officially incorporated in 1894), the downtown eucalyptus stood well over 100 feet tall and was estimated to be more than 125 years old.

Work on the tree began early Tuesday morning, with total removal estimated to be completed by today. ■

Zone 7 unveils new ozone treatment system

Ozonation replaces chlorine as water agency's preferred disinfectant

By JULIA BAUM

Zone 7 Water Agency is now treating its water supply with ozone, replacing chlorine as the main disinfecting treatment and "enhancing quality of finished water" for customers, officials announced on Tuesday.

The agency's mostly completed \$49 million ozonation project is now up and running at the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant in Livermore, which has been upgraded in recent years to make use of ozone as a

powerful water disinfectant.

The bond-funded treatment system is part of Zone 7's capital improvement plan, and will treat an estimated 40 million gallons per day (mgd) of production capacity.

Algal blooms "are among the challenges" that Zone 7 said they are faced with treating the agency's raw water supply. Blooms are normal, but officials said "they are becoming more frequent." Besides causing taste and odor problems, the algae also

makes it more difficult to treat the water.

In a statement, officials said ozonation is "the latest investment by Zone 7 to make the treatment process more efficient and improve water quality to better serve the community."

Board President Olivia Sanwong said the investment in "best-in-class technology" demonstrates the agency's commitment to high-quality water.

"Ozonation is a proven, successful

treatment method that will improve our water, making it cleaner, safer and better tasting — straight from the tap," Sanwong said.

Ozone was chosen to replace chlorine as Zone 7's main disinfectant over multiple other options because it makes the water treatment process more efficient and improves water quality "by treating taste and odor impacts from algae growth, reducing chlorine-related byproducts, and killing even more pathogens than

chlorine."

Zone 7 said that ozone is also "the technology of choice for treating other contaminants of emerging concern, such as cyanotoxins produced by blue-green algae, endocrine disruptors and pharmaceuticals that can make their way into raw water supplies."

The Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant is also investing in ozonation, and expected to go online with the system in 2022. ■

Alameda County health officer out on family leave

Also: Former county chief ascends to top position at state level

By JEREMY WALSH

Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County's interim public health officer, is away from work for an unspecified family leave that is expected to last about a month.

Moss, who was promoted to his current position in late June after Dr. Erica Pan was hired by the state government, began his family leave on Aug. 23 and it is scheduled to extend through Sept. 19, according to county officials. As county health officer, Moss is the head of the Alameda County Public Health Department and is the leading decision-maker and public face behind its COVID-19 health orders.

Dr. Kathleen Clanon, the medical director for the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency,

has stepped into the role of deputy health officer during Moss' absence.

"Dr. Clanon has been an integral part of our COVID-19 leadership and response teams since the beginning of our activation," county spokesperson Jerri Applegate Randrup told the Weekly.

Dr. Michael Stacey will be on board to assist Clanon during this time. He has years of local public health experience, having served as medical director and deputy health officer for the Solano County Health and Social Services Department, according to Randrup.

Stacey will retain his current job as chief medical officer at LifeLong Medical Care, though he will temporarily reduce his role there to spend

most of his time advising Alameda County Health Care Services on public health officer matters, according to Randrup.

Though temporary, this is the second leadership change at the top for ACPHD since the pandemic started.

Pan, who had been interim county health officer since July 2018, left on June 29 to become the new state epidemiologist and deputy director overseeing the Center for Infectious Diseases at the California Department of Public Health. Moss, who had been Pan's top deputy, took over the lead role in Alameda County on June 30.

Since then, Pan ascended to acting state public health officer in mid-August after the abrupt resignation of Dr. Sonia Angell. ■



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Support AniMeals

Valley Humane Society has seen a 400% increase in demand for assistance through its AniMeals pet food pantry since the start of the pandemic in March. With distributions occurring several times per week in partnership with Open Heart Kitchen and the Alameda County Community Food Bank, the Pleasanton-based nonprofit estimates it will need to raise \$15,000 to meet community need through the end of the year. Financial contributions are being requested over food donations at this time for storage space reasons and so the nonprofit can leverage wholesale suppliers. To learn more, visit valleyhumane.org.

Pleasanton bans flavored tobacco sales effective in 2021

Council also agrees to establish tobacco retailer license

By JULIA BAUM

The Pleasanton City Council voted last month to ban the retail sale of flavored tobacco products within city limits and establish a tobacco retailer license, effective in 2021.

Pleasanton now joins more than 150 other cities in banning flavored tobacco sales and the establishment of new tobacco retailers within 1,000 feet of a public school, park or recreation center. The two local ordinances are part of a public

campaign to discourage youths from using flavored tobacco and vaping devices.

Cigars will be required to be sold in packages of five and cigarillos — also known as small cigars — in packages of 20, under the new city regulations.

The Alameda County Public Health Department's Tobacco Control Program found that four in five county youths using tobacco products first tried flavored tobacco, and the ordinance states

that a third of underage decoys were able to purchase tobacco products without being asked for identification.

Representatives for a local convenience store phoned in to the council meeting Aug. 18 and said their business should be grandfathered in like other shops in Livermore and Dublin because “if you do not allow a grandfathered location who has been in compliance with the ordinance for a number of years, you're really punishing

somebody who has complied with your own action.”

Youth Commission adult member Kelly Mokashi told the council to “take very careful care in thinking about the minimum price and package size required for tobacco products.”

“We need to avoid any opportunity for interest in this type of sale,” Mokashi said. “Our youth are not as aware of the dangers of smoking and vaping is just as dangerous, and so it is a very

important ordinance.”

Both ordinances passed; the flavored tobacco ban was unanimously approved, while the tobacco retailer license (TRL) ordinance received support from all council members except Karla Brown. Brown said she was “going to continue to vote no because I'd like to have TRLs control the use of locations from youth center proximities.”

Both ordinances go into effect Jan. 1. ■



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Mayors highlight how Tri-Valley has adapted amid COVID-19

New businesses, senior services, assistance programs among topics at virtual summit

By CIERRA BAILEY

It's a longstanding tradition for the mayors of Pleasanton, Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon to gather annually for the Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit, during which they discuss prominent challenges and opportunities in their respective communities.

However, this year's event brought a new experience for all the participants, as it was held virtually for the first time due to the coronavirus pandemic and associated shelter-in-place order.

The online panelists included mayors Karen Stepper (Danville), David Haubert (Dublin), John Marchand (Livermore) and Bill Clarkson (San Ramon), as well as Pleasanton Vice Mayor Kathy Narum, who filled in for Mayor Jerry Thorne.

The approximately hour-long discussion took place on Aug. 26, moderated by former state assemblywoman Catharine Baker. She kicked off the conversation by asking each mayor to identify some positive economic developments that have come to fruition in spite of the ongoing pandemic.

Narum, who answered first, said that Pleasanton has been able to "make lemonade out of lemons" by helping its downtown restaurants and retailers expand their outdoor capacity with the closure of Main Street on weekends.

She also praised the opening of Omron, a new robotics company located in the Hacienda Business Park as well as the council approving Simon Property Group to move forward with the first phase

of the redevelopment of Stoneridge Shopping Center. The first phase includes tearing down the vacant area where Sears used to be, making way for a new movie theater, grocery store, retail, restaurants and outdoor amenities.

Narum also provided an update on the plans to build a Costco in Pleasanton, saying that after the council members approved the revised environmental impact report for the project, they were served with another lawsuit contesting its sufficiency. Narum said that while the city hopes to have a resolution by the end of the year, COVID-19 has slowed the process.

"I hope the next mayor who will be sitting here next year will be able to announce the groundbreaking," she said.

Marchand, Stepper and Haubert each shared similar updates about how their business communities have pivoted to offering outdoor and online services as well as new businesses that have come to the Tri-Valley like Marc Jacobs and Loro Piana at the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore and the luxury automobile dealer, Bay Area Motors, and Mimi's Chocolates in Dublin.

Clarkson shifted gears to draw attention to the challenges that members of the community have been faced with.

"I don't want to sugarcoat what's going on in this pandemic," he said. "One of our roles as public officials and one of our roles in public policy is to make sure that the decision-makers who are public health officials and state legislators understand the punitive

damages being done to all of our communities."

While he acknowledged that San Ramon has followed the same steps as its Tri-Valley neighbors in terms of supporting local businesses, Clarkson expressed concern for those who have lost their jobs, the businesses that will inevitably have to close, the schools that are not permitted to reopen, as well as some health services that are still unavailable like certain cancer screenings.

"It's important for us to talk about good things that are continuing, but it's also important for us as leaders to make sure that we're not forgetting those who might be getting left behind," he said.

Staying under the umbrella of the pandemic, Baker asked the mayors what each of their communities have been doing to maintain "community cohesion and mental well-being" among residents who aren't able to gather and share experiences together during this time.

Haubert and Clarkson each shared that they transitioned some of their city staff members to facilitate increased services for vulnerable groups in their cities.

While Meals on Wheels is typically a program exclusively for seniors, Haubert said that Dublin made it available to people with disabilities who may not have reached the age requirement to participate but aren't able to easily access other food options. He added that the city is shouldering the cost of expanding the program.

In San Ramon, Clarkson said that staffers, primarily from the city's Parks and Recreation Department, identified about 450 households with seniors, many of whom live by themselves, and the city set up food and prescription delivery services for them.

In addition to food distribution services, each mayor discussed virtual community activities their communities offer and financial assistance programs.

In Livermore, Marchand said the council had just voted for "the largest financial support package yet." The city will contribute \$2 million from its general fund for grants between \$2,000 and \$20,000 to reimburse 50% of a businesses' COVID-19 expenses.

Stepper and Haubert each highlighted public art displays as a way of bringing their respective communities together.

In Danville, the "Hearts Around Hartz" public art installation features individually designed heart shaped sculptures throughout downtown. When the exhibit is removed in October, the sculptures will be placed in an online auction.

Similarly, Dublin's "A Chair to Remember" exhibit features elaborately painted Adirondack chairs displayed throughout the city that are also up for auction. Local artists contributed to both of the exhibits.

Later in the conversation, Marchand shared that he was also proud of the 57 new pieces of public art that have been displayed in Livermore throughout his time as mayor.

With Marchand, Clarkson, Haubert and Thorne all terming out as mayors this year and Stepper rotating positions with another Danville council member, Baker closed out the discussion by asking each mayor to share something they are most proud of and something that they would have liked to accomplish during their time as mayor that they look forward to seeing realized in the future.

Channeling Thorne in his absence, Narum said that she thinks he would be most proud of the installation of the Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery as well as securing funding for the widening of Highway 84. She said his one disappointment would likely be that he won't be able to cut the ribbon for the renovation of Lions Wayside Park.

Marchand said he's proud to have been a part of "nine years of good governance" and hopes to break ground on Livermorium Plaza before he leaves office.

Stepper and Haubert both expressed excitement about the park improvements that have taken place in Danville and Dublin and echoed each other's desire to have gotten further along with the Valley Link rail project.

Clarkson said he was proud of the downtown developments they've made in San Ramon while still protecting existing neighborhoods and open spaces, adding that he would be "walking away satisfied" that there wasn't much lingering that wasn't accomplished in his time as mayor.

The virtual 2020 Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit is available on YouTube. ■

Online learning to continue at Las Positas College next spring

Courses deemed essential by state will be held in hybrid format

By JULIA BAUM

Las Positas College in Livermore will hold most of its classes online for the spring 2021 semester, with some courses considered essential by the state taking place in hybrid format.

Classes will be delivered in "a mixture of virtual content with scheduled instruction times via an online meeting platform," LPC officials announced in a statement Tuesday.

The decision came from Chabot-Las Positas Community College District administration, which said the move was made "to expedite the information necessary for students to continue to plan for their education this academic year, and taking into consideration the ever-changing



conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Administrators said LPC and its sister campus, Chabot College in Hayward, "remain resilient and continue to provide educational opportunities and support for students to succeed, no matter the medium of delivery."

To help students stay on track with their academic goals and

finish their assignments, the following student support services are available online:

- Computer center - online
- Online learning assistance
- Canvas technical support
- Online tutoring
- Student services
- Student Health Center
- Online counseling
- Disabled students programs and services
- Library
- Reading & Writing (RAW) Center
- Math Help

Spring 2021 registration opens Nov. 1, and classes start Jan. 19. For updated course offerings and updates, and a complete list of resources for students, visit laspositascollege.edu. ■

DEATHS

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involved in providing continuous guidance in our fight against this virus," he said. "We are working closely with the Alameda County Health Department and the California Department of Public Health in the care and management of our residents and staff, as well as our local health partners who have aligned with us and established communication and support."

As of press time Wednesday, the California Department of Public Health — which tracks and reports COVID-19 data for skilled nursing facilities — reported 29 confirmed cases among residents and 39 cases among employees at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab.

The state data does not include an exact number of cases or deaths if a facility has 10 or fewer on record (otherwise it is tracked as "less than 11," with no precise number as a "de-identification" strategy).

However, Black confirmed the facility's fatality total just before noon

Wednesday. At least one of those deaths appears to have occurred in the past week, as no employee deaths had been reported by the state as of Aug. 26.

"Our dedicated frontline health-care workers are deeply grateful for the support we have received from our families and community as they continue to be committed to the care of every person to which we are entrusted," he said. "We are very proud of our nurses and their devotion to caring for our most vulnerable residents."

Overall in Alameda County, the state has reported 894 confirmed cases in skilled nursing facilities and 108 deaths due to COVID-19 over the course of the pandemic. These facilities accounted for more than 42% of the county's COVID-19 death total.

The Alameda County Public Health Department reported 257 deaths and 18,445 positive cases overall during the pandemic, as of Wednesday's data. That includes 786 confirmed cases in Livermore, 380 in Pleasanton and 217 in Dublin. ■

Audit finds Measures B/BB revenue was spent accordingly

Sales taxes funded local roads, public transit last year

By JULIA BAUM

Tax dollars from Measures B and BB were spent as intended on improving transportation infrastructure in Alameda County last year, according to a new audit from the Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC).

Last month, the IWC — which formed after the one-half cent local sales tax Measure B was renewed in 2000 — released its 18th annual report, which includes an update on

programs and projects funded by the two sales taxes and covers expenditures for fiscal year 2018-19.

Every year the IWC reviews and evaluates the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (ACTC) expenditures of Measures B and BB sales tax funds, to ensure they are spent in accordance with voter approval.

The combined \$334 million in revenue last year was spent as intended

on public transit, local bicycle and pedestrian projects, and highway and street capital projects, among other costs, but “opportunities for improvement remain,” according to ACTC. In total, about \$301.6 million was expended that year on those projects.

A reported cyberattack prevented one jurisdiction from submitting the required audited financial statement and compliance report, which caused “a number of entities to

continue to carry large fund balances although they are in compliance with the ‘timely use of funds’ policy.”

The report also stated “a number of performance measures were not met; in some instances, administrative costs appeared high as related to project and program expenditures; and the Measure BB requirement for Complete Streets appears to cause difficulty or confusion for some jurisdictions.”

A copy of the report, including the executive summary available in English, Spanish and Chinese versions, and audited financial statements and compliance reports are available at www.alamedactc.org. Hard copies may be requested via email at aayers@alamedactc.org or through postage mail: ACTC Offices, 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, 94607. Members of the public may also call 510-208-7450. ■

CENSUS

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Our lower income population is concentrating in those two areas,” she added.

According to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, hard-to-count populations generally consist of people who are difficult to interview because barriers such as language, low literacy or a lack of internet access hinder participation.

In the Livermore-Pleasanton area, this group is commonly populated by students who are highly mobile and often difficult to locate, low-income residents, Latinx residents, immigrants (documented and undocumented) or people who may have a distrust of the government.

Takayama argued the federal government's previous attempt to ask residents their citizenship status on the census eroded any trust some immigrants may have had in the process, and while the questionnaire does not ask about citizenship, the damage has been done.

“The language barrier does exist but the fear is most prevalent, I think,” Takayama said. “The need is there, but the fear is even greater. The questions over citizenship really really freaked people out and Livermore actually does have a number of undocumented immigrants.”

To help visit these groups and others who have simply not responded to their census forms, door-to-door visits from official census takers started in the second week of August, visiting non-responsive residents throughout the Tri-Valley.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, official census workers can be easily identified by their official government badges that include their name, photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date. They will also be carrying an official bag with the Census Bureau logo and laptop, smartphone or tablet for conducting the survey and will provide documentation with official bureau letterhead stating why they are visiting.

Census takers are also mandated to provide their supervisor's contact information when requested by a resident.

Door-to-door canvassing will last through the end of September, with

final census figures being delivered to President Donald Trump by Dec. 31.

Former State Assembly member Catharine Baker told the Weekly that she completed the census online soon after being prompted earlier this year, knowing the importance of the population count. But she said she recently received multiple in-person visits from census representatives at her home in Dublin, and she advised other residents who find themselves in a similar situation to have a conversation with the census taker explaining the situation.

“They're trying to make sure they get an accurate count and our government benefits from the most accurate information possible. And it's important to participate in the census; just make sure if you are getting a knock on the door from someone that they are aware that you took it already (if you did),” Baker said.

“I thought it was a civic responsibility to do this; it's participating in a constitutional duty that was put in the original Constitution and I encourage everyone to take the census,” she added.

Strategic public outreach and connection with various community partners is one of the primary tools in reaching these groups according to census officials, who look to partner with community groups and local governments to reach as many residents as possible.

“We do outreach to create community partners in particular those areas where we know there are hard-to-count populations,” Joshua Green, media specialist for the Census Bureau, told the Weekly. “We've been doing lots of outreach with nonprofits, community-based organizations, local governments, anyone who is willing to help us promote the census and make sure that everybody is counted.”

“We do that because the message of ‘please get counted,’ we want to come from local people from what we call trusted messengers and that has been very effective,” he added.

When the shelter-in-place occurred as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, traditional plans and events were for the most part canceled due to large in-person events being prohibited; however, local volunteers have still been working to get the region's numbers up.

To continue to get the word out,

Takayama said census volunteers placed census-related posters and fliers at the essential businesses in and around hard-to-count areas, with particular focus on fast food and less-expensive takeout restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacies and gas stations.

Local community partners such as school districts and libraries have also sent out reminders to residents and distribute census information at curbside pickup locations as further ways to put the word out. County officials have offered grocery bags with fliers at small grocery stores and Tri-Valley food pantry.

Phone calls are additionally put into use and recently and more than 1,000 census reminder calls have been made to residents mostly in apartments and multi-unit housing.

Another popular census event in the time of COVID-19 is the car caravan outreach, where census ambassadors and supporters drive through local neighborhoods promoting the census and handing out census goodie bags — north Livermore held a census car caravan on June 20 hosted by Census La Familia.

“Our last effort was the Mobile Questionnaire Assistance at the Junction K-8 and Robert Livermore Community Center food distribution sites,” Takayama said. “We counted three families of 13 people, and it will bring back \$13,000 a year to our communities for the next decade. Everyone counts and everyone matters.”

Homeless residents also offer particular difficulties for census takers in the Bay Area; however, census officials have been making plans to make sure these residents are likewise included in the count.

“The U.S. Census Bureau recently announced its plan to count people experiencing homelessness between Sept. 22 to Sept. 24, 2020. It was previously scheduled between March 30 and April 1, 2020,” said Aparna Madireddi, a member of Contra Costa County's 2020 Census Complete Count Steering Committee.

“It involves census takers counting people at shelters, soup kitchens, regularly scheduled mobile food vans and outdoor locations that were previously identified by the Census Bureau and their partners,” she added.

People living in transitory

locations — such as recreational vehicle parks, campgrounds and hotels — are additionally scheduled to be counted between now and Sept. 28, in Contra Costa County. It was previously scheduled between April 9 and May 4.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of Monday the self-response rates of residents in Tri-Valley communities are without exception significantly higher than the state and national averages of 66.9% and 64.7%, respectively.

In the Tri-Valley, Danville led the way with 86.1%, followed by Livermore with 81.2%, Pleasanton with 79.6%, San Ramon with 79.3% and Dublin with 76.7%.

For reference, in 2010 the national mail-in response rate was estimated to be 74% in total.

“Despite COVID-19 and me not able to do any census events or the county unable to do any workshops, the higher numbers are due to the early outreach efforts started last year. However, at this time, with illnesses and job losses, it has been harder to get people to respond as easily,” Madireddi said.

For residents who haven't been counted yet, door-to-door visits from census takers have begun but it is still not too late for residents to complete their self-response forms. Self-response to the 2020 U.S. census is currently open through Sept. 30 and can be completed online at <https://my2020census.gov/>.

Census staff said the questionnaire takes about 10 minutes to complete and is safe and confidential for respondents. ■

Robert Molinari

February 14, 1946 – July 19, 2020

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Bob Molinari. He was born on Valentine's Day in 1946 to Mary Cull and Guido Molinari in San Francisco, California.

He was a deeply loved and adored husband, father, grandfather and brother, who lived a full and beautiful life, enduring Parkinson's Disease for the past seven years.

Bob graduated from Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco, CA, and then from San Jose State University. Bob was proud of his devoted career as a San Francisco Fireman, retiring as a captain after thirty years of service.

Two of Bob's greatest passions were music and tennis. Bob was a drummer throughout his life, playing with various bands as a member of the Musicians Union Local 6. Playing tennis with friends and family gave Bob a lifetime of wonderful memories.

Bob's greatest love was time spent with his family. He will be deeply missed by his adoring wife of fifty years, Kathy (Farr), son Steve (Julie), and daughter Leslie (Nigel) Pugh. Bob was a devoted grandfather to his five grandchildren, Lucy, Matthew, Tommy, Nicholas, and Ava who lovingly called him their ‘Nonno’. He is survived by his brothers Jim and Jerry, and his sisters Joan and Carol, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

May kind thanks to Tom Vuebala, Bob's caregiver for fourteen months, who tended to Bob's needs with compassion and dedication.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held when restrictions are lifted. Donations can be made to the Micheal J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation of Hope Hospice of Dublin.

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John Michael "Mike" Watson

July 4, 1936 – August 5, 2020

John Michael "Mike" Watson, 84, passed away at his home on August 5, 2020. He was born July 4, 1936 in Livermore, California, the son of Merle Kamp and John Marion Watson of Pleasanton, California.

Mike was raised by his mother and stepfather, Paul Kral. He has one younger sister, Patsy Flores (Andy) of San Jose. Mike loved growing up in Pleasanton. His family lived on East Angela and later on Silver Street. His fondest early memories centered around all the wonderful years he spent at his grandmother's (Eilene Mohr Kamp Sheffield), at the many big family gatherings at the nearby Mohr Estate, and, later, his fun-filled years at "PES#56" (his jovial moniker for Pleasanton Elementary) and Amador High (Class of '54). While at Amador, he was active in sports and worked on the school newspaper. He also worked as a stringer for the Pleasanton Times and the Livermore Herald. He covered all the local high school sports. He loved Pleasanton!

He got his AA Degree at College of San Mateo, then proudly served 8 years in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. When he returned, he went to work for the Oakland Tribune as a copy boy, which brought endless exploits and tales.

He had a lifelong love of baseball -- and ALL sports. Coupling that with his newspaper skills (honed at Amador and at CSM), he became a natural sportswriter. Recognizing those talents, he was hired away from the Oakland Tribune by the Hayward Daily Review, where he worked for 25 years as a sportswriter and, later, Special Sections Editor.

While Mike worked at the Daily Review, he met his future wife, Carolyn Claus, when she was an SJS journalism intern at the newspaper one summer. They would have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on August 28, 2020.

Mike and Carolyn lived in the Northgate area of Fremont, California, where, for 43 years, neighbors said he was "a wonderful friend and neighbor." He was active in all of his daughters' endeavors, including serving on SSC boards at both Warwick Elementary and Thornton Junior High, as well as several South County softball boards. He was an FGSA softball coach and a CYO basketball referee. He always made time for fun-filled family vacations -- Disneyland and Yosemite were favorites.

Following his many years in the newspaper business, Mike's amiable personality caught the eye of personnel at Long's Drugs. He was hired and worked at Bayfair Long's and Greenhouse Long's until he retired. After a year of retirement, he was lured back to help when Long's bought and converted a Payless store in Newark.

His retirement years naturally were spent enjoying all the sports he could watch (especially his beloved San Francisco Giants), participating in many activities with Native Sons of the Golden West, Washington Parlor #169, and enjoying the activities and achievements of his 8 greatly loved grandchildren.

Mike was a friendly and kind, good-natured man, a doting father and grandfather. He will lovingly be remembered by his wife, Carolyn, his three daughters, Jennifer Watson-Bird (Robin) of Livermore, Wendy Williams (Brad) of Merced, and Courtney Peterson (Kim) of Concord, and his eight grandchildren, Brittany, Chase, Wyatt, Eli, Brooke, Amelia, Noah, and Nathan, and all who were lucky enough to know him.

A celebration of life service will be planned in the future.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in his memory to the Junior Giants Organization (1-877-JR-GIANT, Email: JRGiants@SFGiants.com) or Hope Hospice (1-925-829-8770, Email: <https://hopehospice.com>)



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teachers may follow up and recommend low-level interventions to address absences and disengagement from classes.

"It's all about trying to get kids in class, getting their instruction and also making sure that they are engaged," Diolazo said.

The state gave the district a grace period on attendance until Tuesday "to really start reviewing," according to Rief, who said state officials "knew that there was going to be changes going on" with distance learning.

During the board's discussion, Superintendent David Haglund said attendance during remote learning has become a new way to gauge a student's engagement.

"When we think about attendance in this new environment that we're in, attendance is not about trying to prove that people were here. It's really about trying to track those that we're missing and going out and collecting them," Haglund said.

Trustee Joan Laursen called the drop of 400 students enrolled this year "significant" but not as bad as she predicted, and wondered if some families "really aren't in our district anymore and they just haven't informed us."

"There were just so many folks who were just not sure what they were planning to do and where they were going to be, and there were just a lot of things up in the air," Laursen said.

"Of course, I'd like to see those numbers go up, but they just weren't as bad as I was expecting," she added.

In other business

- The district cabinet bid farewell on Aug. 27 to Roseanne Pryor, the recently retired administrative assistant for Haglund as well as previous superintendents.

Pryor, who worked at PUSD for 10 years and announced her retirement earlier this summer, thanked her colleagues "for the opportunity to work here" and called it "a bitter-sweet time for me."

"There's a lot of people that I won't be able to say goodbye to and



ACFD

Lightning fire containment progresses

Fire crews continue to make significant headway against the SCU Lightning Complex, with containment increased to 72% in what has become the state's second-largest wildfire on record at 391,578 acres as of press time Wednesday. Raging in its third week, the SCU Lightning Complex began as 20 different wildland fires sparked by lightning on Aug. 16 but eventually merged into one major wildland fire that is broken into two branches in parts of Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced and San Benito counties. There have been no fatalities reported so far, but five injuries have occurred. In total, 82 structures had been destroyed, another 15 damaged and more than 20,000 were under threat for nearly two weeks until earlier this week when more key progress was made in the fire response. Cal Fire lifted all evacuation orders and warnings in effect for parts of Alameda County on Monday evening.

that saddens me," Pryor said, referring to the district's 15 sites that are mostly empty while students shelter at home.

Haglund called Pryor an "invaluable" part of the district, and said, "We're going to miss you but I trust that you're going to be nearby and engaged as we go forward."

"I'd heard about Pleasanton for 20 years and never thought I'd be working here, so it's been my complete and awesome privilege to work for you," Pryor said.

Pryor said she plans to spend time in retirement with family, especially her grandson. Her last day with the district was Tuesday.

- Prior to the public session, the Board of Trustees unanimously ratified the appointment of a new Amador Valley High School vice principal, and three other district positions.

Melanie Harris was named vice principal at AVHS; Harris thanked the cabinet via webcam and said she "can't wait to work with Amador Valley students," then quickly added: "Go Dons."

Harris most recently worked as coordinator of independent studies for Acalanes Unified High School District in Contra Costa County, according to PUSD.

The trustees also approved the promotion of Seewing Yee to coordinator of innovation and distance learning, as well as the hiring of two more coordinators of technology services and maintenance and transportation.

Yee thanked the board for the opportunity and said he was "looking forward to collaborating" with his new coworkers. His new position is centered around distance learning, in which all PUSD students are currently participating, and is funded "from the federal government for this purpose," according to district spokesperson Patrick Gannon.

The board also accepted the resignation of former senior director of special education Mary Jude Doerpinghaus, who was recently replaced by Ken Goeken. Doerpinghaus' last official day on the job was Aug. 23.

- The district and California School Employees Association finalized a related memorandum of understanding (MOU) that evening to supply district employees onsite during the pandemic with \$486,000 worth of personal protective equipment (PPE). General funds and the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund will pay for the PPE.

- The trustees also authorized the use of district facilities for polling stations in the Nov. 3 general election. With local schools closed until the county falls off the state's county monitoring list, the resolution states "the civic importance of citizen access to polling places necessitates permitting Alameda County officials to use district facilities for election purposes." ■

Annette Mulder

August 8, 1935 – August 9, 2020

Annette Mulder aka Netty passed away peacefully 8/9/2020. She was 85 years old. Born on 8/8/1935 in Amsterdam. Annette was always good for a story and a laugh. She had such a bright spirit. She will be dearly missed by so many. She leaves behind a son, a daughter, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a great great grandchild.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date



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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Remembering my friend, Mark Clay

Former Amador soccer player was force on field, even better man off it

Growing up in Pleasanton in the 1970s was a special experience. The city was smaller then and it seemed like everyone knew everyone else.

You hung out with the kids that lived around you, and the bond was golden with your group of friends. Kids I met back then have become lifelong friends, and ones who I still talk with today.

So, when you lose one of that special group, it is as if you lost a family member. When I got the call from longtime friend Keith Clay recently that his younger brother Mark had passed a few weeks back, it was like losing a brother.

Growing up in the same area brought us together as friends, but it was through the sport of soccer that made us even tighter. If you played soccer anywhere in

Northern California, you knew of Mark and Keith Clay.

Mark Clay cut his teeth with the Ballistic United Soccer Club, then at Amador Valley and Hoover High in Fresno, before taking his talents to UCLA.

Mark was one person who will always bring a smile to your face when thinking of him.

"He always made people laugh," said longtime friend and former teammate Mike Harris. "He was so smart, so you had to get his humor. Did we have some great times..."

Mark was big, strong, fast and intimidating. He was two years younger than me, so I didn't get a chance to play on the same team as Mark until we were adults, but he played for my Dad so I had plenty of chances to see him play.

He was a force.



COURTESY OF CLAY FAMILY

Former Pleasanton resident Mark Clay shown playing for UCLA in the 1980s.

"He was a brick," said Mike Nieto, a former teammate of Mark at BUSC and Amador, and then played against Mark at UCLA, when he was at Cal. "I remember him as a teammate that you were glad he was on your team. You knew that he would cover your butt. He was that enforcer that every team needs."

Mark also played football for the Amador varsity football team as a sophomore.

"He was a stud," said Harris, who was also a football teammate of Mark. "He was so good, but football never was his passion. It was always soccer for him."

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Kevin Crow, himself an alumnus of Ballistic and Amador, was older than Mark and didn't see him play much, but he still knew of Mark.

"He was a talented and athletic player," said Crow, a former United States national team member. "I always thought he had a good heart. He was the kind of guy that would always have your back."

Besides playing at UCLA, Mark was also part of the U.S. Olympic training program and dabbled in the professional ranks.

One other thing some may not have known about Mark is he was an uncle to George Foreman Jr. When George Foreman was the heavyweight champion, he lived in Livermore and trained at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. He was together with Mark's sister Pam and the couple had George Jr.

Mark and George Jr. had such a strong bond that after Mark passed, George Jr. posted a lengthy, emotional tribute to Uncle Mark on Facebook. It brought me to tears.

There is going to be a celebration of life for Mark on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the ranch of Mike Harris in Livermore. The event, which will start at 3 p.m., will be a potluck, and everyone is encouraged to bring a picture of Mark to share on the memory wall.

Guests will also be invited to share their favorite memories of Mark. For more information, send me an email. ■

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.

50-in-50 Fitness Challenge

Register the whole family now to track personal workouts

Registration is open for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District 50 Miles in 50 Days Fitness Challenge.

This virtual challenge can be completed at any location and with any type of exercise — participants may run, bike, hike, walk, do yoga or any other physical activity. Every 15 minutes will count for 0.75 miles to reach 50 miles during the 50 days of the challenge, which is taking place from now to Oct. 17.

All ages and abilities are welcome to join in this fitness challenge, which is a chance for families to get active together. Register by this Sunday (Sept. 6) to receive a commemorative T-shirt.

"With many group recreation activities not allowed under the current health order, we wanted to create something new to offer the community where people could get out, stay active, and have fun," park district information officer Stacey Kenison said.

Registration is \$10 for Livermore residents, and \$12 for non-residents. For more information, visit www.LARPD.org or call 373-5700. A tracking form will be sent via email to log progress, and the first person to submit a completed tracking sheet will win a prize. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has launched its 50 Miles in 50 Days Fitness Challenge.

LARPD

Employment

Multiple Positions

Workday Inc. is accepting resumes for the following positions at various levels in Pleasanton, CA:

Software Engineer / Software Development Engineer (SESDE-001/002-J01-04-20637.884/885) - Analyzes, designs, programs, debugs, and modifies software enhancements and/or new products used in local, networked, or Internet-related computer programs. Exp Incl: Object-oriented design & development; Algorithms & data structures; programming language such as Java, C# or C++; & Database & querying languages such as SQL.

Software Application Engineer (SAE-003/004-J01-04-20637.886/887) - Analyzes, designs, programs, debugs, and modifies software enhancements and/or new products used in local, networked, or Internet-related computer programs. Exp Incl: Object-oriented design and development in an object-oriented language such as Java, C# or other object-oriented language; designing or developing business applications using system visualization tools such as UML class diagrams or other related software or technology; & XML & integration concepts.

Quality Assurance / Automation Engineer (QAAE-005/006-J01-04-20637.888/889) - Debugs software products through the use of systematic tests to develop, apply, and maintain quality standards for company products.

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Technical Product Manager (TPM-009/010-J01-04-20637.892/893) - Designs, develops and manages activities for a specific product or group of products from product definition and planning through production, release, and end of life. Exp Incl: scrum and/or other agile software dev methodologies; gen purpose prog languages; data driven analysis for prob solv'g; & prod mgmt.

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COURTESY OF KENNY WAY

A look inside a packed Vine Cinema auditorium before the pandemic. The projectors have been shut off since March.



COURTESY OF KENNY WAY

Inside the theater lobby, the concessions counter serves as an ode to the classic and independent films the Vine screens.

VINE C HANGING ON

**With movie screens shut down, the
Livermore community still hangs on
for downtown**

BY CIERRA

Since first opening its doors the day after Christmas in 1956, Livermore's Vine Cinema has undergone several transitions and has thrived in spite of obstacles like new competition arriving in town over the past six decades.

But the COVID-19 pandemic is a new and unexpected challenge that poses a threat to the future of the two-screen film theater and alehouse in downtown.

"When (COVID-19) was mostly still overseas and there were reports that all movie theaters in China were closed by the Chinese government, I was like, 'There's just no way in my wildest dreams that would ever happen in a million years in the United States.' And then less than two months later, it happened," said Vine owner and operator Kenny Way, adding that the experience has been "mind-blowing."

The Vine, located at 1722 First St. in downtown Livermore, has been closed since March 16.

Best known throughout the Tri-Valley for offering a unique movie-going experience, the Vine normally serves food, beer and wine delivered directly to guests' table or couch inside one of two auditoriums where independent or classic films are usually shown, or live sporting events.

The theater transitioned to this format and added "Alehouse" to its name in 2009 in an effort to set itself apart from the larger Livermore 13 Cinema that opened up less than a mile away from the Vine in 2006 — which had been the boutique theater's most difficult challenge, prior to the coronavirus that is, according to Way.

In the past six months, with movie theaters shut down, the Vine has had to develop creative ways to stay afloat, including selling popcorn and carnival treats on the weekends like cotton candy slushies and chocolate-dipped cheese-cake on a stick.

"When we first started doing curbside popcorn sales, I thought we might get about 10 orders over about a five-hour period. But the event went from being something

that I thought would bring in a couple hundred dollars to making \$15,000 over the first weekend," Way said. "I was blown away."

Way said the treat sales have not remained as high since then, though there is still an outpouring of community support for the effort.

However, that alone isn't sustainable enough for the theater to survive, which is what led to the creation of a GoFundMe campaign benefiting Vine Cinema in early August. Organized by a team of six, including Way, the ongoing campaign has raised nearly \$100,000 to date — already exceeding its initial goal.



Current owner Kenny Way transitioned the theater to offering beer, wine and meals in addition to

CINEMA BY ITS ROOTS

shut off due to pandemic,
Way finds ways to show support
for his own theater

CIERRA BAILEY

"In about 50 hours, so just a little over two days worth, we passed our \$65,000 goal. And that was 100% social media," Way said. "We got this amazing \$40,000 in the first 24 hours, and then it was up to like \$61,000 after exactly two days, and then after another two hours it passed our goal."

Way added that the success of the campaign wasn't attributed to incredibly large donations made by a handful of wealthy donors, but rather a culmination of small donations ranging from \$20 to \$1,000.

"It was completely amazing and so humbling to see the large number of people support us," he said.

Due to the uncertainty of when he will be able to open the Vine's doors again, Way plans to keep the GoFundMe campaign going as long as contributions continue to roll in. Donations, he said, will go mostly toward paying rent, utilities, insurance, equipment maintenance and other expenses to sustain the business and create a financial cushion.

"Once we do open up, we've already been told that we're going to be subject to a 25% capacity, so we're not going to be profitable for the first six to 10 months after we open up because of the fact that we can't really maximize our seating capacity," Way said.

A Livermore native, Way has been involved with the Vine since 1989 when he was hired on as a 16-year-old student at Granada High School. He continued to work at the Vine even while pursuing a degree in business administration at San Jose State University, and later purchased the theater in 2000.

Under Way's leadership, the Vine underwent an extensive remodel, which included replacing the old and tarnished marquee with the updated, more elaborate sign that exists today and usually bears currently playing movie titles but is now being used to promote positive messages and is being rented by community members who want to share greetings for special occasions like birthdays and anniversaries.

In addition to showing films and sports, the Vine hosts popular community events when it is open, including an annual Oscar party where there's a red carpet, guests dress in formal attire and the Academy Awards show is shown on a theater screen.

"We've been doing that for about 11 years now, and we were lucky enough to do it this year before COVID hit," Way said.

He has also allowed people to rent out the theater to host events of their own, including marriage proposals. "I think there have been about eight or nine proposals through the years where we show like a three- or four-minute video

on the screen and then afterwards they propose," he said. "It was always fun to be a part of that."

Wayne and Peggy Coleman are one of the couples who got engaged at the Vine, in 2010, six years after having their first date there.

The couple live in Livermore and runs Hands On Chiropractic in Pleasanton. They are longtime movie buffs, so getting engaged in a theater was fitting.

"When the Vine is open, we see almost every movie that's there," Wayne Coleman said, adding that prior to COVID-19, they would typically see about two to five movies a week.

When it came time to propose, Wayne rented out one of the auditoriums for three hours and filled it with their closest friends and family members. Since he owns a local business, he created a short video ad to promote his practice and convinced his soon-to-be fiancée that there was a reception for new advertisers taking place at the Vine.

Theater employees also got involved with the plan. "When we walked in, they asked 'are you with the advertising group?' They even had a sign that said 'advertising' on the marquee," Peggy said.

When the couple arrived, the lights had been dimmed so that she wouldn't recognize everyone in the seats. When their advertisement played, there was a surprise message at the end.

"At the very end of it, it was just me on the screen and I said something along the lines of, 'I want to thank you all for coming and finding out about Hands On Chiropractic. We at Hands On Chiropractic really care for our patients but the one we care for more is Peggy. Peggy, will you marry me?'" Wayne recounted, holding back tears.

Still convinced that she was at an advertising reception, Peggy said she was confused and thought he had disrupted the event. After accepting the proposal, she said she felt a tap on her shoulder and was shocked to turn around and see it was her daughter. As the lights were turned back on and she looked around the theater, she realized the room was filled with their loved ones, not advertisers.

"And they've been really good to us," Peggy said of the staff at the Vine. "Almost every year that we've gone there on our anniversary, they comp us anniversary tickets since we got engaged there."

The Colemans recently contributed to the GoFundMe campaign in an effort to help save the Vine and be able share more memories at their favorite theater.

"I would be really heartbroken if it went away because that's our relationship, where it all started," Peggy Coleman said. "We've seen some fabulous movies there. If (Way) opened the Vine today, we would be there today." ■



CIERRA BAILEY

Vine Cinema employee Lauren Newlands takes concession orders from the box office window.



CIERRA BAILEY

Shirley Del Rio (left), of Newark, joins her daughter Karina Del Rio, a teacher at Junction Avenue K-8 School in Livermore, to support the Vine's weekend snack sale.



CIERRA BAILEY

Vine Cinema's ongoing GoFundMe campaign saved the theater's 65-year legacy after being closed for six months due to COVID-19.



COURTESY OF KENNY WAY

Way converted the Vine into a theater and alehouse in 2009, adding traditional movie snacks.

Calling all middle school *string musicians*

Teen violinist starts online workshops to build community of Bow Buddies

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Violinist Lucie Bernard, a sophomore at Amador Valley High School, fondly remembers performing with others at rehearsals and recitals, and she feels bad that younger students are missing out on this interaction.

"Over the summer, my music camp I typically go to was canceled," Bernard said. "At that camp I made a lot of friends and learned a lot and built a community of string musicians, and I want to help build that community for Pleasanton middle-schoolers."

So she started Bow Buddies, a chance for string musicians in fifth through eighth grades to take part in online workshops as a way for them to give and receive feedback — and make new friends.

Bernard recalled how nervous she was performing in ensembles at Harvest Park Middle School, and noted that at beginning and intermediate levels, musicians need to perform in front of others to develop their skills and confidence.

"This gives you more experience so when it actually matters, you are prepared," she said. "The students gain from the experience and getting constructive criticism."

Bernard, who has been studying violin for five years, is in the symphony orchestra at Amador with teacher Mark Aubel, who has the musicians take turns playing while the others mute themselves and listen.

"We still play together, which is nice," Bernard said.

She also plays piano and is studying with Pleasanton Academy of Music.

"I started piano earlier, in elementary school, but violin is the one I am more committed to," she said.

Her violin lessons shifted to online in 2018 after she attended a music camp at the Firehouse Arts Center and met her current teacher, Julia Reddy, who lives most of the year in Montreal, Quebec.

Bernard also participated for three years in a Summer in the City music

program at San Jose State University, and last December, she was accepted to the California Orchestra Directors Association's Honors String Orchestra held at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

More recently, she completed an online pre-college program with University of Pacific's Conservatory of Music. She is also interested in biology and is thinking of pursuing medicine although said she will probably minor in music in college.

This summer, Bernard did an online internship with the Student Conservation Association.

"I learned about environmental policy and laws," she said. "My capstone project was about something in our community. I researched how people can reduce their plastic waste."

Bernard also works as a staff writer with the P-Town Life newsletter, and she serves as secretary for a new club at school called AVmentors.

Response to Bow Buddies has been good, Bernard said, but she is



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Violinist Lucie Bernard, while sheltering in place in her Pleasanton home, has started workshops for middle school string musicians to build a community, have fun and get feedback.

hoping to draw more participants to the workshops. Her sister Marielle, 11, who attends Harvest Park and plays the cello, recruited a few friends to add to the roster of the first online gathering.

"The workshops are an hour long," Lucie Bernard said. "I start off each workshop by introducing myself and doing a quick ice breaker so they won't be as awkward."

"Then I ask for someone to volunteer, and they play their piece," she continued. "We listen and the other

students give feedback — I think they are getting helpful feedback.

"It's pretty informal. I want to build a community and have the kids become friends."

Workshops have included a cellist and a viola player but the majority have been violinists, she said.

On the Bow Buddies website, Bernard tells about herself and her workshops, and posts schedules. This month she has workshops Sept. 12 and 27. Interested musicians can sign up through Google Forum, and she sends them a Zoom link.

The website also has her blog, which includes Q&As with violinist Julia Reddy as well as with an Indian classical violinist, plus entries on how to start learning a new piece, knuckle flexibility exercises and other subjects relevant to string enthusiasts. Bernard is looking for guest speakers, bloggers or people to interview for the blog.

Bernard, who turns 15 next Thursday, said her parents, Sheila Gurtu-Bernard and Yannick Bernard, are not musicians so she understands that while sheltering in place, young musicians may need to go outside their homes for feedback.

"That is part of the reason I wanted to start this," she said. "I want them to learn something new about their instrument — and have fun and make connections."

To learn more or to offer ideas for the Bow Buddies blog, go to lb5868.wixsite.com/bowbuddies. ■

Kim brothers: 'Do Look Down'

Foothill grads win for their design in 'Reimagining Brooklyn Bridge'

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Two Pleasanton brothers are making a name for themselves in the Big Apple.

Kwans Kim, Foothill High School class of 2020, and Yujin Kim, class of 2015, were recently announced winners in the young adult category of "Reimagining Brooklyn Bridge," an international design competition co-sponsored by New York City Council and the Van Alen Institute. A third member of their team was Shannon Hui from Hong Kong, a junior at Barnard College.

The Kim brothers' entry was "Do Look Down," showing the installation of a glass surface above the bridge's girders to create a whimsical pedestrian space activated through art installations and seasonal programming.

"The pavement would store energy from footsteps and use it to power light displays and projections," their entry explained.

Their design included a lower



Yujin Kim



Kwans Kim

roadway converted into walkable space with opportunities for vendors and performers.

Yujin Kim graduated Columbia University in 2019 with a degree in mathematics and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences of NYU.

Kwans Kim is starting at NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Studies with a concentration in creative writing, music, performing arts and design.

The contest, which drew about

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COURTESY OF KIM FAMILY

The winning design by Kwans and Yujin Kim envisioned the Brooklyn Bridge with a glass walkway, a place for pedestrians to revel as a phone app allows them to interact with the space through their smartphones.

Director finds way to keep actors distanced

Eugene O'Neill's 'Lost Plays' to premiere on YouTube on Oct. 3

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Rehearsals of a different sort are under way at Tao House for the three one-act Eugene O'Neill plays that will be presented next month in a series of rolling weekly premieres.

The plays are three of O'Neill's earliest and will be presented on the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's YouTube channel. In lieu of the cost of a ticket, patrons are asked to make a donation to the Danville-based foundation to support the actors, sound designer and director.

Director Eric Fraisher Hayes said he knew the only realistic way for a production these days was recording plays in the Old Barn theater to be streamed at a later date, with distancing for those involved.

"I edited the scripts and then blocked the plays so that no actor would ever have to come into contact with another actor and could maintain a safe distance," Hayes said. "We found ways to justify the lines in the script without people touching each other. Or in some cases, I cut the line and together with the actors found a way to retain the spirit of what O'Neill wrote."

Hayes noted that he loves the adaptability of theater, which

is proving important for this production.

"I put together an ensemble of nine actors to cover all the roles," Hayes said. "The process for each of the three plays was to meet three times. At the first rehearsal, we read through and discussed the script."

Next Hayes blocked out the movements of the play, and for the second rehearsal, the actors brought in costume possibilities.

"We then ran through each play two or three times so the actors could get a better grasp of the script and I could take notes on how I wanted to shoot the performance," Hayes recalled.

They shot during the third meeting, working through the script page by page and capturing the action from a variety of points of focus.

"My goal is to take all the footage shot from various angles and edit them together in the most compelling fashion I can," Hayes said. "I believe the final result will tell a good story."

The plays, which begin Oct. 3, are three of the O'Neill "lost plays," so named because they were nearly lost in the shadow of his later recognized masterpieces, such as "A Moon for the Misbegotten" and "Long Day's



TERESA MORLEY

Rehearsals of Eugene O'Neill's "Lost Plays" take place at the Old Barn at Tao House, directed by Eric Fraisher Hayes, who blocked the action to keep the actors distanced.

Journey Into Night," both written at Tao House in the Danville hills.

The three plays all touch on the limitations placed on women in the early 20th century — issues of class, economic power, access to medical care, the right

to have an abortion, and police bias, which still resonate today.

"O'Neill may have been writing these plays more than 100 years ago, but he chose challenging subjects that our society is still struggling with," Hayes said.

The three plays feature Emily

Keyishian, Ryan Hayes, Kyle Goldman, Cynthia Lagodzinski, John Tessmer, Will Long, John Hale, Charles Woodson Parker and Bonnie Dechant.

For more information about the plays and the process, visit www.eugeneoneill.org. ■

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250 entries, had a professional category for ages 22 and older, as well as a category for young adults, who were encouraged to suggest ideas based on their

"wildest dreams."

A jury narrowed the competition to three finalists in each category, which were voted on by the public, and the winners were announced Aug. 17. The three professional finalists each received \$13,000; the three young adult finalists each received \$3,000.

The contest was held to garner ideas to redesign the iconic Brooklyn Bridge, which opened in 1883, to make it an accessible, healthy space for everyone; to offer opportunities for small businesses and vendors to flourish; and to possess enormous potential for future progress and change. ■



COURTESY OF KIM FAMILY

A lighting system could project images of cultural importance during exceptional times. Here the Statue of Liberty wears a mask to speak for the need of constant vigilance against the pandemic.

Garden club meeting online for first time

Speaker to present simple design principles for home plots

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club is going online for its first monthly meeting on Zoom, from 7-8:30 p.m. next Thursday (Sept. 10).

The meeting will feature Rebecca Sweet, renowned author, speaker and garden designer, who will show a fresh approach to simplifying design concepts for home gardeners. Members will learn how to break down garden design principles into easy-to-understand and, more importantly, easy-to-implement solutions.

The club has eliminated monthly get-togethers due to the pandemic, but several of its service projects have been maintained by using social distancing and wearing masks. Work parties have continued to maintain the Sensory Garden adjacent to the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard.



The club also provides two work parties each month to the Hansen Park Rose Garden at First and Holmes in Livermore, which are still available for those out walking or jogging.

Eden Garden on Freisman Road in Livermore has been closed to large numbers of volunteers due to the pandemic but is being maintained by a small group who planted a full garden. They are expecting a robust harvest, which will be distributed to three food sites.

Garden club members from last year are free to join the Zoom meeting next week. To attend as a guest, contact Jeri Stark at president@lavgc.org. For more information, visit www.lavgc.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Business owner opens up about embezzlement by member of inner circle

More than a year after the owner discovered an employee embezzled over \$130,000 from the Pleasanton-based company, Bennett Graphics is still dealing with the fallout of the crime that nearly bankrupted the small business.

What made the situation that much more difficult, according to owner Tim Bennett, was that the culprit had been a member of his inner circle — his former daughter-in-law and the mother of his grandchildren.

“Never take your eye of the books or the bookkeeper ... Does not matter who they are, do not assume they are honest. You must maintain oversight,” Bennett told the Weekly about the crime, a cautionary tale for small businesses in the Tri-Valley.

Bennett opened up about the experience after the defendant accepted a plea deal two weeks ago.

Heather E. Bjorklund pleaded no contest on Aug. 18 to felony grand theft by embezzlement in exchange for dismissal of the other count

against her, felony embezzlement over time (nearly 4-1/2 years).

Probation without jail time and partial restitution was on the table, though the final terms will be confirmed by a judge, according to Bennett.

He said he was “not very satisfied” with the proposed resolution but found it agreeable in the end, especially considering the difficulty in prosecuting white collar crimes and COVID-19 impacts on the justice system.

“I think she’s getting off extremely lightly for what she did ... has not expressed remorse yet,” Bennett said of his ex-bookkeeper and former daughter-in-law.

Bjorklund, 34, of Livermore is scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 28 in Alameda County Superior Court Department 705. Her attorney Melissa E. Adams, from the Livermore law firm Rien, Adams & Cox, declined to comment on the case when contacted Tuesday.

“The District Attorney’s Office remains dedicated to protecting consumers and individual victims from financial crimes of all sort. We strive to ensure that the accused are held accountable and victims are served,” said Teresa Drenick, spokesperson

for the Alameda County DA’s Office, which prosecuted the case.

Bennett, a former longtime Pleasanton resident who now lives in Sunol, said the 16-month ordeal has been an eye-opening experience about how white collar crimes are investigated at the local level, the impact of embezzlement on a small business and going through a criminal case in the COVID-19 world.

“The justice system is terribly underfunded and understaffed. Defense attorneys use this to drag out cases and thus encourage the DA to plea deal to get them off the books. This results in inconsistent sentencing and inadequate punishment,” he said. “I think the DA’s Office does a good job under very difficult circumstances. My victim’s advocate was outstanding. They need a bigger budget.”

Bennett said the police investigation began unfolding in April 2019 after Bjorklund was fired from T Bennett Services, which does business as Bennett Graphics. Based on Serpentine Lane in Pleasanton, the company designs and produces electrical signage and large printouts for various industries.

Bjorklund had been employed with the company for seven years,

first working on the signage end of things before moving into the bookkeeping role in August 2014, according to Bennett. She was a trusted employee and member of Bennett’s inner circle, even staying on with the company for nearly two years after she and her husband, Bennett’s son, separated.

But in the spring of 2019, Bjorklund allegedly began acting strangely and underperforming at work, so Bennett talked about bringing in a consultant to help with the company’s books.

After she no-showed for work one day, Bennett told police he fired his former daughter-in-law. He said soon thereafter a \$1,500 check from the company to Bjorklund cleared the bank, but when he texted her for an explanation, he got no response.

That led Bennett and a consultant to look into the company’s records, and they found more than \$46,000 in fraudulent checks from 2018 and 2019. He then contacted the Pleasanton Police Department in the hopes of pressing charges.

“White collar crime is not treated the same way as, say, robbery. The amounts of money involved could be the same, but the attitude to each is totally different. I was told over and over again that my case would never be prosecuted because it was ‘white collar crime,’” he said.

Prosecutors would file a criminal complaint against Bjorklund in November 2019, but only after further internal investigation by Bennett allegedly revealed more than \$130,000 in stolen funds between 2014 and 2019.

“Not only was \$130,000-plus gone, the books were in a terrible mess. There were unpaid sales taxes (\$21,000), vendors that we owed more to than the books showed, and on and on,” Bennett told the Weekly.

After originally pleading not guilty to the two felony counts, Bjorklund accepted a plea deal several weeks

before her preliminary hearing. She pleaded no contest to felony grand theft by embezzlement on Aug. 18 before Alameda County Superior Court Judge Thomas Stevens in a remote hearing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bjorklund, who never spent any time in jail in the case, remains released on her own recognizance while the case has been referred to the county probation department for a review and report ahead of sentencing on Sept. 28.

According to Bennett, the sentence recommended by the attorneys in the deal calls for up to five years of felony probation with no jail time and approximately \$93,000 in restitution in the form of signing over to Bennett the equity she accumulated in his son’s house during their marriage.

Bennett said he accepts the final resolution but feels “frustrated” with the apparent end result, thinking that she should face “some restriction on her movement” such as home confinement since prison time is likely not in play given COVID-19 conditions.

He added that he has no idea where the pilfered cash went and his son was in the dark as they kept separate bank accounts in their marriage.

“The personal side was harder than the business side,” Bennett said, reflecting on the case.

Bennett Graphics remains in operation today, but “it took nine months of grueling work for no pay (for me) to save the business and the jobs of the five people here,” Bennett said. The company has been able to continue operating during the pandemic, with clientele in the emergency services field such as Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare.

“We are lucky because my understanding is most small businesses that get embezzled fail,” he said. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 29

Theft

- 8:16 a.m. on the 8100 block of Canyon Creek Circle

Vandalism

- 1:42 p.m. on the 1300 block of Vailwood Court

Drug violation

- 5:11 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 7:20 p.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

Aug. 28

Drug violation

- 2:52 a.m. on the 2700 block of Hopyard Road
- 7:48 p.m. at Owens and Hacienda drives
- 9:45 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Theft

- 9:24 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
- 5:34 p.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

Burglary

- 10:12 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

- 11:18 a.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

Warrant arrest

- 3:07 p.m. on the 3700 block of Hopyard Road

Aug. 27

Theft

- 12:30 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

Drug violation

- 2:35 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Aug. 26

Warrant arrest

- 12:17 a.m. at Stoneridge Mall Road and Deodar Way

- 5:38 p.m. at Muirwood Drive and Lynbrook Court

Burglary

- 1:05 a.m. on the 2900 block of Hopyard Road
- 6:48 a.m. on the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Drug violation

- 6:18 a.m. on the 3300 block of Rosada Court
- 7:18 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Vandalism

- 9:12 p.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Aug. 25

Drug violation

- 9:45 a.m. on the 4600 block of Chabot Drive

Robbery

- 11:56 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Warrant arrest

- 1:13 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Shoplifting

- 3:10 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Aug. 24

Graffiti

- 7:59 a.m. on the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive
- 7:59 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- 10:52 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Burglary

- 11:02 a.m. at Stanley Boulevard and Irby Ranch Drive

Aug. 23

DUI

- 2:41 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard

Domestic battery

- 4:24 p.m. on Canyon Meadows Circle

Drug violation

- 5:24 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Aug. 22

Domestic battery

- 9:33 a.m. on Vineyard Avenue

Theft

- 11:40 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 1:07 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; shoplifting
- 3:44 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 4:21 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:58 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Drug violation

- 11:30 a.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- 2:45 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Weapons violation

- 9:49 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Aug. 21

Theft

- 8:47 a.m., 000 block of Vintage Circle; bicycle theft
- 9:31 a.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting
- 3:03 p.m. on the 4500 block of Hopyard Road
- 5:54 p.m., 4400 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft

Warrant arrest

- 12:55 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Drug violation

- 2:06 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

DUI

- 10:38 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Puerto Vallarta



ROSSANA TUCKER

Church honors first responders

Pleasanton’s Lighthouse Baptist Church honored local law enforcement officers during its annual First Responder Sunday. The special service on Aug. 16 included Pastor Bill Bryson (shown) presenting special recognition to California Highway Patrol Officer Randy Harless, who was named CHP-Dublin’s Officer of the Year. Harless’ wife and youngest son were also recognized for their support and sacrifice. Lighthouse Baptist Church is located in the historic church building just outside downtown at 118 Neal St.

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LETTERS

Why to vote for Karla Brown

Dear Editor,

I am a mom of three PUSD students and have been a Pleasanton resident for almost 20 years. I have known Karla Brown for quite some time and have always been impressed by her commitment to serve the Pleasanton community.

She is dedicated, honest and principled, and strives to make the right choices for our residents. Additionally, she makes an effort to acquire a deep understanding of issues, viewpoints and community impacts before making her decisions. Almost every time I meet Karla Brown, she asks for my or my kids' opinions on current topics.

I am supporting Karla Brown for mayor because she believes in slow but smart growth in Pleasanton, trying to minimize the impact on our already busy roads and overcrowded schools and preserve our beautiful and historic downtown.

Karla has my vote. Please join me in electing Karla Brown as the next mayor of Pleasanton.

—Marie Stapleton

Jerry Pentin: Great neighbor, great mayor

When we bought our home and moved to Pleasanton last year, we met Jerry Pentin as our families share a fence. Jerry and his wife have been very welcoming and warm.

Over time, I realized that Jerry is passionate about Pleasanton. He does an annual fundraising for veterans, has made substantial contributions to our beautiful downtown, initiated the ban on e-cigs and vaping products in our city, supported Costco in Pleasanton, and is a big contributor and champion for our beautiful parks (especially Bernal Patelco Park) and Pleasanton Ridge hikes.

Personally, one thing about Jerry that I observed and is quite refreshing in today's politics is that he is honest and straightforward. His words, promises and actions are all in sync. I have seen this many times as his neighbor.

With Jerry Pentin, what you hear is what you get.

As our next mayor, he would make our beautiful city even better and safer for all of us. I strongly support Jerry Pentin as our next mayor.

—Vamshi Krishna

English Rose closing

I just wanted to publicly thank Lisa Binzoni and her wonderful staff for the many, many years of wonderful memories at the English Rose.

From wedding and baby showers, birthdays, outings to celebrate my supportive girlfriends or just visiting

alone, Lisa and the staff were always so warm and welcoming. Their love and support during the happy and sad times will always be remembered with such gratitude.

Here's to the next adventure that awaits her as a grandmother.

—Sandi Cornfield

Support Nancy Allen for City Council

When I read that Nancy Allen was going to run for City Council my reaction was, "Yes!"

Nancy is going to be great on the Pleasanton City Council. After seven years on the Planning Commission, she has already participated in many of the decisions that have made Pleasanton such a great place to live and raise a family.

Nancy has always supported the downtown and been there when needed for the local business community. Pleasanton has many small businesses and I have seen first-hand Nancy step up to support our local business community.

There are dark clouds forming for local governments with the steep decline in tax revenue coupled with an increased demand for services. We need council members like Nancy, who can decide where to put those precious dollars, maintain our great infrastructure and meet the expectations for our community. Community policing will become a bigger challenge, we must look for more innovative ways to provide social services and mental health solutions that does not always involve police.

Pleasanton has a great culture and I feel Nancy will work for all in our community to continue and preserve that. She has been there, when needed, for the local business community. I feel great knowing Nancy is willing to take on this challenging role. Nancy is thoughtful, reaching out to all.

—Tom Richert

Support for Jarod Buna

Jarod Buna is a sound choice for City Council. I've lived in Pleasanton for 30 years and I've known Jarod since he attended Amador High School with my son.

Jarod will be a welcome addition to the office of City Council. He is an outstanding legal mind, family man and entrepreneur. He cares deeply about Pleasanton. I highly recommend you vote for Jarod.

—Susan Haines

Karla Brown for mayor

Find national politics depressing? Focus on our local politics. In November, we will be voting for mayor and City Council seats which could dramatically change Pleasanton.

I am voting for Karla Brown for mayor because she is the only candidate who vows not to

take special interest money from developers/builders.

Over the years I have observed her as vice mayor, a City Council member and in community involvement. She listens; she is fair; she is smart as well as thoughtful in reviewing everything thoroughly. Her business experience and civic experience make her the ideal candidate for a fiscally sound city.

She stands for (and has the voting history to prove it) families, good schools, preserving our historic downtown, the environment and safety. If you don't believe it, ask her yourself via www.Vote4Karla.com. Please join me in voting for Karla Brown for mayor.

—Heather Truro

Why omit that?

I would like to lend a bit of clarity to voters in Pleasanton regarding one of the candidates in the upcoming November city council election.

Candidate Jack Balch is listed as a CPA on the ballot statement, which is true. The white elephant omission in his statement is his neglect to admit that he is also the chief financial officer for Balch Enterprises, Inc., identified (on its own website) as one of the largest developers in the Bay Area.

Those residents concerned about the massive building and development in Pleasanton should consider this fact when voting in November.

I do not doubt that Balch has been involved in the community, both with his tenure on the Planning Commission and through his wife's employment within the city of Pleasanton. I just wonder if a CFO of a major developer is going to consider the negative impacts of growth in Pleasanton, in the same manner as most of us residents. We are already located across the 580 freeway from Dublin, the fastest growing city in California, and IKEA has yet to be added to our crushing commutes and poor air quality.

Considering this new information, I will be putting my trust and voting for a different candidate or two on Nov. 3, 2020.

—Carol Cohen

Uyghur Freedom Challenge

I am a resident of Pleasanton, and I organized a virtual charity event called the "Uyghur Freedom Challenge," which will raise funds and awareness for the Uyghur people.

The Uyghurs have received increased media attention as of late as increasing information on their plight has come before the international community regarding accusations that the Chinese regime is committing both cultural and literal genocide against them. The Uyghurs, a Turkic people, have a unique cultural identity with their own language, traditions and religion.

Most recently, the United States passed the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act with bipartisan support in order to establish a precedent for sanctioning Chinese officials directly involved in human rights abuses against the Uyghurs. Reports have also implicated many U.S. corporations who profit off of Uyghur slave labor in China.

The event website reminds participants that "a physical event would not be possible even without the current pandemic, as the region of East Turkistan is under strict restrictions, police surveillance and is fighting for survival. The beautiful countryside cannot be accessed even for Uyghurs whose homeland this is, as they risk being thrown into China's concentration camps."

All profits from the event will go to the Campaign for Uyghurs, a Washington D.C.-based organization which aims to promote the human rights and democratic freedoms of Uyghurs and other Turkic peoples who are oppressed by the Chinese regime. For more information or to sign up for the Uyghur Freedom Challenge, visit <https://runsignup.com/uyghurfreesdomchallenge>.

—Buzura Aiziz

I'm voting for Valerie Arkin, Nancy Allen, Karla Brown

Here is important information regarding local candidates. Valerie Arkin and Nancy Allen, candidates for City Council promise not to take money from developers, so has Karla Brown, candidate for mayor.

Arkin, Allen and Brown do not have close ties with developers, they are more likely to represent the interests of residents who do not want excessive development and they will work to preserve the historic downtown.

This is in sharp contrast with council candidates Randy Brown (chair of the Chamber of Commerce) and Jack Balch (chief financial officer for his dad's development company) and Jerry Pentin (has council member Jerry ever voted against a pro-development position by the Chamber of Commerce?).

Arkin, Allen and Brown have strong pro-resident track records on the school board, Planning Commission and City Council, respectively, and can be counted on to represent us.

Vote for Valerie Arkin, Nancy Allen and Karla Brown.

—Joe Hagerty

Support for Karla Brown

I highly recommend Karla Brown for mayor of Pleasanton.

She has years of experience in community work as a volunteer and on boards and committees, City Council

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member as well as the office of vice mayor. I like that she has pledged not to take donations from developers. She cares about the wishes of the residents and maintaining the character of our town.

She is very approachable. You can take your concerns to her and she will listen. I would love to see her as our mayor.

—Trudi Hartley

Buna for City Council

Our Pleasanton City Council would benefit greatly with Jarod Buna. He's born and raised in Pleasanton. Graduated from Amador and is a successful attorney.

We need his independence, personal and professional experience and commitment to do what's right for our city. I proudly endorse Jarod Buna for City Council. Please vote for Jarod Buna for council.

—Luann Silva

Karla Brown offers certainty, clarity

Amid this chaos and uncertainty, why would anyone run for public office? Only a leader committed to our community — Karla Brown.

She listens to various viewpoints, demonstrates integrity and supports smart slow growth while

encouraging vibrancy and preserving our historic downtown. Karla's common sense rejects expensive recycled sewer water in Pleasanton's drinking water system. She is an experienced member of the City Council and does her homework, often questioning points easily overlooked.

Why is she running for mayor — because she cares about Pleasanton now and in the future. Vote for Karla Brown for mayor. We need clear certainty in these troubled times.

—Jan Coleman-Knight

Jerry Pentin for mayor

I wholeheartedly support Jerry Pentin for mayor of Pleasanton. Jerry has the experience, the knowledge and the passion for this job.

I have been acquainted with Jerry for many years and know his devotion to Pleasanton. He is endorsed by many others who share his devotion to our city. He understands small business as an owner himself. He will work to make sure downtown Pleasanton maintains its vibrancy and character through this difficult time.

Jerry is a former Marine. He is able to work under pressure. Jerry is able to function through distractions, to see the goal and work toward achieving that goal. Through his many years serving our community, Jerry understands well the business of the city of Pleasanton. He will be able to hit the ground running on day one.

Please join me and vote for Jerry

Pentin for mayor, city of Pleasanton.
—Jan Batcheller

Vote for Karla Brown

I am endorsing Karla Brown as mayor of Pleasanton. I have always been impressed with Karla's knowledge and experience related to issues that affect the long-term viability of this city, particularly when it comes to safety, traffic congestion and slow growth.

I appreciate Karla's continued stance on preserving our historic downtown. Pleasanton is a unique community that has a small-town feel with a wonderful history. There are not many cities in the Bay Area that offer the benefit of a downtown that residents and visitors alike can leisurely visit and enjoy its many amenities.

As a longtime Pleasanton resident, our family has always valued the safety of our community, its open space and excellent schools. I look forward to Karla's leadership as mayor so that we can be assured these values will continue for the long-term.

Pleasanton is a wonderful community, but it will take someone like Karla to lead us through the challenges that we are facing today. Please join me in voting for Karla Brown as Mayor of Pleasanton.

—Terry Exner

Karla Brown has my vote

Vote for Karla Brown for mayor of Pleasanton because of her years of experience, intelligence and preparedness for the issues that come before the City Council.

Karla appreciates our outstanding police and fire personnel and supports adding vital mental health professionals to our city to assist Pleasanton's vulnerable population. She listens to the residents when making decisions and is not cozy with special interests. She knows unmitigated growth will impact our schools, traffic and limited water supply.

She knows developer impact fees never pay for costs affiliated with big developments. The costs are passed on to you and me. And she will fight the efforts of Sacramento to hamper local control of our city. Vote for Karla Brown

—Sandy Yamaoda

Jarod Buna endorsement

I am writing to enthusiastically endorse my hometown friend, and Amador graduate, Jarod Buna for City Council.

Jarod has quite an impressive resume as a successful attorney for some of the world's largest companies; his legal experience and global interaction/influence would greatly benefit our community. With that said, Jarod's legal experience isn't the only reason I am inspired to endorse him for City Council.

I met Jarod on the soccer fields of Pleasanton as our sons played on the same soccer team. Before I knew Jarod was an attorney, I saw him as

an amazing husband and father. Our families bonded and became friends.

I saw Jarod as a person who went out of his way to make everybody else happy. He was amazingly soft and kind when interacting with his children, a true gentleman with his wife, and he looked his friends in the eyes and really cared about what they had to say. I've been with Jarod during interviews and negotiations; he has a comforting and welcoming warmth, and sense of humor that keeps everything at ease, yet still productive.

Bottom line is, in all the scenarios and situations I have experienced or witnessed involving Jarod, I can say with total confidence, he is the real deal and Pleasanton would benefit greatly having him as a council member.

—Rob Davis

Karla Brown deserves your vote

Pleasanton needs Karla Brown as mayor. Karla has been an effective councilwoman for eight years.

She will focus her energy on reinvigorating our COVID affected downtown. She is an advocate of public safety, and she will address our city's long-term debt.

Karla Brown has been actively involved for many years in making Pleasanton a better place to live. She will provide a better balance between the interests of residents and the interests of developers. Karla is the only mayoral candidate that pledges to reject all campaign donations from builders or developers. For many years developer-supported council members have often endorsed ill-advised projects. As a result, the citizens have had to initiate referendums to protect Pleasanton and the quality of life that we have come to expect.

Before successfully serving on the City Council, Karla was a co-author of the successful hillside protection initiative (Measure PP) that was passed by a significant majority of voters. Pleasanton was one of the last cities in the East Bay to develop such protection for the remaining undeveloped ridge tops. Her efforts also helped stop PG&E from placing high power lines directly under residential neighborhoods using untested technology.

Karla Brown deserves your vote.
—Louis Astbury

Standing up for what is right

Mayoral candidate Karla Brown is not afraid to stand up for what is right and in the best interest of all Pleasanton residents:

1. Karla Brown is the only candidate who does not accept campaign donations from wealthy builders or developers in exchange for votes or favors.

2. Karla supports slow and smart growth with consideration of city infrastructure (water and sewage capacity), traffic congestion and

school overcrowding.

3. Karla has stood atop protecting Pleasanton ridgelines from development.

4. Karla Brown has voted for the preservation of Pleasanton's crown jewel, our historic downtown, which gives Pleasanton our sense of community and small-town feel.

—Debbie Ayres

Protect workers amid COVID-19

Reports of COVID-related workman's comp claims are soaring because workers are returning to workplaces that are not COVID secure.

Businesses are opening where there is no social distancing, masks and PPE is not provided. Decision-makers at these businesses put profit before the health and safety of employees, customers and those who come in contact with them. The businesses may face fines and possible forced closures but those individuals responsible for the decisions are not penalized.

Legislation that penalizes decision makers who put profit before health, safety, privacy of the environment is called for by Democratic Clubs in the TriValley, San Ramon Valley and Diablo Valley in the "Corporate Executive Perpetrators Responsibility Act" resolution (trivalleydems.com/exec.perps.htm).

It not only deters those who flaunt COVID security measures but also those who, price gouge PPE, market vaping to our kids, put planes in the air with insufficiently trained pilots, sell our private information to those who undermine our democracy, create an opioid epidemic, cause deadly wildfires due to neglect and pollute with impunity.

Fines do not deter these behaviors, fines encourage misbehavior because fines are just the cost of doing business and are frequently a tax deduction. An effective deterrent is holding individuals criminally responsible for their behavior and letting juries decide if incarceration is appropriate.

—Ellis Goldberg,

Tri-Valley Democratic Club president

Why I'm voting for Karla Brown

I believe the city of Pleasanton should be thankful Councilwoman Brown is running for mayor.

Karla has the experience and the values to continue to make Pleasanton the desired destination in the Tri-Valley for families and business. When I had an issue I needed addressed, I emailed Karla and she responded immediately and even setup a personal meeting with me and my wife to discuss the issue in greater detail.

My wife and I both appreciated Karla's interest in our issue and her assistance and guidance to address the matter with the city of Pleasanton, that is why we will both be voting for Karla for mayor this fall, 2020. Go Karla.

—Gabriel Araiza



THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Consistent with State and County Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic this will be a virtual meeting. Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available September 2, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

- P20-0623/P20-0624, Taco Bell, 4210 Rosewood Drive

Applications for Conditional Use Permit and Design Review approvals to demolish an existing oil change facility and construct an approximately 2,053-square-foot freestanding Taco Bell drive-through restaurant and related site improvements on "Pad B" within Phase III of the Rose Pavilion Shopping Center.

Parks and Recreation Commission
Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Consistent with State and County Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic this will be a virtual meeting. Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available September 4, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

- Review of proposed operator extension and amendment of agreement with Pleasanton Golf, LLC (CourseCo)

To explore more about Pleasanton, visit us at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

Music

VINEYARD VIBES FEATURING MATT FINDERS AND FRIENDS Enjoy the smooth sound of contemporary jazz originals by bassist and composer/arranger Matt Finders. A sextet comprised of local professional musicians, Matt and Friends entertain with their mix of blues, jazz, Latin and funk. 6 p.m., Sept. 13. Visit livermorearts.org.

Careers

CLIMATE CAREERS CHAT Join to learn about green jobs from top professionals in the industry. This is an interactive Climate Careers Chat featuring Kimberly Lam of Republic Services and Darren Deffner from PG&E. 7-8:30 p.m., Sept. 8. Visit sustainablecoco.org.

Seniors

UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE: AN OVERVIEW OF COVERAGE AND OPTIONS Join virtually for a free presentation by the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) of Legal Assistance for Seniors. 10-11 a.m., Sept. 9. For more information contact 931-5365.

VIRTUAL AWARENESS SEMINAR ON HOW TO AVOID FALLS Presented by Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, this interactive resource webinar is designed to help those who wish to lower the risk of falling. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 22. For more information contact 931-5365.

HEALTHY LIVING FESTIVAL VIRTUAL EVENT United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County present the 17th Annual Healthy Living Festival to your own home this year. Enjoy virtually the Oakland Zoo, live entertainment, and even work out. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 17. Registration required at www.usoac.org.

Family

WEEKEND RANGER - PONDING Join Ranger Darren to beat the heat and explore the pond. After a short introduction take nets and go hunting for the elusive critters (water bugs) hiding in the pond and then review what was caught. Good for ages 5 and up. 10 a.m., Sept. 5. All participants must wear water shoes. Call 925-960-2400 or email dsegur@larpd.org. Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road, Livermore.

CURBSIDE LIBRARY PICK-UP 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.cityofpeasanton.gov. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave, Pleasanton.

Home & Garden

ZOOMS FOR GARDEN WISDOM The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will host a zoom meeting featuring Rebecca Sweet, renown author, speaker and garden designer. She'll explain how to simplify traditional design concepts for home gardeners of all levels. 7 p.m., Sept. 10. Visit lavgc.org.

Fundraisers

MOONLIGHT ON THE MOUNTAIN VIRTUAL GALA Save Mount Diablo's signature annual fundraising gala, Moonlight on the Mountain, is a celebration of Mount Diablo's beauty and support for Save Mount Diablo's preservation work. This year the gala has gone virtual. The gala

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Meet Isoke

Hey there! Isoke means gift — and yeah, I'd say that's me. As you can see, I'm also a big boy. Don't worry though, I use all this left to show my love and adoration. Purrs? Yup. Headbutts? Uh-huh. Face-smooches? You got it. Did you notice my cloudy right eye? It can see into the future — and I'm seeing us very happy together in the near future. I'm part of Club Second Chance, so ask about my reduced adoption fee. If you are interested in taking me home, mention me on your application at eastbayspca.org.

will include favorite experiences such as entertainment, silent and live auctions, inspirational presentations and a live Fund-a-Need. 5:30 p.m., Sept. 12. Visit savemountdiablo.org.

Government

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT The Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, currently held virtually. 7 p.m., Sept. 10. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION The Pleasanton Planning Commission meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, currently held virtually. 7 p.m., Sept. 9. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT The Dublin Unified School District meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted, currently held virtually. Open session begins at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 8. Contact dublin.k12.ca.us.



LLF

Foundation highlights students' summer research

The Livermore Lab Foundation recently hosted a virtual "Summer Slam — Special Edition" for 14 college students who interned with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory this summer. The 90-minute online event featured students sharing their research accomplishments and answering questions from members of the Livermore Lab Retirees Association. Topics included "How Chemical Diversity Makes Superalloys 'Super'" and "Using Smartphone Sensors for Physics Education." The students were also afforded the opportunity for science communication training with Amy Aines, co-author of Championing Science and founder of Talking STEM. See the full video and learn more about the students at www.livermorelabfoundation.org.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Kumar Market
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 571743
The following person doing business as: Kumar Market, 4305 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Ishani Goyal, 29036 Eden Shores Drive, Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by Ishani Goyal, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein July 15, 2020. Signature of Registrant: Ishani Goyal, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 31, 2020 (Pleasanton Weekly, August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2020.)

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Lien Sale • Trustee's Sale

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If you wish to learn more about these advertising options, please call 650.223.6582 or email digitalads@pawekly.com.



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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 22 to July 2 for Pleasanton and Livermore.

Pleasanton

- 6523 Amber Lane** Rebiejo Living Trust to People First Properties Inc for \$925,000
- 1060 Bartlett Place** Garcia Living Trust to R. & G. Lally for \$1,625,000
- 3208 Bolla Court** R. Laing to J. & S. Cai for \$2,250,000
- 860 Bonita Avenue** Rowse Living Trust to Shedd Family Trust for \$1,368,000
- 1356 Brookline Loop** S. & J. Dukhi to D. & D. Reich for \$1,225,000
- 1866 Brooktree Way** Black Family Trust to Nagle Trust for \$1,239,000
- 7880 Canyon Meadow Circle #F** Inzerilla Trust to Sharma Family Trust for \$445,000
- 3091 Chardonnay Drive** P. Ambwani to M. & P. Alavi for \$1,015,000
- 5772 Dalton Creek Way** Lata Living Trust to Murgan Family Trust for \$2,030,000
- 3506 Glacier Court** Earle Family Trust to E. & L. Johnson for \$1,106,500
- 4156 Jensen Street** Montler Family Trust to J. & N. Cui for \$890,000
- 3429 Kamp Drive** Ciraulo-McGurin Family Trust to K. & S. Yoon for \$1,510,000
- 2964 Lethbridge Court** T. & T. Holt to J. & J. Zhou for \$1,100,000.
- 2790 Longspur Way** C. & J. Holt to M. & J. Swadley for \$1,210,000
- 2326 Meadowlark Drive** J. & J. Balistreri to B. & C. Beaumonta for \$1,325,000
- 5712 Melinda Way** Ponderosa Homes to T. & P. Greenan for \$2,530,000
- 1564 Mendoza Court** Cartus Financial to S. & H. Choe for \$1,035,000
- 4090 Nevis Street** C. Riter to E. & K. Backers for \$970,000

- 3237 Northampton Court** Krajnik Trust to Y. & N. Kim for \$915,000
- 8238 Regency Drive** N. & J. Bussani to A. & K. Kircher for \$2,268,000
- 1844 Rosetree Court** Bahr Family Trust to P. & W. Conley for \$1,249,000
- 4489 Sierrawood Lane** Foster Family Trust to O. Almohaidi for \$1,035,000
- 950 Sunset Creek Lane** S. & M. Gillespie to J. & J. Pak for \$1,850,000
- 2318 Tanager Drive** M. & S. Padilla to S. & V. Sankarasubramanian for \$950,000
- 246 Trenton Circle** Patel Trust to P. & K. Sayed for \$910,000
- 4461 Addison Way** B. Pillai to S. & S. Sinha for \$965,000
- 1472 Brookline Loop** K. & A. Newsham to K. & P. Modani for \$1,700,000
- 456 Cabonia Court** Stout Trust to Y. & R. Iyer for \$1,604,000
- 2660 Camino Segura** Evergreen Property Group LLC to S. & J. Kincaid for \$1,390,000
- 1176 Concord Street** Furnace Trust to A. & S. Arumugam for \$1,310,000
- 833 Kottinger Drive** Sylvan Investments Inc to D. & C. Genovez for \$1,230,000
- 2904 Lethbridge Court** Moffat Living Trust to A. & V. Sekar for \$1,278,000
- 1049 Madsen Court** Chan-Fung Family Trust to S. & N. Trivedi for \$1,588,000
- 4754 Mason Street** R. & M. McGinnis to Y. & H. Thio for \$905,000
- 5419 Montalvo Court** B. Kalyanasundaram to X. & D. Mughal for \$826,000
- 8035 Mountain View Drive #D** R. Alani to C. & C. Murillo for \$482,500
- 782 Neal Place** Delgado Living Trust to J. & A. Van Haefen for \$1,153,000
- 1039 Nelson Court** Lofland Living Trust to C. Fiankan for \$1,875,000

- 4419 Newman Place** M. Graham to T. & L. Ngai for \$887,000
- 6427 Paseo Santa Maria** Ludt Trust to W. & H. Kim for \$1,360,000
- 3618 Pontina Court** Debenedetto Trust to X. & Y. Liu for \$2,552,000
- 2846 Red Pine Court** K. & R. Schnell to P. & N. Shah for \$1,077,500
- 2842 West Ruby Hill Drive** S. Dennison to Stout Trust for \$2,778,000
- 3474 Serra Circle** M. & A. Kulkarni to S. & D. Nguyen for \$875,000
- 3858 Stratford Court** L. & G. Bodmer to S. & C. Vemula for \$1,041,000
- 3433 Touriga Drive** Nelson Trust to P. & K. Millard for \$1,140,000
- 3845 Vineyard Avenue #34** K. Riddle to J. Helu for \$380,000
- 8113 War Glory Place** J. & P. Barros to K. & A. Newsham for \$2,618,000
- 1429 White Stable Drive** Hall Family Trust to S. & W. Lai for \$1,802,000

Livermore (partial list)

- 593 Andrews Street** A. Stephan to D. & K. Hulin for \$815,000
- 6406 Aspenwood Way** Grizzell Trust to P. & C. Mohan for \$900,000
- 6102 Bella Oaks Court** S. Tivey to D. & A. Maugeri for \$1,400,000
- 224 Bellington Common #305** A. Detiedje to B. Alejandrino for \$565,000
- 549 Brighton Way** R. Rebello to Nmt Financial LLC for \$720,000
- 853 Camden Common** H. & A. Akapian to M. Lin for \$730,000
- 3682 Carrigan Common** L. & J. Ponce to G. & A. Varady for \$525,000
- 5259 Charlotte Way** M. Stein to P. Urdahl for \$722,500
- 5127 Charlotte Way** F. Partenach to G. Dye for \$761,000
- 1351 Columbus Avenue** P. & D. Ohare to B. & T. Braun for \$810,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (June 22-July 2)

Total sales reported: 49
Lowest sale reported: \$380,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,778,000
Average sales reported: \$1,231,000

Livermore (June 22-July 2)

Total sales reported: 77
Lowest sale reported: \$375,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,875,000
Average sales reported: \$812,402

Dublin (June 22-July 2)

Total sales reported: 37
Lowest sale reported: \$535,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,596,000
Average sales reported: \$874,324

San Ramon (July 20-31)

Total sales reported: 65
Lowest sale reported: \$505,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,650,000
Average sales reported: \$1,165,000

Source: California REsource



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