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Our Christmas Fantasy Fudge
3/4 cup Stick Butter ^{8oz} - 3 Cups Sugar
2/3 cup evaporated Milk 5oz can
1-12oz package semi-sweet Chocolate
1-7oz jar Marshmallow Cream - Kraft
1 Cup Chopped Black Walnuts
1 Teaspoon Vanilla extract
Line a 9x13 pan with Tin foil extend foil 4:
on both ends - Press foil flat in Pan.
Combine sugar, butter & Milk in heavy 2 1/2 qt
saucepan - bring to full boil stirring constantly
Boil for 5 minutes - stirring. Work fast - Remove
from heat, stir in Chocolate till melted - Add
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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

The only certainty is uncertainty

Now that we are in the 12th month of 2020, we can look back and look ahead with the only certain thing being uncertainty.

None of us, other than the creator, knows what lies ahead for December and into 2021. The pandemic certainly has accelerated changes and trends. For instance, physicians outside of the Kaiser Permanente system have been quite slow to adopt telehealth.

The pivot took just days for some offices when docs realized the dangers of in-office visits and the opportunity to consult by video. It's here to stay.

The same likely goes for other trends such as many people working from home. Companies have learned that productivity is as good or higher, despite the challenges for families with homebound students thanks to ill-advised school closures and terribly tardy reopenings.

What will routine working from home mean for job centers such as downtown San Francisco and the South Bay where tech companies pay lots of rent for Class A office space? The lack of housing supply has driven prices straight up as well as rents. The pandemic, in the short term, reversed that.

It's notable how much rents in luxury San Francisco apartment buildings have softened in the last six months. Time will tell whether the golden goose is no more for San Francisco — particularly with the three anti-business taxes that voters passed last month. The San Francisco Business Times has run several stories detailing CEOs leaving San Francisco as well as other wealthy people.

Many enclosed shopping centers have been struggling for years as online shopping was taking its toll. The pandemic again accelerated the trend, as Stoneridge Shopping Center saw its Nordstrom store closed permanently. It already has processed plans for a new look for the closed Sears store and the parking structure, both of which will be razed.

Stoneridge management and its parent, the Simon Property Group, faced the loss of another anchor with JCPenney in bankruptcy. Simon ended up partnering with Brookfield Property Partners to buy JCPenney for \$300 million in cash and the assumption of \$500 million in debt. Brookfield, like Simon, owns

shopping centers with JCPenney stores. Simon has 60 stores in its centers.

After the pandemic hit, Simon had walked away from a deal to acquire the Taubman shopping centers. The two companies worked out a deal for Simon to acquire 80% of Taubman for a reduced price from the original February deal.

It will be a different shopping experience at Stoneridge with limitations on capacity, although that hasn't been a challenge these days. Santa will be there for the kids with one notable change. Appointments are required. That's one of those COVID-19 adjustments that could well become permanent — better for all concerned.

We're club members at Dante Robere Winery in Livermore where the owners changed release parties so instead of lining up at the tasting bar and then picking up the food pairing, we're seated at socially distanced tables. When we went in November, the experience was excellent. The wine and food were brought to us and, when we got to open tasting, we continued to sit at the table instead of moving into the tasting room.

Chatting with owner Dan Rosenberg, he said they likely will continue to do club parties this way because it provides a better experience. We agree.

Considering the pandemic, have you wondered, as I have and the New York Times did in an article, about why the fixation and continued recommendation for sanitizing surfaces. The science seems pretty clear that this is an airborne virus so chances of getting it from a surface are slight. I shudder to think about how many millions are being spent on cleaning surfaces. It's well past time for health authorities to take a hard look at this recommendation.

For airlines and the travel industry, the sanitizing is a key strategy to encourage people to return. The same for cruise lines. Another giant unknown is when people will be ready to travel again in crowded conditions — the two vaccines that are up for regulator approval this month could speed that time. Whether business travel, a revenue staple for airlines, returns after functioning virtually for a year or more is another big unknown.

It's clear the pandemic changed the world — what changes will be long-term remain to be seen. ■

About the Cover

Pleasanton Weekly staff and their families are sharing their favorite holiday recipes. See our collection in the Eat, Drink and Be Merry section inside. Staff photos. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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When do you expect to feel comfortable returning to all of your normal activities?



Vanessa Johnson

Actuary

Given my advancing age and at least one underlying co-morbidity, I will be reluctant to venture out and go about my ordinary business as usual, until there is a readily available COVID vaccine that has been proven to be safe and effective. It could be a year or so from now. But I'm willing to wait. And to be prudent between now and then, by wearing a mask, steering clear of crowds, and, if I go out somewhere, washing my hands thoroughly the moment I get home.



Bob Knight

Computer programming

Other than playing music in my rock band, which attracts large crowds that I try to avoid these days, I am basically already going about my normal business. I get up every day and go to work. My office is quite secluded so I feel very safe there. And I wash my hands a lot.



Bonnie Knight

Retired

Honestly, I've made such a big effort to adapt all along to all of the challenges posed by COVID and the pandemic. So I am already doing everything I usually do, except that I'm doing it largely in isolation.



Leo Martinez

Server

Probably not any time soon. Maybe by next spring, when vaccines are available. It is a long process to make sure they are safe and effective.



Jay Ramirez

Attorney

I think that once about 50% of the general population has been immunized, I will feel 100% comfortable to get back to my normal life and activities.

— Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Woerner's seat

The Livermore City Council is soliciting resident feedback as it decides the process for selecting someone to complete the unexpired council term of Mayor-elect Bob Woerner.

With Woerner moving into the main chair Dec. 14 after his election as mayor last month, the council will have a vacancy among the four regular council seats in Woerner's old position. The council will have to choose whether to appoint a resident to fill the vacancy or call for a special election.

City officials have issued an online public comment form for residents to share their thoughts by this Sunday (Dec. 6). Visit www.cityoflivermore.net.

Free flu shot

Alameda County health officials are offering free flu shots on a first-come, first-served basis next Wednesday (Dec. 9) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

The flu shot is free, with no insurance needed and available for anyone 6 months old or older. The first hour, from 9-10 a.m., will be for seniors only (age 65 and up). Visit acphd.org for details.

Pearl Harbor Day

The beacon will be illuminated on Mount Diablo on Monday (Dec. 7) as part of a special pre-recorded ceremony in recognition of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The 45-minute video includes three East Bay residents who survived the Pearl Harbor attack recounting their experiences on that fateful day in 1941. The video will begin streaming at 4:30 p.m. Monday via www.savemountdiablo.org, and the beacon will be lit atop the mountain that evening.

PPOA Giving Tree

The Pleasanton Police Officers Association is holding its annual Giving Tree to support families in need this holiday season. But due to safety concerns related to COVID-19, the union is only able to accept gift card donations this year.

PPOA officials request gift cards to stores like Target, Walmart, Raley's or Safeway, with a minimum amount of \$25, based on the needs of recipient families and senior citizens.

They are accepting the donations between now and Dec. 16 at the police department, 4833 Bernal Ave. The gifts will be delivered between Dec. 17-23. ■

10x Genomics plans large expansion blocks away from current headquarters

Planning Commission discusses initial rezone, design proposals at study session

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton-based biotech company 10x Genomics, Inc., is ready to expand its corporate and research presence in the city by developing a new campus across Stoneridge Mall Road from its current headquarters.

The fast-growing company, which went public last year, looks to find needed new space by constructing three brand-new buildings for research and development (R&D), office and laboratory activities on the 14.6-acre property on

the southeast corner of Springdale Avenue and Stoneridge Mall Road — after tearing down the single-story buildings onsite currently occupied by Cost Plus World Market and other retail and commercial uses.

The Pleasanton Planning Commission gave an initial review of the rezoning and redevelopment plan during a study session held virtually on Nov. 18.

"Comments were generally positive around the overall proposal and opportunity to provide a new

campus for 10x Genomics, as a Pleasanton-based company. Staff was able to share that 10x Genomics today is actually among the city's top sales tax generators, addressing some questions/concerns that came up from the commission about converting this site from a retail use," Ellen Clark, the city's community development director, told the Weekly.

Last month's city workshop was designed as a chance for commissioners to provide early, overarching feedback on 10x Genomics'

planned unit development (PUD) concept before a formal hearing on the refined plans — expected to occur in the spring, according to Clark.

As a PUD application, the proposal would have to receive final approval from the City Council.

Founded locally in 2012, 10x Genomics produces biology research equipment and products with existing facilities in the Stoneridge Corporate Plaza on Stoneridge

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TV30

Pleasanton holiday special debuting on TV30

The city of Pleasanton's week of socially distanced holiday activities culminates with the debut telecast of the "Virtual Hometown Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting" television special this Saturday at 7 p.m. on TV30. The pre-recorded live broadcast re-envisions the traditional downtown tree-lighting — with the in-person event with parade canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The video will also stream online at tv30.org starting Saturday.

Potential HS spreader party

Schools halt extracurricular camps, student cohorts

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Pleasanton high schools announced Monday that they would be pausing all voluntary in-person extracurricular activities until at least the end of the semester after some students attended a party over Thanksgiving break that officials say may have resulted in potential positive cases and exposure to COVID-19.

Students in camp cohorts at

Amador Valley, Foothill and Village high schools were involved in the "social gathering" over the holiday recess; however, school officials said they have been unable to comprehensively trace all students who attended the party so out of caution they will be suspending all in-person camps for extracurriculars such as sports and music practice.

Additionally, all Pleasanton high

schools will be pausing their small student cohort programs until each family can be contacted as part of the district's investigation.

"The decision to close our camps is disheartening. However, due to the choices that were made by students and in the absence of a definitive list of attendees, we must take steps to prioritize the

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Rapper killed in Dublin shooting

Circumstances unclear in Lil Yase's death; no arrests to date

By JEREMY WALSH

A rising Bay Area rapper died at a local hospital after being shot multiple times near the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station last weekend.

Dublin Police Services identified the victim as 26-year-old San Francisco resident Alexander Mark Antonyo Jr. — who performed under the name Lil Yase.

The circumstances of the crime remain unclear, and there have been no arrests to date, Capt. Nate Schmidt said on Tuesday afternoon.

"We continue to follow all leads, but I do not believe this was a random act," Schmidt told the Weekly. "There are still more questions

than answers right now as we comb through video, evidence and interviews. We are asking the public to come forward with whatever additional information they may have to assist in this investigation."

A native of the Sunnysdale neighborhood in San Francisco, Lil Yase had been performing since he was a teen, but first gained recognition in 2015 with his track "Get In It"



Lil Yase

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New Pleasanton skate park reaches design phase

Late-night lighting, areas for different skill levels could be added to Sports Park

By JULIA BAUM

Plans for a new skate park in Pleasanton reached the next stage after the City Council unanimously agreed to begin the design process at its meeting Tuesday night.

The new park will be located at Ken Mercer Sports Park, where the existing one at Hopyard Road will either be replaced or undergo repairs, and a “next level” skate park would be placed adjacent to it.

According to the city’s 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Pleasanton was found to be “short on skate park facilities by 1/2 acre and that an additional 1-acre skate park would be necessary once the city reached a population of 78,000, the projected build out of the city at the time.”

Shortly before voting Tuesday, Councilmember Julie Testa said, “I remember when that first skate park was being advocated for and built. And it’s definitely, our community has outgrown it; it’s time for another one.”

Last year, the Parks and Recreation Commission designated a new skate park as its No. 2 priority for the council’s two-year work

plan for 2020-21, and last month, commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with building an additional skate park.

The skate park was also adopted as “priority B” for the City Council’s work plan this year, with \$400,000 of funding for the design process planned for the next three years.

Staff visited several skate parks in Fremont, Newark and Milpitas for insight, according to city assistant director Michele Crose. After comparing local parks, staff decided Ken Mercer Sports Park was the best location for the new skate park.

“The site already has most of the necessary infrastructure, which would mean shorter design and construction process,” Crose said. “It’s less expensive to construct, thereby noise and light impacts would be minimal because already there are existing lights and some noise from the other activities occurring in the park.”

Staff also suggested some features and amenities such as lighting to make the park accessible for a cross-section of visitors.

“Skateboarding is across generations, and in order to kind of allow space for everyone to be able to skate, having lights allows older individuals to come so that they can stay out of the way of the younger beginning learners in the morning times,” Crose said.

The park would also have some greenery to “break up that monotony” of a large cement area “and make it a little bit more visibly pleasing.”

Some constraints mentioned were limited parking and “high use and potential user conflicts” due to some small contract classes that are currently hosted at Sports Park and would need to be relocated to another area of the park or an entirely different site.

More than a dozen residents phoned in during the public hearing Tuesday evening and said the park should be at least an acre to help avoid collisions between skaters, and wanted lights on until 11 p.m. or later. They also requested a mix of street elements and flow elements to accommodate different experience levels.

Joellen Lambert, widow of former parks and recreation commissioner David Lambert, expressed her support for the park and urged the council to name the park in honor of her late husband, as did several other speakers.

“I’m honored to hear so many people want to name it after David,” Lambert said. “Not only did David give a lot to the city and was on numerous commissions... but he was a quadrilateral amputee.”

“He inspired so many people, and the fact that even though he had lost his arms and legs, he still functioned, he could be on

skis, he rode a bike, he drove a car,” Lambert added, holding back tears as she spoke. “He was an inspiration to not only the kids in the city, but also to the adults as well. To name something after him because of that inspiration is just really a real cool thing to do.”

Councilmember Jerry Pentin called the concept “a great opportunity to expand and bring some more modern facilities for skateboarders in Pleasanton,” but said he “wanted to have it come at a time, as a priority that can be met with some of the plans and projects we already have in the city.”

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Joellen Lambert,
Widow of David Lambert

“Have we considered, instead of starting a whole new park, using repair and replacement funding and just expanding the current skate park Ken Mercer?” Pentin asked.

“I’m concerned about the cost of \$400,000 at this time during COVID, that we’re going to earmark this for a new skate park,” he added.

Just before the council voted, Vice Mayor Kathy Narum echoed Pentin’s remarks and said she “supported the park master plan back in 2014” but also had “some concern given economic uncertainties due to COVID.”

“I question whether it wouldn’t be better to wait until the next fiscal year and understand the COVID impacts on our budget,” Narum said. “I also agree with Councilmember Pentin; we do have a lot of different projects that are teed up in various phases ... I almost feel like we’re trying to take too much on.”

Narum added, “But given, I think, what’s been said, I do support the idea of a bigger park and the idea that not every child, young adult is going to run around in a soccer uniform or baseball uniform or whatever. I am going to go ahead and support this with, I have to admit, a little bit of reservation.”

Councilmember Karla Brown, who will be sworn in as Pleasanton’s new mayor later this month, said she was “extremely impressed with the young individuals who have been advocating for this skate park.”

“This is something that our youth has been waiting for,” Brown said. “When it does come forward, hopefully COVID won’t be a problem anymore but it is an individual (activity), something people can do solo without touching each other.”

Some residents during the public hearing also complained about waiting for the park to materialize more than six years after being proposed. City Manager Nelson Fialho said the project would likely take “16 months to two years to fully complete” and that the city would “treat this as a priority.”

“We’ll be really intentional and thoughtful and be as fast as we possibly can within the timeline I mentioned,” Fialho said. ■



ACFD

Fire damages house in Dublin

Two adults and two children were displaced after their home caught fire on the north side of Dublin on Sunday afternoon. The Alameda County Fire Department reported the flames ignited just before 3:30 p.m. in a house in the 2400 block of Kimball Avenue. Firefighters quickly gained entry and extinguished the flames to prevent further spread throughout the house, according to ACFD. The cause remains under investigation, but it appears the fire started in the attic. No residents or firefighters were injured during the incident.

Fire outside Livermore business

Cardboard, pallets ignite Sunday night; flames contained without spreading to building

By JEREMY WALSH

Firefighters battled an outdoor fire that ignited in a large pile of cardboard and wood pallets at a Livermore packaging company on Sunday night.

The incident unfolded after 9 p.m. Sunday outside Heritage Solutions on Brisa Street, not far from the Vasco Road-Interstate 580 interchange.

A fire sparked for unknown reasons among the cardboard and pallets — product the packaging company intended to ship — that was stored outside that night, according to Joe Testa, deputy chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Crews gained control of the fire after about 30 minutes, and the flames were fully extinguished

after around four hours, according to Testa. Firefighters prevented the flames from spreading to the building, though it was being threatened.

There were no injuries to employees or firefighters. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. The Alameda County Fire Department assisted LPPFD in the firefighting response. ■

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County approves 410-acre Aramis solar project north of Livermore

Resident group vows to appeal decision to Board of Supervisors

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The proposal to develop a 410-acre, utility-scale solar power plant north of Livermore were approved last week by the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments, but opponents of the project said they plan to appeal the decision to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Approved during the zoning board's regular meeting on Nov. 24, the Aramis solar project by Intersect Power will develop an estimated total of 580 acres of land, of which 410 acres will contain solar arrays and support facilities.

A collection of local residents opposed to the project have issued a statement declaring their intent to appeal the project's approval, citing primarily environmental and zoning concerns. However, Intersect Power officials have expressed confidence in the project's benefits to the region.

"The project speaks for itself," Marisa Mitchell, a principal at Intersect Power, told the Weekly. "The (environmental impact report) carried out by Alameda County was conducted independently by experts, and I think both the final EIR's disclosure of the project's very low impacts combined with the clear benefits that the project brings to the community really speak for themselves."

"I think the Board of Supervisors will recognize these things and reaffirm the wisdom of the Board of Zoning Adjustments and planning staff," she added.

Located roughly two miles north of the Livermore city limits and Interstate 580 in unincorporated Alameda County, the project is divided into four parcels, with the largest being located south of Manning Road and extending west of North Livermore Avenue by approximately one mile.

County officials said that in addition to creating up to 400 living-wage, all-union construction jobs and up to four permanent jobs, the project would assist the state in meeting renewable energy generation goals under Senate Bill 100 — which requires renewable energy and zero-carbon resources to supply 100% of electric retail sales to customers by the year 2045.

"The county finds that the project, with all the mitigation measures proposed, would best balance the advancement of solar technology and renewable energy, while also reducing the significant and unavoidable impacts on aesthetics and land use and planning to the lowest level practicable," county planning staff members said in a report to the zoning board.

Despite the zoning board approval, project opponents said they

take issue with perceived environmental concerns that arise from the project as well as with Alameda County officials lacking a comprehensive plan for how to expand renewable energy in rural areas.

'The clear benefits that the project brings to the community really speak for themselves.'

Marisa Mitchell,
Intersect Power principal

"Alameda County wishes to expand renewable energy in its effort to fight climate change. We support this goal. We also know the ends do not justify the means. The Aramis project egregiously violates Measure D and the county zoning code. And, the desire by county staff to support renewables has clouded their judgment," said Chris O'Brien, chair of Save North Livermore Valley, a coalition of residents opposed to the project.

"The county has not undertaken work essential to achieving its climate change goals. The county lacks both a comprehensive solar policy and a map of locations suitable for solar facilities that pose the least conflict with open space, wildlife habitat, agricultural land and scenic corridors," he added. "The Aramis plant will destroy the

habitat for numerous threatened and special status species. We are confident that the Board of Supervisors will carefully review the evidentiary record and come to the same conclusion."

Project proponents have generally expressed optimism about the appeal process, citing the recent county approval, the project's contribution to renewable energy and its diverse base of support as indicators of its value. They further contend that the opponents issues generally don't hold water.

"The county has repeatedly found that solar is a compatible use on large parcel agriculture, which is the way that this site is zoned, and the EIR is clear that the agricultural and habitat values of this particular site is very low," Mitchell said.

"Support for this project is not limited to a small group of stakeholders, and I think you'll find that, when you review the record, the range of supporters for this project really is completely diverse. From young people to old people to Spanish-speaking people, people who are business owners, people who are just concerned citizens, there is a really interesting range of diversity of voices and I don't think that one can say the same thing for the opposition's side," Mitchell added.

Opponents have until 10 days after the project's approval to submit an appeal for review by the Board of Supervisors; the appeal had not been filed as of press time Wednesday. ■



PUSD

Harvest Park library ready after year-long rebuild

Work on the Harvest Park Middle School library in Pleasanton recently finished, after more than a year of construction, and was commemorated with a virtual ribbon-cutting ceremony. The building was originally damaged by a fire in July 2018, rendering it unusable and leading to an interim library being put up. Demolition on the main library started in April 2019, with restoration work following last fall and finishing late this summer. The district's insurance policy covered the cost of construction.

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Open Houses for the Valley Link Project Public Review Period: December 2, 2020 – January 21, 2021

What: The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Authority), acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Valley Link project (Project).

The purpose of this Notice of Availability (NOA) is to notify agencies, organizations, and individuals that the Authority has published the DEIR and are inviting comments on the environmental analysis presented in the DEIR from all relevant public agencies that are germane to each agency's statutory responsibilities regarding the Project. We are also requesting interested individuals' or organizations' comments on the environmental document.

To view the full NOA, which contains more information about the Project, please visit www.valleylinkrail.com.

Viewing the DEIR: Copies of the DEIR are available for download and review online at www.valleylinkrail.com/environmental-ceqa.

Hard copies of the DEIR will also be made available by appointment only at the Authority office at 1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, in Livermore. Please note that at this time, libraries in Alameda and San Joaquin Counties are closed due to public health and safety concerns regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Please check the project websites listed above for the most up-to-date information on the availability of the DEIR at local libraries. To schedule an appointment, please email info@valleylinkrail.com or call the information request line at (925) 455-7591 and leave a message.

About the Project: The Authority proposes to establish a new 7-station passenger rail service along a 42-mile corridor between the existing Dublin/Pleasanton Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station and the approved Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) North Lathrop Station, which is included in the ACE Extension Lathrop to Ceres/Merced Project.

The limits of the proposed project span Alameda and San Joaquin Counties. The Project would use existing transportation corridors: the existing Interstate (I-) 580 corridor (11.7 miles) in the Tri-Valley; the Alameda County Transportation Corridor right-of-way (ROW) through the Altamont Pass (14.5 miles); and the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Corridor (16.1 miles) in Northern San Joaquin County.

Potential Environmental Impacts

The Proposed Project would result in overall regional benefits in terms of reducing regional traffic and vehicle miles traveled, improving regional transportation connections, improving operational air quality overall, lowering greenhouse gas emissions and reducing energy use.

The Proposed Project would result in the following significant and unavoidable impacts, even after implementation of mitigation: permanent conversion of important farmland; contribution to cumulatively significant air quality health risks related to particulate matter in the Tri-Valley; construction impacts relative to localized ambient air quality in the San Joaquin Valley; operational impacts to special-status species and wildlife movement associated with operation of the Greenville Station, Mountain House Station, and West Tracy Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) Alternative; land use inconsistency and potential inducement of localized unplanned growth in the immediate vicinity of the Greenville and Mountain House Stations; and construction and operational noise at certain locations.

The Proposed Project would result in less-than-significant impacts (including less than significant impacts with mitigation) on other resource areas: aesthetics (construction and operation); agricultural resources (construction); air quality (construction and operation, other than contributions to cumulative impacts); biological resources (construction and operation, other than operational impacts on special-status species and wildlife movement at the Greenville Station, Mountain House Station, and West Tracy OMF Alternative); cultural resources (construction and operation); energy (construction and operation); geology and soils (construction and operation); greenhouse gas emissions (construction and operation); hazards and hazardous materials (construction and operation); hydrology and water quality (construction and operation); land use and planning (construction and operation, other than the Greenville and Mountain House Stations); vibration (construction and operation); population and housing (construction and operation, other than the Greenville and Mountain House Stations) recreation (construction and operation); safety and security (construction and operation); transportation (construction and operation); and utilities and service systems (construction and operation).

Open Houses

Please note that the Authority staff are continuing to monitor developments related to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) on a daily basis and participate in frequent updates from local, state, and federal public health agencies and local jurisdictions. Out of concern for public health and safety, the Authority will hold three online open house meetings to provide information about the DEIR and respond to general questions about the Project. A presentation summarizing the Project and the DEIR will be provided and staff will be available to answer questions.

Please check the project website at www.valleylinkrail.com for the most up-to-date information regarding open houses for the Valley Link DEIR. Information about how to join the online open house meetings will be provided on the Authority's website at this location: www.valleylinkrail.com/environmental-ceqa.

The three online open house meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, December 12, 2020, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, December 16, 2020, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
- Thursday, December 17, 2020, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report

A 50-day public and agency review period pursuant to Section 150105 of the State CEQA Guidelines is scheduled from December 2, 2020 to January 21, 2021. Comments may be made by regular mail or email. Please note that you do not need to attend one of the open houses to comment on the DEIR. Please send comments submitted in writing to:

Email: drafteircomments@valleylinkrail.com
Mail: Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
Attn: Valley Link Draft EIR, 1632 Rutan Court Ste 100,
Livermore, CA 94551

Comments on the DEIR must be received by the end of the public review period, which is **January 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

Dublin school board welcomes one new member along with re-elected trustee

Pelham is next Area 1 trustee; incumbent Blackman wins in Area 4

By JULIA BAUM

Dublin Unified School District will seat one new trustee before the new year while an incumbent held on to their seat in the recent Board of Trustees election.

Tri-Valley special education teacher Kristin Pelham is the next representative of DUSD's Area 1, which comprises the southern half of West Dublin, after winning 3,914 votes (61.69%) in the Nov. 3 general election, according to the final results certified this week by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

Pelham, who will replace long-time Trustee Amy Miller after Miller opted not to seek re-election, faced



Kristin Pelham

off against Dublin parent and physician Dr. Dawn Nwamuo, who received 2,408 votes (37.95%). About a third of a percent of voters — 23 total — chose a write-in candidate.

"I am excited to get to work for the students of Dublin," Pelham told the Weekly. "The biggest issue facing the board right now is how and when to bring students back to campus for those who wish to return in the hybrid format."

"There will also need to continue to be a fully remote option for those families who are not ready to return to campuses just yet," Pelham said. "We need to make sure it is done in a manner that focuses on safety for students and staff."

Other areas of focus for Pelham after being sworn in at the Dec. 15 board meeting include "hiring the next superintendent and continuing to address the facility needs of

this growing district," she added.

Though Nwamuo was unsuccessful in her bid for the board, she called it "an accelerated learning experience" and said she was "proud of my positive and authentic campaign, and the integrity I maintained."

"I was able to bring awareness to the striking disparity gaps for minorities and the lack of diversity on the board, despite the board makeup not changing," Nwamuo said. "The campaign season shed light on barriers to those who are not part of the system."

Nwamuo continued, "It was refreshing to see so many new faces running for offices throughout the Tri-Valley, but at the same time discouraging to see deep ties and underlying interests supersede highly qualified candidates that may have brought the city what it truly needed."

For crosstown

Trustee Area 4, incumbent Gabi Blackman held the seat that she won in a special election in June 2019, earning 3,865 votes (71.88%) to control the Nov. 3 general election.

"Winning this election, with this margin, is a true testament to the strength of the silent majority in Dublin," Blackman said. "Our campaign was a well-organized grassroots effort to elevate the people's voice."

Blackman plans to continue working on "ensuring learning is both safe and engaging, while we continue to work towards the re-opening of our schools" while also "supporting a cohesive long-term



Gabi Blackman

vision to meet the district's growth needs."

That vision includes completing the new Emerald High School and adding middle school capacity and modernizing sites, as well as keeping an eye on the district budget and hiring a new permanent superintendent.

"Dublin's schools have made great progress in one year," Blackman said. "I look forward to working with our community to create a brighter future for all of Dublin's children."

Dublin Partners in Education Foundation volunteer Michael Utsumi, who did not respond to request for comment at the time of publication, received 1,506 votes (28%) as the only challenger against Blackman. Over a tenth of a percent of voters (eight people) wrote in a different candidate for Area 4. ■

Zone 7 to continue environmental planning for Delta Conveyance Project

Agency may revisit opting out of water infrastructure project in two years

By JULIA BAUM

The Zone 7 Water Agency will remain a part of the Delta Conveyance Project for the next two years, following a 5-2 vote by the Board of Directors last month.

With approval of the environmental planning phase, the Tri-Valley agency will be able to provide input and continue its participation in the process but is not required to commit to the final project, officials said. Zone 7 has been involved in multiple undertakings to address Delta conveyance in recent years.

According to public documents, Zone 7's share of the planning costs would account for 2.2% of the project, based on expected levels of participation. The board opted to approve \$2.7 million of funding for 2021 and 2022 to participate in the two-year environmental planning cycle.

Should the board decide to continue in a couple more years, the estimated cost for Zone 7 would be about \$4.7 million.

The Delta Conveyance Project is Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposed single tunnel that would transport water from the northern part of the state to Southern California, and replaces former Gov. Jerry Brown's twin tunnels proposal.

The tunnel would be part of the State Water Project's (SWP) infrastructure in the network of waterways encompassing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that



COURTESY OF ZONE 7

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors voted to continue participating in the Delta Conveyance Project environmental process, to the tune of \$2.7 million.

collects and delivers water to 27 million Californians, including homes, businesses and farms in the Tri-Valley. As a SWP contractor, Zone 7 delivers approximately 70% of the Tri-Valley's water supply.

In a statement, Zone 7 said the water project's infrastructure, which dates back to the 1960s, "is aging and needs to be upgraded to meet the challenges ahead."

Two-thirds of the state's water originates from snowpack in the Sierra Nevada, where it travels down from before winding up in the Delta hub of SWP waterways and dispersing further. Carryover and transfer water as well as water banked in Kern County make the infrastructure's dependability "of critical importance to water supply reliability for the Tri-Valley community."

"The state's precipitation is increasingly coming in the form of big storms between extended dry periods," officials said, adding the project infrastructure could be improved to better withstand climate change and be "more flexible in its ability to take advantage of big storms by moving water when it's available without harming threatened and endangered species."

Board President Olivia Sanwong and Vice President Angela Ramirez Holmes cast the two dissenting votes during the board's Nov. 18 meeting.

Sanwong told the Weekly the "significant" planning cost estimates were partly why she voted no that night.

"I wanted to give my neighbors and community members additional time to review and comment," including the recent board discussion, Sanwong said. "My goal is to do what is best for the Tri-Valley community."

"I was strongly opposed to Gov. Jerry Brown's twin tunnels proposal, and it is unclear to me whether or not Gov. Newsom's single tunnel proposal is a practical alternative," Sanwong added. "For example, Gov. Jerry Brown's twin tunnels proposal specified the size of the tunnels and proposed how far underground the tunnels would be constructed. Whereas, Gov. Newsom's single tunnel proposal is not yet defined."

Sanwong also wondered about "the implications for our contracted State Water Project water of not opting in for the Delta Conveyance Project."

"There may not be, that would be something I would be curious to understand better, and I think it is important to understand better as these decisions are being made," she added. ■

LAVTA's self-driving cars now carrying passengers

Advance reservations, face masks required to board

By JULIA BAUM

Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority is driving change on local roads and inviting the public to hop aboard its shared autonomous vehicle (SAV) for the first time last month.

The self-driving vehicle, which started service Nov. 16, was certified for use on public streets by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration after recently undergoing rigorous testing.

"As it progresses, LAVTA's SAV project will improve mobility by providing first- and last-mile solutions for passengers between the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station and nearby locations,"

officials said in a statement.

A human safety operator will be on board the SAV at all times; the vehicle will take an initial route just under one mile with two stops and one traffic light, operating in mixed traffic the entire time. The SAV is 100% electric and is equipped with a camera, sensors and GPS.

During this initial period, the SAV will operate Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., excluding holidays.

Each complete round trip will take approximately 10 minutes, according to LAVTA. The boarding location is in close proximity to the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station, where LAVTA's bus transfer facility

is also available. Nearby parking is also available at Iron Horse Parkway.

Passengers are required to wear a face mask or covering while on-board the vehicle, and the number of riders allowed on at any given time will be three, not including the safety attendant. All vehicle touch-points will be cleaned and sanitized between each ride to ensure health and safety.

Advance reservations are required and can be made at www.wheels-bus.com/sav, where additional information about the SAV project is also available.

A short video about the project can be found at <https://vimeo.com/478683023>. ■



LAVTA

LAVTA is now offering rides to the public on its shared autonomous vehicle. Reservations are required.

Group files appeal over Livermore housing project

Save the Hill's decade-long fight headed to state appellate court

By JULIA BAUM

A group of residents who have spent a decade objecting to a proposed residential development in northern Livermore filed a notice of appeal just before Thanksgiving, following a recent ruling by Alameda County Superior Court in their environmental lawsuit over the project.

Located north of Altamont Creek School between Laughlin and Vasco roads, the planned 32-acre site of the project called Garaventa Hills has long been the focus of both developers and the Save the Hill

Group, though for different reasons.

Save the Hill members are opposed to city-approved plans by Lafferty Communities to build 44 housing units on the land.

In September, Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch ruled in the city of Livermore's favor, allowing the city to not revisit approval of a final environmental impact review of the project. The EIR was approved last year after the city required the developer, Lafferty Communities, to reduce the number of proposed housing units from 76 to 44, among other changes.

Save the Hill argues the area is "home to a number of threatened and endangered species, including the endangered vernal pool fairy shrimp, California tiger salamander, burrowing owls, the Livermore tarplant and other species."

The Garaventa Wetlands Preserve, located at the base of the hill, is also protected by California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has designated it a critical habitat for the vernal pool fairy shrimp.

"The appeal is a continuation of the legal challenge that contends

(the city) failed to adequately consider whether Garaventa Hill could be purchased and preserved in perpetuity for conservation as a part of a 'No-Action' EIR alternative," Save the Hill said in a statement. "Conservation funds are available to buy it, and the California Environmental Quality Act requires that appropriate attention be applied to such an option as part of the EIR certification process."

Bianca Covarelli, who has sought to conserve the land for a decade, said, "Judge Roesch's ruling against us in the original case is baffling,

since we won the case on the merits. For this and other reasons we feel strongly that the appellate court will agree the city failed to apply due consideration to the hill's preservation as open space."

The group said it does not expect a decision from the 1st District Appeal Court in San Francisco, where the appeal was filed, until 2022 "at the earliest, after which the case can be further appealed if necessary."

Representatives for the city of Livermore and Lafferty Communities did not reply to requests for comment as of Tuesday afternoon. ■

10X GENOMICS

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Mall Road and at the Koll Center in Pleasanton.

With a desire to grow operations, 10x Genomics has pursued redeveloping the commercial parcel at 1701 Springdale Ave. — a property just south of Stoneridge Shopping Center that was linked to more Workday expansion before the pandemic. 10x Genomics has indicated it plans to continue occupying space at its existing Stoneridge site along with the new campus blocks away, Clark said.

The PUD proposal centers on fully demolishing the 163,500 square feet worth of commercial buildings in the retail center once anchored by the now-closed JC Penney Home Store.

City planning staff consider the 10x Genomics takeover and reinvention of the Springdale Avenue property as a positive development.

"The existing retail center has suffered from lack of investment and has had difficulty maintaining tenant occupancy over the past

decade. Staff believes the proposed project is an opportunity to redevelop the site with a high-quality office/commercial project consistent with other similar projects within the immediate vicinity of the mall such as Workday," city associate planner Eric Luchini wrote in his staff report to the commission.

The development plan calls for constructing up to three new multi-story buildings totaling an estimated 381,000 square feet on the razed site for R&D, office and lab operations, along with a parking garage and related site improvements.

The project would be built in phases, with the first stage seeing one 100,000-square-foot building added to the north side of the property and parking lot enhancements within the next one to two years after city approval. The final stage, with the rest of the buildings and garage, would be in the longer term but completed by 2030.

The city is being asked to rezone the property from regional commercial to PUD-commercial office.

Architectural designs for building one and the environmental analysis

are still pending at this point, but the Nov. 18 workshop allowed commissioners to offer input on the redevelopment proposal, including the overall land use, the conceptual site plan and traffic circulation, that could be incorporated into the final application.

"In terms of specific comments, the commission was interested in making sure the project related well and was connected for pedestrians and bike to the future development at Stoneridge Mall and neighboring residential uses, and with respect to building heights and setbacks," Clark said.

Some commissioners also suggested to 10x Genomics that its larger building be placed on the mall side of the site so that lower-height buildings would be closer to the residential neighbors, according to Clark.

"And, the commission was of course interested in any potential traffic impacts — this is a topic that will be studied as part of the environmental review that will look comprehensively at any project-related impacts," she added.

City staff expect the final plans to be presented to the Planning Commission for a hearing some time in the spring. If the commission supports the project, it would then head to the City Council for final approval.

Planning Commissioner Jack Balch, who was elected to the City Council on Nov. 3 and will be

seated on the main dais later this month, did not participate in the commission's 10x Genomics workshop. Had he taken part in any discussion or decision on the project at the commission level, he would have to recuse himself from the future council deliberations — to avoid a double dipping type of conflict of interest. ■

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Governor suggests California could issue new stay-at-home order

Also: State extends tax deadlines, issuing grants for small businesses

Gov. Gavin Newsom suggested on Monday that the state could issue a new stay-at-home order for the majority of California's counties as new coronavirus cases and hospitalizations surge across the state.

Coronavirus hospitalizations are on pace to rise by up to roughly 30% by Christmas Eve in much of the state, according to Newsom, as the state's health care system absorbs a surge of new cases due in part to gatherings on Thanksgiving.

Intensive care units are also on track to reach and surpass 100% capacity some time in December in most of the state's major population centers.

The Bay Area fares slightly better than other parts of the state in both of those metrics, with 58% of its hospital beds currently occupied as

of Monday and 62% projected to be occupied by Dec. 24.

Likewise, 72% of the Bay Area's ICU beds are currently occupied as of Monday, a figure projected to rise to 91% by Dec. 24, putting the region on track to hit its maximum ICU capacity in early January.

Newsom said the projections did not take into account mitigating factors like a potential stay-at-home order and assumed the state's current surge would continue unabated.

"This is in the absence of making better decisions," he said Monday during a briefing on the pandemic. "If we just sit back and are bystanders at this moment and we don't subsequently improve upon our existing efforts, this is what we project might occur."

Newsom said state officials have discussed over the last week issuing a new stay-at-home order that would apply to counties in the "purple" tier of the state's pandemic reopening system. There were no new statewide or local health orders as of press time Wednesday.

As of Monday, 51 of the state's 58 counties, including every Bay Area county except Marin, were in the purple tier, accounting for 99.1% of the state's population.

A new stay-at-home order, Newsom and state Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly said, would not be entirely the same as the order the state issued back in March, shutting down most businesses for several weeks.

In the months since then, Newsom and Ghaly argued, local and state health officials have learned much more about how the virus is transmitted and which activities pose the largest risk of infection.

For now, state officials are most focused on community transmission and decreasing social mixing, according to Ghaly.

"Everybody wants us to identify

the sector where spread is happening," he said. "The truth is, when you have this level of community spread, it's happening in our communities first and foremost. So, the minute you walk into an entity indoors, the chance of encountering someone with COVID, who can actually transmit it, is higher than it's ever been."

Ghaly also noted that the state's surge in new cases and hospitalizations is likely to get worse before it gets better due to the roughly two-week lag for the virus to begin affecting a person.

"The high case rate numbers that we've seen in the last week and 10 days have not even begun to impact hospitals yet," Ghaly said.

Newsom has argued the coming weeks will be one of the most critical periods of the pandemic for state residents to heed public health guidance during the "sprint" toward widespread availability of a vaccine.

That vaccination is expected to begin in less than a month, he said, as the state is set to receive

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Landlords needed

Setting some "ambitious targets" to ensure affordable housing and eliminate homelessness in Alameda County, the county is looking for landlords to match with local residents in need of a home as part of its Vision 2026.

The program is part of Alameda County's efforts to maximize the countywide Measure A1 housing bond to invest approximately \$340 million over the next three years.

Studios and one- and two-bedroom units of any size — and with their own bathroom and kitchen or kitchenette — and that have easy access to public transportation are wanted.

Landlords will be guaranteed on-time monthly payments, and receive support with any tenant issues. Residents support services are also available for tenants. The program includes financial incentives. Contact ACHomes@acgov.org or 510-777-2100.

Grant workshop

Tri-Valley cities have jointly announced the application cycle for 2021-22 housing and human services and community grants.

"Grant programs offered by the cities provide funding for a wide variety of human services, community development, housing, youth and civic arts projects and programs in the Tri-Valley," city officials said.

Applications are being accepted by the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore through Jan. 18. An informational grant workshop will be held virtually next Thursday (Dec. 10) from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendance is required to apply for funding. To RSVP, contact city housing manager Steve Hernandez at 925-931-5007.

LPC Foundation aid

With the intention of supporting students during the pandemic, the Las Positas College Foundation is aiming to raise nearly \$21,000 for its COVID-19 Giving Initiative, for the purpose of purchasing new technology while online learning continues.

After shifting to 100% remote learning earlier this year, officials said in a statement that "several areas of need were identified impacting LPC students ability to remain enrolled, engaged, and working toward their academic and career goals."

Donations received will be used to support the areas with the greatest needs for students, including \$11,000 to create a mobile video studio for distance education and supply it with software, cameras and computer equipment; \$5,000 for website development and other costs associated with making the student publication "Naked Magazine" fully accessible online; \$4,500 for headphones and microphones; and \$2,000 for sewing machines for the Theater Department.

To learn more or make a donation, visit lpcfoundation.org. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

Planning Commission

Wednesday, December 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 December 2, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

- **P20-0817, The Exercise Coach, 3958 Valley Avenue, Suite A**
Application to operate a personal fitness studio
- **P20-0820/P20-0821, Lucky's, 6155 W. Las Positas Boulevard**
Applications for Design Review and Sign Design Review for:
1) exterior modifications to the existing Lucky's store which includes new façade, colors and a new outdoor dining area; 2) site modifications to existing landscaping and parking lot to accommodate the proposed outdoor dining area; and 3) new wall signage
- **Objective Design Standards**
Work session to review, discuss, and kick-off the process of creating Objective Design Standards for residential development

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Applications due by Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Applicants must reside within the Pleasanton city limits

Interviews with the Mayor will be held the week of January 4, 2021

For additional information contact the Office of the City Clerk at 925-931-5027

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Art Mart and sculptures

Celebrate the holiday season at a safely distanced outdoor Mini Art Mart on the Bankhead Plaza, 2400 First St. in Livermore, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday, a chance to support local artists. Visitors also can enjoy the temporary public sculptures, "Where Do We Go From Here," created for October's ArtWalk, as well as new artscapes painted on the lower windows of the Bankhead Theater. The Mini Art Mart is an extension of the "Handmade for the Holidays" online art fair hosted on the LivermoreArts.org website, which features the works and one-of-a-kind gifts of nearly two dozen artists from throughout the Tri-Valley.

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New initiative to provide free laptops

Tech for Good aims to help low-income residents in county

The Alameda County Workforce Development Board is partnering with other organizations to provide free refurbished laptops to low-income families and individuals.

The county's Tech for Good initiative is a partnership between the ACWDB, Goodwill of the Greater East Bay, and Corporate eWaste Solutions to provide access to high-quality technology to low-income community members.

The initiative consists of a laptop recycling program in which Goodwill will donate gently used laptops

to CEWS, who will then refurbish the laptop and install updated operating systems and Microsoft Office Suite 2010.

The ACWDB will then distribute the laptops and laptop bags free of charge to eligible disadvantaged families and individuals in Alameda County through its career centers and other community partners.

The aim of the program is to help job seekers with barriers to employment gain access to online training programs, career center workshops and services, and

online job resources that facilitate career transitions or new employment opportunities.

"We have seen a sharp rise in people who are completely locked out of the job market because they don't have laptops or reliable internet services to look for employment or upgrade their skills. We're committed to partnering to remove barriers to successful training, employment, and retention outcomes." Interim ACWDB Director Rhonda Boykin said.

Applicants must reside in

Alameda County and meet income requirements. Individuals interested in the Tech for Good Initiative can access the ACWDB website for service providers' information to apply or call ACWDB at 510-259-3836.

Goodwill of the Greater East Bay is accepting donations of unwanted laptops and power cords from businesses and individuals for the Tech for Good initiative. To donate, people can contact norcalpickup@cewsb2b.com or 510-998-2828. ■

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SHOOTING

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— and its subsequent remix, according to TMZ.

He released a slew of singles and collaborations during his career, and a number of his music videos on YouTube have received new comments of remembrance and condolences since his death. His label, Highway 420 Productions, said his other previously unreleased recordings will be put out soon.

"We appreciate all the love and support. Yase loved his fans, he worked every day for y'all. We have hundreds of songs coming for you. Please repost and share let the world know who the 'Top Dog' is @yasemoney600 @yasemoney600 tag @thethizzler tell them to drop this right now right now," the label said on Instagram over the weekend.

News of Lil Yase's death began to spread on social media on Saturday, with Dublin police confirming on Sunday that Antonyyyo (Lil Yase) was the victim in a fatal shooting that occurred in their city early Saturday morning.

The investigation unfolded when Dublin police responded to Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare hospital in Pleasanton around 1 a.m. Saturday on a report of a man who had just arrived suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, according to Schmidt.

The victim — later identified as Lil Yase — was then transported by ambulance to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, where he would die from his injuries, Schmidt said.

Initial information led officers to believe the shooting likely occurred near the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station, and after searching the area

they found the crime scene on the 5100 block of Iron Horse Parkway, according to the captain.

Officers scoured the area for the culprit, but no suspects were found, according to Schmidt. Dublin detectives were called in and processed the scene for evidence, with assistance from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office crime lab.

No additional details about the circumstances of the shooting, nor any suspect descriptions, have been



HIGHWAY 420 PRODUCTIONS

Bay Area native Alexander Mark Antonyyyo Jr., who rapped under the name Lil Yase, died on Saturday after being shot multiple times in Dublin. He was 26.

released as of Tuesday afternoon. Anyone with information about the homicide can contact Dublin police at 925-462-1212. ■

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safety of all our students and staff in these programs," Amador principal Josh Butterfield and Foothill principal Sebastian Bull said in emails to their respective school communities.

While an exact number and identities of all students who attended the event have not been discovered, school officials have been able to confirm that some students who participated were also part of multiple camp cohorts

or small cohort supervision programs from the three high schools, according to the principals.

School officials encourage community members to review the updated coronavirus safety guidelines from the Alameda County Public Health Department in order to help stem the spread of the virus, which county officials have said presents a particular danger during the winter months and flu season.

The holiday season is also a particularly hazardous time, according to county health officials, who fear families attempting to

continue traditions and gather with loved ones outside of their social pods will further worsen regional coronavirus infection rates.

Pleasanton school officials have pleaded with students to help slow the spread of the virus and find alternate ways to connect and celebrate with friends and loved ones rather than meeting in groups.

"It's important for each of us to remember that our ability to hold in-person camps and cohorts largely depends on the choices and actions made by the members of our community," Bull and Butterfield

said. "Your choices to wear a mask when outside your house, to wash your hands frequently, and to not engage in close interactions with individuals outside of your family make us all safer."

"Our thoughts go out to any students or family members who have been impacted by COVID-19 and we wish them a speedy recovery," they added.

Residents interested in learning more about how to stay safe and help stem the spread of the coronavirus this holiday season can visit covid-19.acgov.org. ■

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some 327,000 doses of coronavirus vaccine from the pharmaceutical company Pfizer over the next few weeks.

"People just want to be done with this," Ghaly said of the pandemic. "But it doesn't take a break just because we're tired of it."

State aid for small businesses

The state of California extended income tax deadlines for some

small businesses and will issue some \$500 million in relief grants to help small businesses stay afloat during the coronavirus pandemic, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday.

The state will extend the income tax deadline by three months for small businesses that are filing less than \$1 million in sales tax, according to Newsom.

Companies filing up to \$5 million will have access to existing interest and penalty-free payment agreements while larger businesses can access interest-free payment options.

According to Newsom, the deadline extension and penalty-free payment options will save small businesses billions during the pandemic.

"We have to lead with health to reopen our economy safely and sustainably while doing all we can to keep our small businesses afloat," Newsom said.

Small business owners will also have access to grants of up to \$25,000 to help prevent them from closing, according to Newsom. The COVID Relief Grant program, totaling \$500 million, will distribute

funds to eligible small businesses by early next year.

Some 4.1 million small businesses operate in California, employing 7.2 million workers, nearly half of the state's workforce, according to Newsom.

"By providing potentially billions in immediate relief and support, our small businesses can weather the next month as we continue partnering with the legislature to secure additional funding and investments in small businesses in the new year," he said. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation



From our staff to your kitchen

Pleasanton Weekly shares favorite holiday recipes

The holidays are a special time for Pleasanton Weekly staff members as, like our readers, we decorate our homes, buy presents for loved ones and stoke up the ovens to prepare special treats.

To celebrate the season, we are sharing tried and true favorite recipes that mean it is the holidays in our homes.

Publisher Gina Channell, whose mother Linda Channell died only this year, found it emotionally tough to remember family holidays in happier times as she set out to share recipes, including “Mom’s Sweet ‘Taters” and “The Channells’ Christmas Fantasy Fudge.”

“There was no written recipe for my mom’s sweet ‘taters — I’ve made them dozens of times and my memory was tested,” Channell reported, noting the difficulty of translating a “dash of this” and “a bit of that.”

The family recipe for fudge presented another difficulty — it was written on an index card in her mother’s handwriting, which started the tears flowing.

Mom’s Candied Sweet ‘Taters

- 5-6 large sweet potatoes
- 1/2 cup salted stick butter
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- Large marshmallows



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Publisher Gina Channell shares her mother’s recipe for Candied Sweet ‘Taters.

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
 2. Peel potatoes and cut into quarters. Parboil in boiling water until they are tender but still undercooked (about 5 minutes).
 3. Place sweet potato wedges in a single layer in a 9- by 13-inch baking dish.
 4. Slice butter sticks into several pats over the potatoes.
 5. Sprinkle evenly the brown sugar, white sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and drizzle the vanilla over potatoes.
 6. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 40 minutes. (Check at 40 minutes to make sure the potatoes are very tender but not mushy. If not tender, re-cover and bake another 10 minutes.)
 7. Remove pan from oven. Spoon the caramelized sugar mixture over the potatoes.
 8. Place a layer of marshmallows on the potatoes and bake uncovered for 5 minutes or until the marshmallows are melted and slightly brown.
- Tip: When you put the marshmallows on the potatoes, make sure there is plenty of space above the pan for the marshmallows to expand as they cook.

Channells’ Christmas Fantasy Fudge

- 3/4 cup stick butter
- 3 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk (5 oz. can)
- One 12 oz. package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- One 7 oz. jar Kraft Jet-Puffed Marshmallow Crème
- 1 cup chopped black walnuts (optional)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

1. Line a 9- by 13-inch baking dish with foil. (Extend the foil 4 to 5 inches on both ends.) Press the foil flat in the pan. (Use a smaller pan for thicker fudge.)
2. Combine sugar, butter and condensed milk in 2-1/2 quart saucepan. Bring to full boil, stirring constantly. Boil for 5 minutes, stirring.
3. Work fast from here. Remove from heat and immediately stir in chocolate chips until melted.
4. Add marshmallow crème, vanilla and nuts. Beat until well-blended. Pour quickly into pan.
5. When cool, lift the fudge out of the pan with the ends of the foil. Cut into squares.

Editor Jeremy Walsh is sharing a favorite recipe for Spritz Holiday Cookies, courtesy of his mother-in-law, Christine Kearney.

Spritz holiday cookies

- Equipment needed: Foodgun or cookie press
Electric mixer
2 cookie sheets

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Cream 1 cup softened salted butter in large bowl.
Mix in 6 drops green food coloring.
Separate 3 egg yolks; add one by one to the butter.
Add 1 tsp vanilla



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2020’s first batch of Holiday Spritz cookies from Christine Kearney, mother-in-law of editor Jeremy Walsh.

- Add 2-1/4 cups flour
Use food gun or cookie press with the tree disc to press onto ungreased cookie sheet, 1 inch apart.
Add nonpareils or sprinkles before cooking.
Bake for 5 minutes or until just set but not brown. Remove to wire rack immediately.
Makes 4-5 dozen.

Tri-Valley Life editor Dolores Fox Ciardelli is sharing her recipe for Caprese Salad.

She said that six years ago her daughter decided to begin hosting an Italian feast for extended family each Christmas Eve, featuring a sitdown dinner with lasagnas and her wonderful baked meatballs. She asked her mother to contribute a salad.

“After considering the multitude of options, I decided the vibrant reds and greens of a Caprese Salad would best enhance the holiday spirit — and the dinner’s flavors,” Ciardelli said.

Plan ahead to obtain fresh basil, she cautioned: Stores seem to sell it out by Dec. 23.

She also shares a recipe for Totos, an Italian cookie. Her mother-in-law baked dozens and dozens every year and gave tins to all family members. Now Dolores carries on the tradition, also using an index card with

the recipe handwritten, by her mother-in-law, Juanita Ciardelli, who died in 2010.

Caprese Salad

- Basic ingredients:
1-1/2 lbs fresh large pearl or Campari tomatoes, sliced
Large bunch fresh basil, leaves separated
1 lb fresh mozzarella, sliced

Arrange on platter, alternating the three ingredients in attractive rows.

Dressing:
Olive oil can be used alone or balsamic vinegar can be added. Combine and drizzle over the salad just before serving. Season generously with freshly ground salt and pepper.

Caprese can also be made on skewers using cherry tomatoes and mozzarella cut into cubes.

Totos

- 6 cups sifted flour
- 2 tbsp cocoa
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp allspice
- 1 tsp cloves
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup shortening or margarine
- 1-1/2 cups sugar

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2 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk
1-1/2 cups chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Cream sugar and shortening. Add beaten eggs.
Cream until fluffy.

Combine all dry ingredients. Gradually add to creamed mixture with 1 cup milk. Add chocolate chips and mix well. (It's easier to mix with hands after chocolate chips and nuts are added.) Roll into 1-inch balls on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Put cookies on waxed paper after baking; while still warm, apply glaze with brush or spoon. Let dry before storing. Makes 8-1/2 dozen.

Glaze:
1/2 box powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla
Milk to form a thick paste. (Needs very little milk.)

Staff reporter Ryan J. Degan is sharing his family's Cuban Turkey recipe. He recalled that when he was growing up, the family did the traditional roasted turkey dinner until one year his mother decided to mix it up by using a recipe from Uncle Julio, who lived in Massachusetts but was originally from Cuba.

"My mom made two turkeys that year, one traditional and one using my uncle's Cuban recipe and by the end of the meal the Cuban version was just about gone," Degan remembered. "The citrus flavor brings out a moistness in the turkey that can't be beat. It's our new family favorite tradition."

Uncle Julio's Cuban Turkey

One 20-pound turkey (any size will do)
12-15 lemons juiced (approximately 1-1/2 cups of lemon juice)
2 limes juiced (keep the rinds!)
2 oranges juiced (keep the rinds!)
1/2 bottle of white wine or champagne
Pepper to taste
1 to 2 tbsp of Adobo all-purpose seasoning (or to taste)
1 to 2 garlic cloves per pound, crushed

1. For marinade, combine lemon, lime and orange juice with wine, pepper, crushed garlic and Adobo.
2. Thaw turkey and rinse well in cold water; pat dry.
3. Place orange and lime peels in the turkey's cavity and salt lightly. Next, place the turkey in a common

kitchen trash bag and add the marinade, tying off the bag. Double seal the turkey with a second trash bag and place it in the refrigerator.
4. Leave the turkey to marinate for four to five days, flipping every 12 hours. In a pinch the turkey can be marinated for only two days but five is best.
5. When ready to cook, add one coarsely chopped onion, one tablespoon of flour and two stalks of sliced celery inside of the turkey.
6. Brush turkey with oil or melted butter, season as desired and place into a Reynolds Kitchens Oven Bag. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and cook for 2-1/2 to 3 hours, or until the turkey reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees.

Staff reporter Julia Baum said there is nothing super fancy about this cranberry sauce recipe but it is how her mom has made it every year for Thanksgiving.

"You can get more creative and add a bit of pineapple or lime juice, or experiment with other spices like ground cloves or ginger," Baum noted.

Cranberry Sauce

12 oz. whole cranberries (rinsed and drained)
1 cup sugar (or Splenda)
15 oz. unsweetened mandarin oranges
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp citrus peel (optional)
1. Mix sugar and water in saucepan and bring to boil over medium-high heat. Add cranberries, cinnamon and citrus peel; return to boil. Reduce to medium-low; simmer 10 minutes or until cranberries burst and sauce thickens, stirring occasionally.
2. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature.
3. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Contributing writer Cierra Bailey is sharing her recipe for Chocolate Chip Banana Nut Bread.

"It's delicious," she commented. "Highly recommend!"

Chocolate Chip Banana Nut Bread

1 cup granulated sugar
1 stick unsalted butter (room temp)
2 large eggs
3 ripe bananas
1 tbsp milk (can substitute for almond milk or other dairy-free options)
1 tsp ground cinnamon
2 cups all-purpose flour



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Chocolate Chip Banana Nut Bread.

1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1 bag chopped walnuts
1 bag chocolate morsels

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter loaf pan.
2. In a large mixing bowl add sugar, butter, eggs, mashed bananas, milk, cinnamon, flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. Mix ingredients until batter forms a fluffy,

creamy consistency.
4. Add walnuts and chocolate morsels to batter. (I don't measure these; just add to your liking.)
5. Pour batter into buttered loaf pan and bake for 60-70 minutes.
6. Let cool for 15-20 minutes, remove from pan, slice and serve.

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Staff reporter Ryan J. Degan, at age 9, in the family kitchen with Uncle Julio's Cuban Turkey, fresh out of the oven.



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Real estate advertising sales rep **Carol Cano** with her family's favorite Holiday Stuffed Potatoes.

Deacon Dave's holiday display canceled amid pandemic

Casa del Pomba in Livermore shelves longstanding tradition for 2020

By CIERRA BAILEY

"Casa del Pomba — the name of my home — means 'house of the dove.' The dove is the symbol of hope, and our hope is that COVID-19 goes away," Deacon Dave Rezendes told the Weekly in an interview about his decision to call off his annual holiday light display as a result of the pandemic.

For the past 37 years, Rezendes has opened the front yard of his Livermore residence on Hillcrest Avenue to the community to view thousands of vibrant lights and festive decor during the month of December. This year, however, he decided it would not be in the best interests of his volunteers or visitors to host the local tradition.

"This would have been the 38th anniversary of the display, and we would have started building, as we do every year, in late August and

the display theme changes every year," he said, adding that the theme is always kept secret until opening night but he won't reveal what it would have been this year as they may decide to use it in the future.

'I was so heartbroken when I heard that he wouldn't be able to do it this year.'

Monique Vi,
Livermore native

Before cancellation, opening night for the Deacon Dave's display was set for today, which also coincides with the 38th anniversary of Rezendes' ordination as a Roman

Catholic deacon.

He first announced that there would be no display on his website in August, following a series of meetings with his team members. He said they considered other options as a group like a drive-by display or curbside viewing outside of the front gates of his residence. Ultimately, none of the alternatives were ideal to keep large groups from gathering.

"The issue comes back to, we would have had thousands of people walking up and no crowd control because a lot of our more senior team members didn't want to risk getting (COVID-19)," Rezendes told the Weekly.

He started the display nearly 40 years ago as a gift to the Tri-Valley. "It started very small with a whopping 2,000 lights," he said sarcastically, adding that it has grown significantly since then with last year's count at more than 600,000 lights.

"I was so heartbroken when I heard that he wouldn't be able to do it this year," said Monique Vi, 28, who grew up going to see the Deacon Dave's display with her family every year. She said she's continued the annual tradition with her now 6-year-old daughter,



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For the first time in nearly 40 years, Deacon Dave Rezendes has canceled his annual holiday light display in Livermore due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's definitely something we look forward to."

In addition to the 4-foot-by-8-foot banner framed by garland and a string of white lights outside of his home announcing that the walk-through is canceled, Rezendes said he plans to add more lights around the outside of his home but will keep it subtle to avoid drawing big groups of people.

One aspect of the Deacon Dave's tradition that will continue for those

who live close to Casa del Pomba is the playing of chimes from the bell tower of Rezendes' private backyard chapel. In previous years, a Christmas tune would sound at 7 p.m. each night during the holiday display and this year music will play three times throughout each evening at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. beginning this evening.

More information and photos from past years of the display are available at casadelpomba.com. ■

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Real estate advertising sales rep **Carol Cano** is sharing her recipe for Holiday Stuffed Potatoes.

"I grew up making these stuffed potatoes with my dad, and it's been a family favorite with us for many years," Cano said. "We always put on our holiday music and have fun making these together."

Holiday Stuffed Potatoes

- 8 large baking potatoes
- 2 sticks butter
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup chopped bacon, or soft bacon bits
- 3/4 cup milk
- 6-8 chopped green onions
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
1. Place clean, dry potatoes on a baking sheet: Rub lightly with melted butter, wrap in foil, poke with a knife, and place on a foil lined large cookie sheet. Bake for 1 hour.
2. Let the potatoes cool for 20 minutes. Remove foil and slice in half horizontally with a sharp knife.
3. Scrape out the insides of the potato with a spoon and place in a large mixing bowl. Be careful to leave some potato around the edges so the shell won't break. Lay the empty potatoes on a foil-lined baking sheet

and set aside.

4. To the bowl of potato, add the milk, 1 to 2 cubes of melted butter and sour cream to the potatoes. Stir with a large spoon so the potatoes are chopped up but not mashed.
5. Add bacon bits, green onions and cheese, leaving some for garnish. Test taste the potatoes and add more salt and pepper if needed.
6. You are ready to stuff your potatoes! Load them up to the top with your potato mix and garnish with more cheese and green onions.
7. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Serves-10-12

Administrative associate **Carolyn Chan** is sharing her recipe for Pecan Pie. Not only is it a family favorite, but she would bring it into the office in years past for everyone to enjoy.

Pecan Pie

- 3 large eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 cup granulated white sugar
- 1 cup Karo Light or Dark Corn Syrup
- 2 tbsps butter, melted
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1-1/4 cups pecans
- 1 (9-inch) unbaked pie crust

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium bowl beat eggs slightly. Add sugar, Karo syrup, butter and vanilla; stir until blended. Stir in pecans. Pour into pie crust.

Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until a knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.



GETTY IMAGES

Administrative associate Carolyn Chan enjoys making a pecan pie like this one during the winter holiday season.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 28

Warrant arrest

- 10:30 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- 3:39 p.m. on the 3100 block of Paseo Robles

Burglary

- 10:51 a.m. on the 500 block of Sycamore Road
- 6:17 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Theft

- 1:02 p.m., 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; theft from structure
- 5:10 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Nov. 27

Drug violation

- 1:31 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road
- 12:12 p.m. at Alcosta Boulevard and I-680

Theft

- 3:05 a.m. on the 7900 block of Paragon Circle
- 11:41 a.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:16 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 9:29 p.m. on the 4000 block of Santa Rita Road

Burglary

- 9:29 p.m. on the 4000 block of Santa Rita Road

Nov. 26

Weapons violation

- 4:26 p.m. at First and East Angela streets

DUI

- 5:36 p.m. on the 5000 block of Case Avenue

Nov. 25

Theft

- 9:06 a.m. on the 6700 block of Singletree Way

Warrant arrest

- 12:00 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Crestline Road

Assault/battery

- 8:04 p.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Nov. 24

Vandalism

- 2:45 p.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Theft

- 2:52 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:49 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fire

- 3:34 p.m. on the 3500 block of Stanley Boulevard
- 5:16 p.m. at Laguna Creek and Shady Pond lanes

Nov. 23

Warrant arrest

- 6:35 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

- 9:37 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive
- 12:08 p.m. on the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 5:46 p.m. on the 3100 block of Ascot Court

Nov. 22

Theft

- 9:59 a.m. on the 4800 block of Saginaw Circle
- 1:18 p.m., 1300 block of Hopyard Road; theft of bicycle

Drug violation

- 5:36 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue and First Street

Burglary

- 7:35 p.m. on the 1000 block of Via Di Salerno
- 7:39 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Warrant arrest

- 8:16 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Nov. 21

DUI

- 2:04 a.m. on the 4600 block of Denker Drive

Theft

- 8:15 a.m., 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; theft from auto
- 12:06 p.m., 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; bicycle theft
- 4:21 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Domestic battery

- 4:46 p.m. on Valley Avenue

Drug violation

- 11:01 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Nov. 20

Arson

- 2:38 a.m. on the 5600 block of Black Avenue

Drug violation

- 12:04 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

- 12:54 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- 1:19 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 8:47 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 9:15 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto
- 9:54 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Warrant arrest

- 2:54 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- 10:32 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Sex offenses

- 6:59 p.m. on Churchill Drive

Nov. 19

Robbery

- 3:18 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

- 3:49 a.m. on the 3700 block of N. Hawaii Court
- 10:32 a.m. at Laguna Creek Lane and West Lagoon Road

Fraud

- 8:22 a.m. on the 3000 block of Staples Ranch Drive

Theft

- 9:42 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
- 9:22 p.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Graffiti offense

- 1:29 p.m. on the 4200 block of Foothill Road

Warrant arrest

- 6:39 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Nov. 18

Drug violation

- 1:51 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 5:56 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 10:03 p.m., 5500 Johnson Drive; auto theft

Burglary

- 8:46 p.m. on the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

Nov. 17

Theft

- 1:43 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

- 2:52 p.m. on the 4500 block of Gatetree Circle

- 8:06 p.m. on the 900 block of Pamela Place

Warrant arrest

- 3:10 p.m. on the 5200 block of Pleasant Hill Road
- 3:52 p.m. on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

Vandalism

- 4:47 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Burglary

- 6:48 p.m. on the 7800 block of Fair Oaks Drive

Nov. 16

Theft

- 10:23 a.m., 3600 block of Annis Circle; bicycle theft
- 10:36 a.m., 3600 block of Koll Center Parkway; theft from auto
- 11:34 a.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 4:49 p.m., 5300 block of Case Avenue; auto theft
- 7:24 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Warrant arrest

- 10:28 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road



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POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton PD earns traffic safety grant

The Pleasanton Police Department recently received a \$32,500 state grant to fund a yearlong program of special enforcement and public awareness efforts to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries.

The grant money will help PPD target traffic fatality prevention, particularly pedestrian and bicyclist deaths, as well as other major contributing problems such as speeding and collisions in busy areas, according to Sgt. Benjamin Sarasua.

“The Pleasanton Police Department, with assistance from the Office of Traffic Safety, will use these tools to help keep Pleasanton streets safe,” Sarasua said in a statement.

“Specific enforcement activities that the OTS grant will fund include DUI saturation patrols, distracted driving enforcement, traffic enforcement, and collaborative traffic enforcement with allied agencies within Alameda County.

The sergeant added, “While alcohol remains the worst offender for DUI crashes, the Pleasanton Police Department supports the new effort from OTS that aims to drive awareness that ‘DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze.’ Prescription medications and marijuana can also be impairing by themselves, or in combination with alcohol, and can result in a DUI arrest.”

The OTS grant is funded through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KATHLEEN O'SHEA LUDWIG also known as KATHLEEN O'LUDWIG and KATHLEEN LUDWIG
Case No.: RP14724868 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KATHLEEN O'SHEA LUDWIG also known as KATHLEEN O'LUDWIG and KATHLEEN LUDWIG. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LINDA D. ADAMS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: LINDA D. ADAMS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on JANUARY 4, 2021 at 9:45 a.m. in Dept. 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Bart J. Schenone, Temmerman, Cilley & Kohlmann, LLP, 140 Town & Country Drive, Ste. A, Danville, CA 94526. (925) 529-3999. (Pleasanton Weekly, November 27, December 4 & 11, 2020.)

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Calendar

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Theater

BECOMING ELEANOR ROOSEVELT New Deal Theater presents "Becoming Eleanor Roosevelt", portrayed by three actors at different stages of her life. The premiere takes place live with a Q&A afterward with the actors and directors. Now through Dec. 19. Visit newdealtheater.org.

Concerts

TRIPLE THREAT - ARIAS AT HOME Livermore Valley Opera presents a triple threat of three concerts. 6 p.m., Dec. 5. Visit livermorevalleyopera.com.

JIM BRICKMAN COMFORT & JOY CONCERT Grammy-nominated songwriter and piano sensation Jim Brickman will be taking the nation by storm this holiday season with the Comfort & Joy Home 2020 Virtual Tour blending yuletide memories and holiday carols with his own hits. 7 p.m., Dec. 10. Visit jimbrickman.com/san-ramon.

Holiday

PLEASANTON VIRTUAL HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION Join the City of Pleasanton and TV30 for the debut of the pre-recorded broadcast of Pleasanton's Virtual Hometown Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting. The special pre-recorded broadcast will feature some familiar and new festive holiday performances and the city's annual tree lighting countdown with special guest Santa Claus. 7 p.m., Dec. 5. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

ALEX DOUROV'S KNOTTINGHAM CIRCLE EXTRAVAGANZA The show by the founder of California Christmas Lights offers a mix of old-school decorations accumulated over the past 28 years and high-tech lighting and sound effects. Guests can listen to music from the sidewalk or on 107.9 from the car. Visit californiachristmaslights.com. Now through Dec. 29.

MODEL TRAINS AT THE DEPOT Museum of the San Ramon Valley celebrates this holiday season with the popular Christmas Memories exhibit. Model trains, including the Polar Express and Christmas trains, will appear to delight young and old. Christmas will be celebrated with Santa and his reindeer sailing around the ceiling. Through Jan. 3. Visit <https://museumsrv.org/model-trains-christmas-memories>.

CITY OF DUBLIN HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST The city of Dublin invites Dublin residents to participate in the city's Holiday Home Decorating Contest. One winner will be chosen for Best Use of Lights, Best Lawn Display, Best Holiday Theme, Best Apartment/Condo and Best Neighborhood. All winners will receive a special Best Holiday Decoration yard sign. Visit dublin.ca.gov/holidayhappenings. Enter by Dec. 10.

SANTA DRIVE-THRU MEET & GREET The Dublin Civic Center will be transformed into a winter wonderland and guests are invited

PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

A home for the holidays

A pretty, dilute tortoiseshell, domestic short-hair, Paisley would like a warm, cozy home to call her own this holiday season. Paisley weighs 8 pounds and she's approximately 6 years old. She's current on vaccines, and will be spayed and microchipped before going to her new home. Paisley is available for adoption at the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin via Tri-Valley Animal Rescue.

to cruise through the lot from the comfort and safety of their vehicle and enjoy the lights and sounds of the season. The final stop will be a physical distanced visit from Santa Claus at your vehicle. 6-8 p.m., Dec. 5. Reserve time slot at dublinrecguide.com.

HOLIDAY STORIES An intimate evening of a classic holiday story and songs from the comfort of home. Livermore Shakespeare Festival artists will lift your holiday spirits with a reading adaptation of The Chimes by Charles Dickens. Dec.18-20. Visit livermoreshakes.org/holiday-with-swirl.

Festivals

OUTDOOR ART MART ON THE BANKHEAD PLAZA Celebrate the holiday season downtown at a safely distanced outdoor Mini Art Mart. This is an opportunity to shop safely and shop local. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 5. 2400 First St., Livermore.

HANDMADE FOR THE HOLIDAYS Nearly two dozen artists from throughout the Tri-Valley will offer handmade and one-of-a-kind gifts at the new "Handmade for the Holidays" Online Art Fair this season. Hosted by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, the new event will feature a wide range of art works including fine art, ceramics, jewelry, handmade greeting cards and block print art. A variety of fabric and textile products such as tie-dyed pieces and wearable art will also be featured. Now through Dec. 24. Visit livermorearts.org/online-gallery.

Talks

MUSEUM ON MAIN PRESENTS TAO GUAN Virtually join the Museum on Main for a discussion with street photographer Tao Guan. Participants will watch a slideshow of the sixty-nine images that make up the museum's current exhibit, The Pleasanton Ones, hear from the artist himself and be able to ask him questions live through email and YouTube chat features. 7 p.m., Dec. 5. Visit museumonmain.org.

PEARL HARBOR BEACON CEREMONY This Dec. 7, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, three local survivors of World War II's "Day of Infamy", the attack on Pearl Harbor

in 1941, will share their stories as part of a virtual ceremony filmed primarily atop Mount Diablo. In a 45-minute video, the three East Bay survivors will recount their experiences that fateful day. 4:30, Dec. 7. Visit savemountdiablo.org.

HOPE HOSPICE PRESENTS FREE GRIEF WORKSHOP Hope Hospice has annually offered a special Handling of the Holidays workshop to teach helpful coping strategies to the bereaved during this difficult time. Dec. 7, 2-3:30 p.m. Visit hopehospice.com.

FREE ONLINE SCREENING OF "LIKE" Axis Community Health presents a free screening of "LIKE", a documentary about the impact of social media on our lives. Registration is free and is required in order to receive the screening link. Visit <http://bit.ly/32vU5cr>. Dec. 9.

Fundraisers

CHRISTMAS 2020 TOY DRIVE The Christmas season is usually a joyous time of year for families, but this one is extremely challenging for many. From Coronavirus, to increased unemployment and food insecurity, the merriment of opening gifts will not be possible for some Pleasanton families. Blue Oaks Church is coming together this year to make sure no child is forgotten and is encouraging the community to join them and give toys to over 300 children in Pleasanton. For details visit toys.blueoakschurch.org. Deadline, Dec. 11.

Gardening

THE LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club December speaker is Jacquie Williams-Courtright. The topic will be The Garden in Winter and the public is welcome to attend this zoom meeting. 7-8:30, Dec. 10. Visit lavgc.org.

Government

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

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Sept. 11-17 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

Pleasanton

- 814 Bonde Court** L. Chapman to Enabling Strategies Ltd for \$955,000
- 8046 Jorgensen Lane** Hinduja Trust to D. & N. Deshpande for \$2,300,000
- 4007 Suffolk Way** Midnight Family Trust to A. & G. Nekkare for \$1,250,000
- 4429 Valley Avenue** K. Seifert to V. & G. Sundararajan for \$680,000
- 1165 Wenig Court** Y. Liang to Y. & H. Mao for \$1,535,000
- 2122 Arroyo Court #4** Shelen Trust to B. Cooper for \$508,000
- 5838 Arthur Drive** Schwartz Family Trust to Q. & Y. Wu for \$1,450,000
- 5640 Baldwin Way** Kennerknecht Trust to Y. & A. Kaloshych for \$832,000
- 6654 Calle Altamira** S. & T. Schanen to L. & A. Pande for \$1,414,000
- 4453 Comanche Way** Kuritori Trust to T. Payne for \$540,000
- 7941 Foothill Knolls Drive** Barrett Family Trust to A. & C. Lobo for \$1,800,000
- 2946 Garden Creek Circle** Parenti Trust to A. & V. Acharya for \$915,000
- 1291 Hearst Drive** Khadr Family Trust to Y. & L. Han for \$2,378,000
- 115 Ray Street** M Murray Construction Inc to L. & J. Rowse for \$655,000
- 6876 Rayland Court** S. & N. Yatam to K. & K. Shanmugam for \$947,000
- 4019 Rennellwood Way** Wagner Trust to C. Vanderbilt for \$820,000
- 2678 Sanderling Way** Walker Living Trust to A. & J. Dieckhans for \$1,375,000

- 2207 Segundo Court #2** Anderson Trust to J. & D. Jen for \$495,000
- 3438 Smoketree Commons Drive** R. & E. Blomquist to N. & S. Lu for \$582,500
- 3784 Stanley Boulevard** Meritage Homes Of California to S. & S. Verma for \$1,200,000

Livermore

- 2643 3rd Street** Raymer Living Trust to R. Moresco for \$690,000
- 4480 Edgewood Way** B. & G. Bauer to D. Parkinson for \$1,549,000
- 1442 El Dorado Drive** S. Gupta to R. & M. Saddi for \$900,000
- 188 Heligan Lane #9** M. Dobrescu to V. Duz for \$585,000
- 741 Nightingale Street 2.** & R. Marcotte to Babaria Family Trust for \$777,000
- 2921 Patcham Common** C. & R. Carden to P. & N. Quinn for \$790,000
- 4197 Pinon Way** P. Roberts to B. & G. Bangalore for \$665,000
- 422 Pismo Court** Klass Trust to D. & V. Montesano for \$930,000
- 1242 Rebecca Drive** S. & B. Orsini to C. & P. Davis for \$1,201,000
- 2676 3rd Street #1702** S. Alt to G. & C. Silva for \$588,000.00
- 1074 Andalusia Street** Pery Trust to E. & W. Shaw for \$795,000
- 389 Basswood Common #1** J. Balanza to A. & G. Migic for \$700,000
- 2497 Bess Avenue** R. & A. Swiers to A. & J. Baqai for \$1,575,000
- 1961 Blackwood Common** R. Austin to L. & F. Estrada for \$925,000
- 1324 Chateau Common #108** K. Dye to A. Medeiros for \$485,000

- 1930 Depot Drive #104** E. Stamm to G. & R. Law for \$640,000
- 280 El Caminito** M. Silva to T. Robertson for \$715,000
- 198 Ganesha Common** J. Modlin to T. & B. Abraham for \$737,000
- 1004 Jessica Drive** L. & P. Dempsey to N. & R. Kilby for \$1,215,000
- 2848 Kew Avenue #11** A. Jara to P. & I. Ganguly for \$600,000
- 2890 Kew Avenue #11** R. Verdon to S. Kananizadeh for \$693,000
- 658 North L Street** Wood Family Trust to R. & W. Urteaga for \$610,000
- 1281 Le Mans Court** M. & J. Lavery to E. & D. Longnecker for \$960,000
- 3820 Loch Lomand Way** Stangl Trust to J. & R. Sampson for \$1,300,000
- 834 Maricopa Court** D. & D. Hansen to Mt-7 Properties LLC for \$650,000
- 4749 Nicol Common #106** K. Patrick to K. Werellapatha for \$375,000
- 1297 Portola Meadows Road** Reid Trust to M. & B. Patel for \$810,000
- 2811 Quarryhill Avenue #3** E. Crosson to T. Pashkevich for \$506,500
- 1693 Sutter Street** J. Covalesky to T. & S. Mattson for \$845,000
- 732 Tranquility Circle #3** C. Bahri to F. & L. Cua for \$780,000
- 772 Tranquility Circle #2** H. Singh to L. & H. Truong for \$840,000
- 1249 Wagoner Drive** A. & B. Heyfron to A. & R. Valente for \$830,000
- 350 Wood Street #205** L. Smith to S. Park for \$580,000

Dublin

- 7560 Ashford Way** R. Mitchell to H. & P. Patel for \$850,000
- 4137 Clarinbridge Circle** J. Jara to K. Modepalli for \$672,500
- 4214 Healdsburg Way** D. & A. Jain to S. & A. Raman for \$985,000
- 5421 Horizon Parkway** Brookfield Fillmore LLC to S. & L. Qin for \$950,500
- 10704 Ian Lane #67** N. Kumar to N. Singh for \$718,000
- 11452 Rothschild Place** Deys Family Trust to D. & H. Chang for \$1,367,000
- 7661 Bonnewood Lane** A. & A. Lazzaretto to S. Camacho for \$303,500.00
- 3829 Branding Iron Place** Madrid Trust to A. & K. Venugopal for \$808,000
- 4367 Brannigan Street** K. Mahal to A. Kansara for \$712,000
- 6313 Bray Court** I. Gaedeke to A. & R. Bhatia for \$830,000
- 8018 Brittany Drive** Tietbohl-Moon Family Trust to Dcosta Living Trust for \$1,400,000
- 6985 Calistoga Lane** J. & B. Hux to A. & S. Cheung for \$905,000
- 4886 Colchester Court** P. & A. Seth to A. & N. Benchalli for \$1,318,000
- 5302 South Dublin Ranch Drive** J. & M. Katigbak to D. & K. Shah for \$1,495,000
- 2030 Haggerty Drive** P. Xiao to N. & D. Kakarala for \$1,349,000
- 5499 Horizon Parkway** O. Zein-El-Abedein to S. & Y. Kosaraju for \$1,160,000
- 4253 Kelton Street** Leka Family Trust to A. & P. Jena for \$1,100,000

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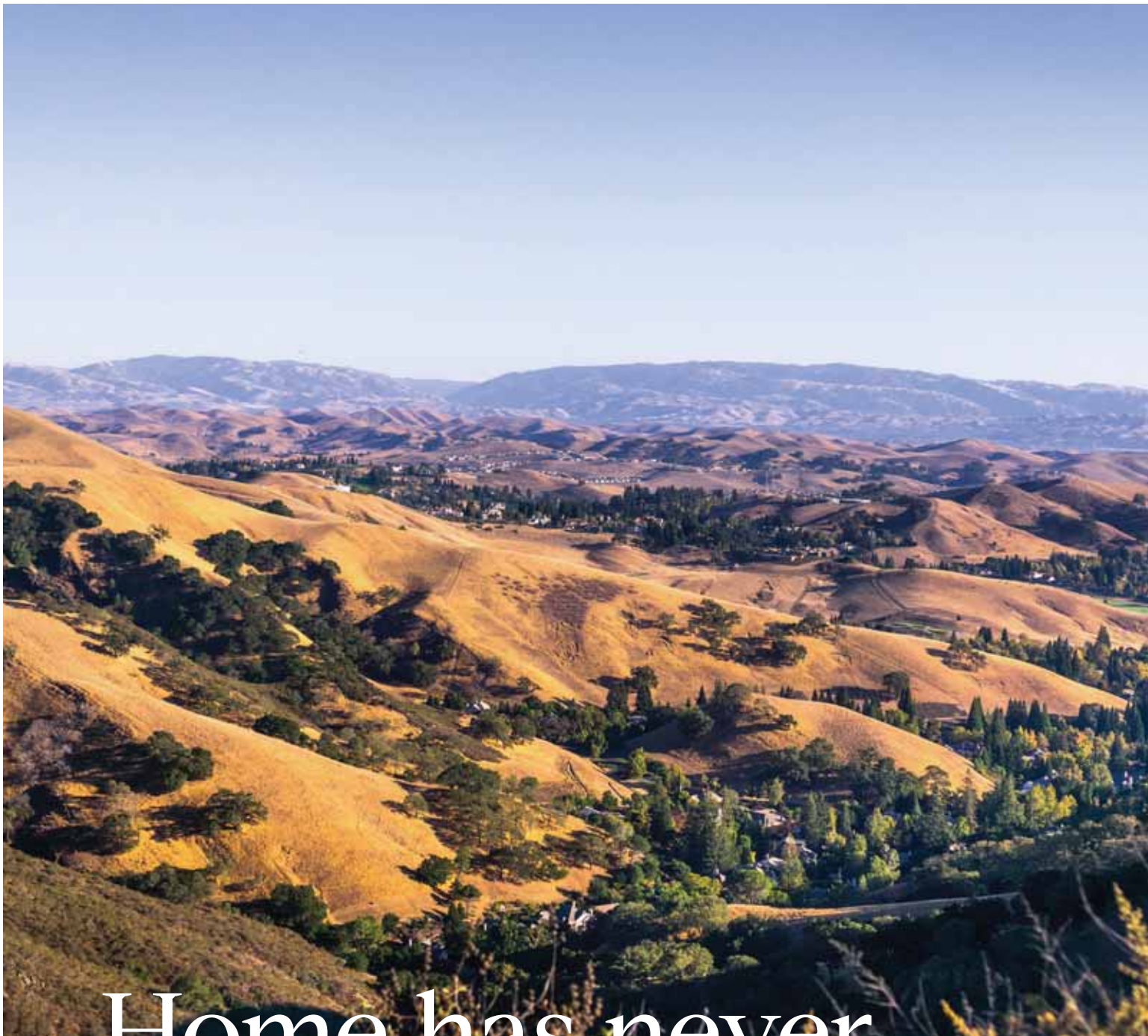
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