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VALLEY VIEWS



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

50 states in 50 days



COURTESY RALPH HUGHES

Ralph Hughes (right end) with biker friends in Astoria, Ore.

Freedom. That's what Ralph Hughes and his biking buddies are looking forward to as they take off mid-May, mostly on Harleys, to travel all 50 states in 50 days.

"Being on a road on a long trip on a motorcycle — to me, that's the definition of freedom," Hughes said. "And it's a great group of guys we're going with."

The bikers, who range in age from 60 to 81, were mostly in law enforcement. Hughes, 71, was with the Oakland Police Department.

"The core-five group is myself, Gary Cose from Livermore, Ulysses 'Bud' Early from Danville, Mike Oliviera from Danville and Waylon Wagner from Texas," Hughes said.

They'll be joined for part of the adventure by Ted Hatsushi and Tony Garcia from Pleasanton, and Bill Lenson from Brentwood.

"We're a bunch of wild, crazy people gathered for about a two-month ride," Hughes said. "We've been riding together for 35 years. People come and go, and a lot have died off or stopped riding."

First, they'll head for Reno, probably taking some back roads. They'll travel to Vegas, then across the country to the Deep South, up to New England — Boston is the halfway point — then back west to Walla Walla.

The route is general, designed to hit every state but loose enough to let them veer off course when adventure, good music or a great meal beckon. They'll enjoy rides through national parks, and all have senior passes.

"The average is 200 miles a day so it's really not a backbreaker, maybe about three hours," Hughes said.

Three cities are a must — Las Vegas, New Orleans and Boston — which proved to be highlights of past trips. They also plan on Dodge City to visit a renowned steakhouse.

"Then when we get back home (after 46 days) we're hopping on a

plane to rent bikes in Anchorage," Hughes explained. "Then we fly to Honolulu and rent bikes — and we'll be sitting tall there on a motorcycle on the 50th day."

"Not that anyone will care," he added with a laugh, "but we'll know we did it — 50 states in 50 days."

These bikers have done the "four corners" trip, which includes the farthest points in California, Florida, Maine and Washington, and in 2010 did the "five corners" ride, which adds Brownsville, Texas, for another five days of riding, "doing 500-600 miles a day with nothing to see."

"This trip is about 9,000 miles, 10 days shorter and 4,000 miles shorter than the five corners trip," Hughes said.

Their bikes are equipped with communication systems, GPS and connections for the latest traffic conditions, and they will stay in hotels. Hughes is leaving his two Harleys at home, and he and Oliviera are riding Can-Am Spyders, which have two wheels in front and one in the rear.

"It's a mental adjustment to ride a trike because to ride a Harley is a macho thing," Hughes said. "But I just had a knee replacement, and a trike is the smart way to go."

They've been talking about this trip for years and were getting serious about it when the pandemic hit. Now the time seems right.

"None of us are 'outlaw bikers,'" Hughes commented. "We've gone all over the country, to virtually every state in the U.S. and ridden in Mexico, Canada, Europe and parts of Asia, and never had an issue. We meet some incredible people on the road."

Hughes will call his wife each night, "part of the deal," and send pictures. He also promised to take along the Pleasanton Weekly and keep us informed. Stay tuned. ■

Editor's note: Dolores Fox Ciardelli is Tri-Valley Life editor for the Pleasanton Weekly. Her column, "Valley Views," appears on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

About the Cover

Livermore residents John Hinton and Helen Machuga said they continue to wear their masks and practice social distancing in public after receiving their COVID-19 vaccinations. Photo by Machuga. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

Do you speak politely to electronic assistants like Siri, Alexa, Cortana or Hey Google?



Neil Popović
Lawyer

Not really. I don't rely on electric assistants often, but when I do, I have a very business-like relationship with them. No more and no less.



Susan Popović
Hospitality

I'm pretty neutral when it comes to my electronic assistants. I don't yell commands at them, but at the same time, I don't say "please" and "thank you" to them either because I know they aren't real.



Liz Sufit
Veterinarian

Actually, I am pretty polite to my electronic assistants, although I don't use them very often. It's just my nature. Even though I know they aren't real, I feel uncomfortable being anything other than polite when speaking to someone, whether they are real or not.



Mitch Levinson
Engineer

I rarely use my electronic assistants, but when I do, I'm not terribly concerned with being polite to them. Instead, I just make sure to use as few words as possible and to speak very clearly because they tend to get confused very easily.



Andrea Bloom
Health and wellness entrepreneur

I'm very old school and barely use electronic assistants. I use them only when I need to be hands-free, like when I'm driving. I try to articulate as best I can, but that's about it. It's not like I say "please" or "thank you" or anything like that, because even though they have names, these assistants are, after all, electronic and not real.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Lookalike contest

Mother's Day is May 9 this year, and the Pleasanton Weekly is again holding its popular Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest, with photos due by noon April 18.

Staff members of the Weekly will choose the eight pairs of finalists, which will be posted at www.PleasantonWeekly.com from April 20-24 for our readers and their friends to vote on which mother and daughter most look alike. A story announcing the winners is scheduled to appear in the May 7 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly.

In addition to being featured in the Mother's Day cover story, the winners and runners-up will receive special prizes.

Send photos in jpg format (at least 300 dpi) to Dolores Fox Ciardelli at dciardelli@PleasantonWeekly.com, along with the names of the mothers and daughters, ages if the daughters are under 18, and any other information you wish to share. Previous winners are not eligible to compete again.

Don't put off sending in your photo. Every year we receive entries too late, after the preliminary judging is done.

'1 Small Act'

Pleasanton Unified School District officials are encouraging people to support the environment by engaging in one small act this month, with the goal of reaching 10,000 small acts by Earth Day on April 22.

PUSD officials said the "1 Small Act" campaign "is designed to encourage the community to think of the small actions they can do in their everyday lives that will help the earth. Each small act can be done just once or for the rest of the year." People can challenge their friends, family or colleagues to take part as well.

To participate, students, staff, families and community members can share details about their small act at pusdedu.info/1smallact or via social media by using the hashtag #PUSD1SmallAct for the chance to win eco-friendly swag supported by the Go Green Initiative.

CAP 2.0 survey

In the process of updating its Climate Action Plan, the city of Pleasanton has put out an online survey to receive stakeholders' input on strategies to reduce climate pollution and enhance resilience in the community.

A follow-up to the recent CAP 2.0 webinar workshop, the survey will remain open online through April 20. It can be accessed via www.surveymonkey.com/r/PleasantonCAP Strategies. ■

PUSD expanding to 4 days a week on campus for secondary students

Preschool program will continue attending in person twice a week

By JULIA BAUM

Life is progressively returning to normal for Pleasanton Unified School District, after the Board of Trustees voted last week to have middle and high school student cohorts on campus four days a week.

The unanimous decision will combine morning and afternoon cohorts of students enrolled in the hybrid instruction program and have them on-site four days a week effective April 19. Secondary students in hybrid learning, as well as preschoolers, have attended school

in person two days a week since reopening.

"I know that it's very difficult for the teachers to be shifting and adjusting," Trustee Kelly Mokashi said before voting during the special board meeting April 1. "It'll be like a third new day of school starting all over, so I know it's going to be a lot of work and preparation. I really think that this is a win-win for our students."

Students started returning to PUSD part-time on March 4; other local districts have expanded from two days a week to four since then,

including San Ramon Valley Unified School District, for students that opted in for in-person instruction — families were able to keep children in remote-only learning for the rest of the academic year amid the pandemic.

Daily schedules for both hybrid and remote programs will not change, nor will daily schedules for elementary students, who already attend school four days per week on an AM/PM schedule and receive additional time with specialists for science, music and P.E.

One parent and a student who

phoned in during public comment April 1 both supported reopening secondary sites, while some PUSD staff and Association of Pleasanton Teachers President Michelle VerKuillen were opposed.

Though she agreed everyone "wants what's best for students," VerKuillen said she wondered "with this latest rush to change things yet again, with having been back in person for just a couple of weeks and with only 36 days left in the school year, if all the proper

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Rendering shows plans for renovating the exterior of the main clubhouse at The Club at Castlewood.

Castlewood poised to begin remodel after county board OKs project plans

Clubhouse overhaul, new 'Sports Center' on tap

By JEREMY WALSH

The Club at Castlewood in Pleasanton is getting ready for the start of construction on its multimillion-dollar endeavor to modernize the main clubhouse and add amenities as part of a new "Sports Center" building.

The project plans, which recently received approval from the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments, aim to refresh and refocus the historic country club in the southwest Pleasanton hills as an active, state-of-the-art facility for the whole family.

"The excitement is building within the membership with

construction set to begin (this month on our remodel project that is creating new and attractive amenities that will enhance the membership experience of our members and their families," club president Rick Barraza said in a statement.

As temporary trailers already adorn the parking lot next to the golf shop in preparation, the start of construction will represent the latest key turning point for the club in the high-scale Castlewood community off Foothill Road in unincorporated Pleasanton.

The club, which dates back to 1924 on estate property once

owned by George and Phoebe Hearst, parents of publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst, features two 18-hole championship golf courses along with tennis, swimming, bocce and special event facilities.

But club management and membership have been working in recent years on options to address accessibility issues with the 50-year-old clubhouse building as well as the changing model for country clubs in the Bay Area, evolving more into family-forward lifestyle clubs — a

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Lydiksen teacher, mom die in car crash

SUV went down cliff in Bodega Bay parking lot, CHP says

By JEREMY WALSH

A Pleasanton elementary school teacher and her mother, who was a school custodian in San Ramon, died after their car plunged down a cliff in a Bodega Bay parking lot last Saturday, according to authorities.

The Sonoma County Coroner's Office identified the victims as Maria Teixeira, 64, and Elizabeth Correia, 41 — both Dublin residents.

Correia, who grew up in Pleasanton and graduated from Foothill High School, taught first grade at Lydiksen Elementary School.

Her mother Teixeira was a long-time employee at the nearby San Ramon Valley Unified School District, working as lead custodian at Montevideo Elementary School in San Ramon.

The reason their SUV went through a parking lot barricade at a cliff's edge on the California coast late Saturday morning remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol's Santa Rosa office.

Montevideo principal Katie Witt shared the sad news with her school community on Monday, reacting to



Elizabeth Correia

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PUSD tackling implicit bias, disciplinary practices

'It helps to have people of different perspectives,' Laursen says

By JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton Unified School District leadership will spend a three-year period working with an outside consultant to identify and address equity gaps among students, including any problematic policies and practices that contribute to systemic racism, microaggressions and student marginalization.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a \$248,000 contract with Nicole Anderson and Associates Consulting at its March 25 meeting, marking the first step toward developing and implementing a district-wide, multi-year equity gap plan.

"I'm supportive of the work, largely because it's necessary, but also we have tried to do this on our own for a number of years," Board President Joan Laursen said before voting. "I've had the privilege to participate in some of that work and it is difficult to do this on your own, to recognize the implicit bias."

Laursen added, "It helps to have people of different perspectives, who can look at a situation and tell you that your experience is not everyone's experience, and that's very helpful."

The three-year process will involve workshops to help PUSD

evolve and align its definition of equity, close and eliminate identified equity gaps, and change policies accordingly to ensure high outcomes for all students.

According to a district report, Black students make up just 1.38% of the district's overall racial composition but have the most disabilities at 16.5%, and most suspension incidents by ethnicity at 10.17%. Collectively, Black students also make up 27.27% of suspension incidents for students with disabilities. The graduation rate is the district's lowest at 93.3%.

Hispanic students make up nearly 10% of the district's overall demographics, with slightly fewer disabled students by percentage (at 16.29%), but only slightly more than 3% of suspension incidences by ethnicity, and 5.46% of suspension incidences for disabled students. Graduation rates were reported just slightly higher at about 93.4%.

White students account for 35.38% of the district's ethnic makeup and 11.11% of disabled students, but only 2.7% of all suspensions by ethnicity and 6.45% suspensions for disabled students, with a graduation rate 96.4%.

Asians comprise 45.58% of PUSD

racial demographics but have the fewest students with disabilities (4.25%), and less than 1% of all suspensions by ethnicity. They also had the fewest suspensions for disabled students, at 3.42%. The graduation rate was 99.2%.

Trustee Mary Jo Carreon said she was "alarmed" at the suspension rates of Black students, and asked consultant Nicole Anderson for "some examples of what you could do, what kind of strategies you would use to change this."

Anderson replied that "it's important to recognize the historical context of public education," which wasn't originally intended to educate women or girls, poor people or minorities.

"When you look at that foundation as it evolved over the years, the reality is that we slowly start to make those changes as we start to educate more and more kids," Anderson said. "When you fast forward to where we are in 2021, some of our policies and practices have a lot of mirroring to the past."

Anderson continued, "When we look at things like ... addressing the mindsets, the mental models and where implicit bias sits, a lot of times, you look at the data and go, 'well wait, we only have 1.4% of our

kids,' but yet they have this larger disproportionate discipline rate."

"What it tells you is that there's some practices happening that have to be looked at around multiple things," Anderson added.

Bias with cultural differences between staff and students also needs to be explored, including "how we determine what behavior is appropriate and what's not."

"You see the same disproportionality (of discipline rates) in most districts, and it's not because African American kids aren't great students, are not brilliant, are not able to behave in school -- it's that we have a structure in place that's built around these cultural disconnects," Anderson said.

The multi-year process will begin with district and site leadership but Trustee Kelly Mokashi said, "I would love to see some teacher representatives take part of that because ... change has to come from the ground up."

Trustee Steve Maher said, "While I support all of this, certainly ... besides doing this step, is there any thought about putting the same amount of money into, say, tutoring clubs, homework clubs, anything like that?"

Maher then asked if "the students

we have now, do they have to wait three years before they start seeing a change?"

Assistant superintendent Janelle Woodward said those proposals can be "with the money we have now," by using LCAP funding set aside by the district every year.

The district also has "some grants coming our way that are designed for that specific purpose, and so yes, there's a real time need to do something that helps our struggling students," Woodward said.

"I can understand that there might be some concerns and in particular about the dollars," Laursen said. "I know in our Pleasanton community, not all of our residents are prepared for us to do this work, and part of the reason is that we need to work with the leadership, including ourselves, to really deeply understand the work and be able to explain the why and the how of what we're doing to our community members."

Permanent systemic change is needed, Laursen said, "otherwise it'll fall away as people change in leadership roles, if we don't build that capacity and build that learning, and build that understanding, baked in our bones, in our district." ■

City creating committee to study options for site of rejected At Dublin project

Members will debate future use, development of 'SCS Property'

By JULIA BAUM

A new Community Advisory Committee is being formed by the city of Dublin to give residents the opportunity to weigh in on future land-use and preferred development of the so-called "SCS Property," site of the At Dublin project that was rejected last summer.

Located between Tassajara Road and Brannigan Street, with Gleason Drive to the north and bounded by Interstate 580 to the south, the

vacant 77-acre property has been the subject of local debate for some time.

The Dublin City Council last June denied the At Dublin project over concerns that the planned development did not represent the community's preferences for how the land should be used.

The proposal aspired to build up to 566 residential units including apartments, detached single-family homes, and age-restricted homes for

those 55 and older, as well as up to 240,000 square feet of retail commercial space. The former project would have generated an estimated \$2 million in annual tax revenue for the city's general fund, according to city officials.

After extensive discussions that carried out over two separate council meetings, the council directed staff at the time to leave the General Plan amendment study open instead and carry out a community

outreach process with the property owner to "gain consensus from residents on preferred land-use and future development of the property."

The committee will give a community perspective on the site's development, share thoughts on general development priorities and previous proposals in Dublin, and give feedback on both the initial land-use framework and preferred plan as well as "the greater public engagement strategy."

Dublin residents and business owners are encouraged to apply for a spot on the committee, which is being formed by the city and ELS Architecture & Urban Design. The application period is open through April 21 at 5 p.m., and the committee will meet three times between May 2021 and January 2022.

For more background information and to learn about the public outreach process, visit dublin.ca.gov. ■

CASTLEWOOD

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driving reason behind Castlewood dropping "country club" from its name and rebranding to The Club at Castlewood last November.

The name change came nearly a year after plans were announced for major renovations to upgrade and modernize Castlewood facilities to the tune of an estimated \$16 million, being funded by a \$200 assessment for members for 20 years.

The vision with the rebranding and remodel is to "more accurately reflect the active, family-forward lifestyle characterized by quality experiences, engaging activities,

and the modern amenities our Members will enjoy," Barraza said.

The project includes key changes to the main clubhouse area, such as remodeled and extended dining and bar areas for indoor and outdoor dining or social gathering experiences; a brand-new fitness and wellness center; and other remodeling of the main entry floor and lobby, including accessibility improvements in line with Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

The lower floor will feature showers and dressing room facilities, conference room, shoe repair, pro shop, child care area and a new bride's room for use during weddings.

Then, down the entry driveway, the existing pool house will be torn down and replaced with a new Sports Center that will also feature a bar and grill with outdoor seating for pool, tennis and bocce users.

Crews will also install outdoor seating and a fire pit. Other site changes include landscaping and irrigation enhancements, new cart parking by the Sports Center, parking lot improvements, new outdoor furniture and fountain features.

The project plans were signed off by the county zoning board on Feb. 11 with 32 conditions of approval, clearing the path for building permit reviews before construction starts, according to

Rodrigo Orduña, assistant planning director for the county — since Castlewood is outside the city limits, it falls under Alameda County's jurisdiction.

"The Castlewood Country Club proposal to demolish and construct a new pool house, renovations to the club house, site and landscape improvements meet the zoning ordinance and East County Area Plan requirements and policies. The community facility improvements will enhance user services and beautify the site appearance," county planner Carole Kajita wrote in the staff report recommending project approval.

Once construction begins,

clubhouse and pool house facilities will be closed, while the golf courses, tennis courts and bocce areas will remain open. Some temporary staff services will be offered via the trailers on-site during project work.

The Club at Castlewood, located at 707 Country Club Circle off Castlewood Drive, is managed by Troon Privé, the private club division of Troon, the largest golf management firm in the world. ■

Editor's note: Virtual walk-throughs of the design plans for both project buildings are available with the online version of this story at PleasantonWeekly.com, shared via YouTube video by Castlewood management.

CRASH

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the sudden death “of our beloved school custodian, Maria Teixeira.”

“I know that this news is difficult to receive. It has impacted all of us,” Witt said. “For years, Mrs. Maria was a fixture in our community. She could be found on our campus every day doing whatever needed to be done to serve the community. Wherever there were people, wherever there was an activity, wherever there was someone who needed help, Mrs. Maria was there and willing to help. The kids loved her kind smile and reassuring presence. She will be greatly missed.”

Lydiksen principal Jacob Berg also wrote his school community on Monday, saying it was “with great sadness that I inform you that Lydiksen teacher Elizabeth Correia passed away in a car accident on Saturday.”

“It is very difficult for all of us to face the loss of one of our teachers. Upon our return to campus on Monday, April 12, a team of counselors and therapists will be at Lydiksen to provide support to students and staff,” he added.

Both principals called out grief support resources available to their students and staffs, who are all away from campuses this week as both districts are on spring break.

The loss of mother and daughter is the latest emotional blow for the normally tight-knit education community in the Tri-Valley.

Dublin — where Teixeira and Correia each lived — is still recovering from the shocking death of school board Trustee Catherine Kuo, who was fatally struck by an SUV while volunteering to distribute food at Fallon Middle School on March 24.

The timing also hits close to home for the Pleasanton Unified School District, which four years ago mourned the sudden death of Pleasanton Middle School teacher Carla Boerman after a car crash in town just days into spring break in April 2017.

The situation in the West Bodega Head parking lot — at the end of a scenic road off Highway 1 in coastal Sonoma County — unfolded around 11 a.m. Saturday with multiple agencies responding to a report about a vehicle going down a cliff, according to the CHP.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the Toyota Rav4, with Teixeira behind the wheel, was driving westbound through the parking lot when, for unknown reasons, it struck a log barrier on the perimeter at the edge of the cliff, the CHP said.

The crossover SUV pushed the log barrier down before it too went over the cliff's edge and landed on the rocks approximately 100 feet below, according to the CHP. Bodega Bay Fire Protection District personnel tried to rappel down to rescue the two occupants, but both women were pronounced dead at the scene, fire officials said.

Eyewitnesses told officers it did not appear as though the Rav4 was speeding nor driving unsafely before the crash, according to the CHP.

The coroner's office confirmed the identities of the two victims publicly on Monday morning.

Correia worked at PUSD for the past 16 years, most recently as a first-grade teacher at Lydiksen Elementary on Highland Oaks Drive.

A Tri-Valley native who attended Pleasanton Middle and Foothill High schools as a teenager, Correia later earned her bachelor's degree and teaching credential at what is now Cal State East Bay. She enjoyed “teaching, reading, music, art, movies, Disneyland and spending time with friends and family,” according to her biography on the Lydiksen website.

“Our hearts go out to Elizabeth Correia's family and our Lydiksen community. Elizabeth touched the lives of many of her students and colleagues. We will have support and counseling services available when school resumes next

Monday,” PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon said Monday.

“Please keep our Lydiksen community and Elizabeth's family in your thoughts,” Berg added in his letter. “In addition, please be assured that we will have a caring, certified substitute teacher to support and provide instruction to the students in Ms. Correia's class upon return from spring break.”

Her mother, Teixeira, was a longtime and recognizable member of the Tri-Valley school community as well, working as a custodian at Montevideo Elementary on Broadmoor Drive in San Ramon since 2000.

“She was a wonderful part of our school community and was well-loved by staff, students and parents, alike,” Witt wrote. “The passing of Mrs. Maria is profoundly sad to this community and to everyone who knew her ... Our love and support go out to Maria's entire family during this difficult time.”

Investigators continue to seek out other witnesses to Saturday's crash and plan to complete a full

vehicle inspection. Potential witnesses can contact CHP-Santa Rosa at 707-588-1400.

In addition to the CHP and local fire district, personnel from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, California State Parks and California Fish and Wildlife Department assisted in the response Saturday.

The fire district noted on social media that recent staffing changes due to its ongoing budget constraints left the Saturday morning shift working the crash incident with one position short, forcing reliance on mutual aid. ■


Editor's note: Information from the Bay City News Service was used in this report.



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Plotting tricks for writers

Known as “the plot whisperer,” Martha Alderson is going to address the Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club on the topic, “Write Backward — Begin by Plotting from the End,” at 2 p.m. next Saturday (April 17) via Zoom. Alderson believes that while the beginning of a book must captivate readers, it is the ending that creates fans. The session is open to all who reserve a place and pay the fee by April 15. To reserve, email president@trivalleywriters.org. Pay at www.trivalleywriters.org. Cost is \$5 for CWC members; \$7 for nonmembers; \$3 for students ages 14-22.






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California sets June 15 goal for full reopening

Mainly incumbent upon vaccination, hospitalization rates

By ANA B. IBARRA AND BARBARA FEDER OSTROV/CALMATTERS

As the pace of vaccination picks up, California state officials on Tuesday announced the date they plan to fully reopen the state's economy: June 15.

Reopening by then will largely depend on two criteria: Vaccine supply must be sufficient for anyone 16 and older who wants a shot and hospitalization rates must remain low and stable. The mask mandate would remain in place, however.

"It is incumbent upon all of us not to state mission accomplished, not to put down our guard, but to continue with vigilance that got us to where we are today," Gov. Gavin

Newsom said April 6 from San Francisco.

The move would eliminate the complex web of county-by-county tiers and replace it with a statewide reopening of businesses. Businesses would open up to full capacity, although individual counties can still opt to have more restrictions depending on their circumstances.

Schools would be allowed to reopen to all in-person learning; however, the school districts will maintain control.

"I want kids back in school safely, and on June 15 we anticipate there will be no barriers to getting kids back in person, not just K-12 ... (also) including institutions of

higher education," Newsom said.

Dr. Mark Ghaly, the state's health secretary, said he feels comfortable allowing businesses to operate at full capacity in mid-June because the state will continue to track local conditions.

"What we could see is fully occupied settings, but yet still with masks," Ghaly said Tuesday.

Until at least Oct. 1, events at large settings like convention centers will only be allowed if organizers can show that attendees are either vaccinated or are tested. There is still no plan, however, for large, multi-day events like music festivals to take place, Ghaly said.

As of Monday, the state had

administered more than 20 million vaccines — more than entire countries. That includes 4 million doses in the state's hardest hit ZIP codes. This progress allows the state to move forward, and leave behind its colored blueprint that has been determining reopenings by county.

State officials chose the June 15 date because it is eight weeks after April 15, when everyone 16 and older becomes eligible for vaccinations. That gives people three weeks to find an appointment, another three weeks in between their first and second dose and two more weeks after their second dose, which allows them to acquire full protection.

"It makes sense to me," said Dr. George Rutherford, an epidemiologist at UC San Francisco. "On the one hand, vaccination is going gangbusters, I think that will give us the out, but we also have to see what happens with the variants, and if people who are vaccinated are getting infected."

Infections are skyrocketing in some other parts of the country, some linked to new variants of the virus. But California has been able to keep its positivity rate under 2% for several weeks now.

"What we're asking is for people to hunker down for another two months and when we get there, then it's Miller time," Rutherford said. ■

Danville named safest community in California

San Ramon and Pleasanton also ranked in top 50

By RYAN J. DEGAN

For the fourth year in a row, the town of Danville has been recognized as the safest community in California, according to an annual study conducted by a national security company.

Pleasanton and San Ramon were the only other Tri-Valley cities mentioned in the study conducted by home and online security provider Safewise, which analyzed property and violent crime statistics from hundreds of California's municipalities to list the top 50 safest "cities" in the Golden State.

"The safety of our community, and all of the people in it, has always been and will always be a critical part of our mission and a

high priority for the town," Danville Town Manager Joe Calabrigo said of the designation.

To conduct the study, Safewise analyzes reported FBI crime statistics and U.S. Census population data to rank the safest cities in each state. Communities are graded based on the number of violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape and robbery) as well as property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft) that occur in each city per 1,000 residents and ranked.

In the top spot, the report found that Danville saw a violent crime rate of 0.5 occurrences per 1,000 residents as well as a property crime rate of 6.6 per 1,000 residents.

Violent crime rates rose slightly in Danville compared to the previous report according to Safewise, which documented 0.5 instances per 1,000 residents the year before. Property crime has declined however, with 7.2 cases being reported per 1,000 residents the year prior.

Neighboring San Ramon was also ranked on the list, being designated as the 25th safest city in the state. It was a sharp decrease to the city's placement in last year's study, which designated the city as the seventh safest in California.

In 2020's rankings, FBI statistics reported 0.6 violent crime occurrences per 1,000 residents and

10.3 property crimes per the same ratio, while this year's reported 0.8 violent crimes and 14.4 property crimes per 1,000 residents.

Pleasanton also secured a spot on the list, being ranked as the 49th safest community in California with 1.3 violent crimes and 19.4 property crimes occurring per 1,000 residents. This is a nine-point drop for Pleasanton, which last year was ranked as the 40th safest city.

Narrowly missing out on the top 50 were Dublin which is the 54th safest with 1.6 violent crimes and 19.1 property crimes occurring per 1,000 residents, and Livermore which is the 55th safest with 2.1 violent crimes and

17 property crimes occurring per 1,000 residents.

"Californians are highly concerned about their safety, especially when it comes to violent crimes," Safewise researcher and writer Katie McEntire said in the report. "But those we surveyed showed less experience with violent crime since last year and much less property crime since 2020. Though these rates have dropped year over year, they're still higher than average."

Each Tri-Valley community's crime rates rested significantly below the state average, which according to Safewise reported 4.4 violent crimes and 23.3 property crimes per 1,000 residents. ■

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questions have been asked and all the unintended consequences considered for this latest proposal."

Because most students 16 years old and older are not eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine until mid-April in Alameda County, VerKuillen added most of them will not be vaccinated or fully vaccinated until the end of the school year, and asked the board to reconsider.

"My first priority as a teacher is to ensure my classroom is safe emotionally, socially and physically," said Harvest Park sixth-grade block teacher Laura Bolin, who then listed several reasons why she opposed combining cohorts, including the difficulty of keeping students 3 feet apart all day.

"There's a false perception in the community that class sizes will remain small," Bolin said, adding "many classes will be well over 18, and some will be over 25," including 22 students in her own block classes.

Secondary student Devansh Pandey argued that combining cohorts

would give students "significantly" more hands-on laboratory time in science classes and improve group work in math.

"School reopening is incredibly important, and as someone who is going back to school right now, two days a week is, unfortunately good but not enough," Pandey said.

Parent Laura Hall said, "Schools are not super spreaders and this needs to be done to show teachers and the community that school can reopen safely."

"Why can't secondary go full day to all periods? Two hours of instruction a week for one subject is hardly what I call an education," Hall said.

Elementary kids go to school at PUSD four days a week but for less than three hours, which Hall also said isn't sufficient.

"Why can't they go longer; why can't they go full day? If desks are only 3 feet apart, why can't they get an hour in longer?" Hall said.

A motion to combine preschool cohorts the same as secondary cohorts failed in a 2-2 vote, with Board President Joan Laursen and Mokashi voting Yes, and trustees

Steve Maher and Mary Jo Carreon opposed. Trustee Mark Miller was absent on April 1.

Carreon said she felt "really uncomfortable" about combining preschool cohorts, and read from a letter signed by multiple preschool teachers opposed to the plan.

"I feel really uncomfortable with them saying right here, they said, 'Please note most of our students are not able to wear masks because they have special needs, they are exempt,'" Carreon said.

Maher shared his concerns about ensuring small children with special needs wear their face masks and maintain social distancing as well during the school day. He wondered if staff needed more time or other resources before changing course.

Mokashi said, "Thinking how to double their time with their teachers for that need of engagement is really powerful for me, which makes the 4-1 model very attractive. But some of the concerns we're talking about here — the masking, the social distancing — I think we just need to consider support structures."

Mokashi also wondered "what the core issue is from the teacher perspective."

"Is it the concern of the masking and that there's a sense of unsafety, or is it really, truly really more of a management to their specific learning needs and the adaptations they have to do in the classroom with their students?" Mokashi asked.

"Maybe there's some flexibility on what that looks like, but that to me is the driving force," Mokashi added. "They're 3- to 5-year-olds; their life has been impacted significantly for this last year with the pandemic. We want to help get them back to that lost mitigation of instruction time that they've suffered."

Carreon replied she was "just concerned because I feel like they're the experts, and they said that there was a meeting and they thought they came to an agreement, and then after the agreement it was something completely different than they talked about."

"These are the experts and I just want to be able to trust the people who are actually working with them, so that's my only concern,"

Carreon said.

Combining preschool cohorts has different challenges than for secondary grades, but Laursen said the district has additional dollars that could be allocated and that "perhaps something can be done to mitigate the mask wearing and some of that with additional supervision, but I'd really like to see the students with their teachers the four days."

The board ultimately voted 4-0 to expand to four days a week for secondary students, but kept preschool programs at two days a week in person.

At the end of the meeting, the district presented their reopener proposals in order to initiate formal negotiations with the APT for the 2021-22 school year, as required by the California State Collective Bargaining Act. The items included salaries, peer assistance and review, and the district calendar.

According to public documents, APT's "interest in exploring and modifying" the articles of agreement with PUSD this year concerns hours of employment, class size, salaries and the calendar. ■

Harvest Park, Pleasanton Middle named California Distinguished Schools

Mendenhall (Livermore), Fallon (Dublin) also earn coveted title

By JULIA BAUM

Harvest Park and Pleasanton middle schools are among the honorees recognized as 2021 California Distinguished Schools, a statewide distinction bestowed upon public schools for excellence in academic performance and closing achievement gaps.

Awardees hold the distinction for two consecutive years, which is based on superior instruction and

learning, “as well as data-driven school efforts such as professional development and positive behavior intervention,” according to the California Department of Education (CDOE), which announced the winners last month.

Other Tri-Valley middle schools to earn the coveted title this year were Mendenhall in Livermore, Fallon in Dublin, and Iron Horse (San Ramon) and Stone Valley

(Alamo) in the San Ramon Valley.

In a statement, Pleasanton Middle principal Joe Nguyen called the California Distinguished School honor, “the ultimate honor for schools.”

“I’m happy to see our students, staff, and community receive affirmation of all the work and results that make Pleasanton Middle School a great place to learn and grow,” Nguyen said.

Principal Terry Brenner said the Harvest Park community is “thrilled to share this recognition with every member of our Harvest Park community.”

“This distinction is a testament to the strength and resilience of our staff, students and families,” Brenner said.

Both Harvest Park and Pleasanton middle schools have received the Distinguished Schools

recognition a total of five times, but haven’t been awarded together in the same year since 2005. Harvest Park was most recently named in 2013, and Pleasanton Middle in 2009.

Secondary schools and elementary schools are recognized during alternate years, under the state program.

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Tri-Valley students excel in virtual academic competitions

History Day categories run the gamut

By JULIA BAUM

The pandemic didn’t deter a number of Tri-Valley students from advancing to the state level in several recent countywide annual academic competitions, including Alameda County History Day.

Students from Pleasanton and Livermore faced off against other youth representing districts from across Alameda County for the 2021 Alameda County History Day competition — which was held virtually due to public gathering restrictions — and showed

off their academic finesse.

The March 13 event was held by the Alameda County Office of Education in a “salon” format, with students in grades 4 to 12 meeting online in small groups with a facilitator to discuss their projects. Aside from the use of modern technology, it was described as similar “to how people would share new ideas during the Renaissance.”

Months were invested in creating in-depth projects such as websites, documentary films, visual displays, research papers, and performances

based around this year’s theme, “Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.”

Topics included the 1918 flu, Ida Tarbell and ARPANET, the network which started the modern internet. Teachers and librarians pitched in with helping students research their projects, including a special workshop led by librarians at Cal State East Bay.

The projects were then evaluated by volunteer judges, who gave feedback and selected the top picks. Veteran History Day judge

Al Minard was recognized at the awards ceremony for his 18 years of service and helping establish special awards for the event.

A total of 41 projects qualified for California’s National History Day competition in May, including Vintage Hills Elementary students Zainab and Hafsa Firdaus in the Elementary Group Poster. Mendenhall Middle School students Saveta Holunga and Gabe Benitez took first place for in the Junior Group Documentary category, followed by classmates Scarlett Pann and Emily

Wagner in second place, then Hart Middle School students Ella Fillmore and Emelyn Ogden in third place.

Fellow Mendenhall attendees Maleah Okamoto and Emiliana O’Hara won the Junior Group Performance category, while classmates Audrey Manley and Kylie placed first for Junior Group Website, and Isha Sahu and Vaishali Venkatesh took second place. Hart students Hima Etikyala and Naga

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Danville faces federal civil rights lawsuit for fatal police shooting

Attorneys challenge police narrative about circumstances before Tyrell Wilson's death

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The family of Tyrell Wilson, who was fatally shot by a Danville police officer last month, are suing the town government in federal court, claiming that not only was the killing unjust but that it was committed "with deliberation and premeditation."

After releasing a cellphone video from a witness that showed the March 11 shooting from across the intersection, the family's attorney on Tuesday refuted claims police made about Wilson's death, stating that the officer's account is disputed by "multiple eyewitnesses."

"The video and witness accounts show this was a cold murder. Wilson never had a chance," said Oakland civil rights attorney John Burris, the family's representative.

The town of Danville, which contracts with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office for police services, deferred comment about the federal civil rights lawsuit to the sheriff's office, which did not respond to inquiries on Tuesday.

Wilson, a 32-year-old Black man living outdoors near Interstate 680 in Danville, was shot by Danville



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Tyrell Wilson died on March 17, six days after being shot by a DPD officer.

police Officer Andrew Hall at the intersection of Sycamore Valley Road and Camino Ramon on March 11.

Wilson, who was mentally impaired with schizophrenia, was not attended to by paramedics for more than 20 minutes after being shot in the face, according to Burris. Wilson died from his injuries at an area hospital on March 17.

Hall, who has been placed on paid administrative leave at this point in the investigation, is employed as a sheriff's deputy and assigned to the Danville Police Department under the town's contract with the county sheriff. This marked the second on-duty fatal shooting for Hall in the past 2-1/2 years.

The circumstances leading up to Wilson's death remain under dispute.

According to the sheriff's office, Hall was responding to reports that an unidentified person was throwing rocks from the Sycamore Valley Road overpass onto the freeway and approached Wilson who was roughly in the area where the reports came from, deeming the homeless man to be the suspect.

Sheriff's officials said Wilson pulled out a folding knife when approached by the officer and did not put it down when told to do so. Hall reported that he opened fire, hitting Wilson once, after the 32-year-old approached him knife-in-hand.

Wilson's family has challenged the police's version of the events.

"Hall initiated the contact. He made no effort to deescalate; he seemed 'hell-bent' on bringing Wilson under control as if he were roping an uncooperative steer ... equally disturbing with the shooting was the utter lack of urgency in providing medical care. Mr. Wilson laid mortally wounded in the street for 25 minutes before paramedics arrived. Neither Hall nor any other law enforcement personnel made any attempts to provide CPR before the medic(s) arrived," Burris added.

In a civil complaint filed on the family's behalf, Burris refutes claims made by police, saying that Wilson was walking back to his home in an encampment near the intersection when approached by Hall and that no proof exists Wilson was the one throwing rocks onto I-680 nor that Wilson was acting aggressively.

While acknowledging that



RYAN J. DEGAN

Wilson's father, Marvin Wilson, condemned the shooting at Tuesday's press conference, saying there was clearly no effort made at de-escalation.

Wilson was holding a knife at the time of the shooting, the complaint argues that according to video evidence, Wilson did not make any threatening movements toward Officer Hall.

"Defendant Hall had ample time for deliberation and premeditation. Defendant Hall had obvious areas of safety and redeployment in the event Mr. Wilson actually did something threatening with the knife. Instead of protecting life, defendant Hall murdered Mr. Wilson, with malice aforethought," the lawsuit contends.

Burris also claimed that no police officers tended to Wilson's injury after he was shot and that eyewitnesses said nearly 25 minutes passed after the shooting before an ambulance arrived to treat him.

Wilson died in a hospital six days later.

This week, Burris' office released a 46-second video of the shooting, captured from across the intersection by an anonymous eyewitness, that shows the seconds before and after Wilson was shot.

"I've watched the video myself; I didn't want anybody else telling me what happened. You do not walk that close to a person with your gun drawn and aimed at their head the whole time," Marvin Wilson, Tyrell Wilson's father, said during a press conference held Tuesday at the Sycamore Valley Park and Ride, near where Wilson had been living.

"The police are supposed to protect everybody, even the homeless, they are supposed to protect everybody. Not just walk up to people and perform an execution," added

Marvin Wilson, a retired sheriff's deputy in Southern California.

The lawsuit cites as defendants Hall, the town of Danville and Danville Police Chief Allan Shields. The sheriff's office has not been included in the civil case to date.

At Tuesday's press conference, attorneys said they will be seeking for Hall to be fired and prosecuted for the killing of Wilson. They also vowed to call for the removal of Contra Costa District Attorney Diana Becton if she fails to prosecute Hall.

Hall, who has worked as a sworn law enforcement officer for 7-1/2 years, is the same Danville police officer who fatally shot 33-year-old Newark resident Laudemer Arboleda in downtown Danville on Nov. 3, 2018. Hall shot Arboleda at close range while Arboleda tried to drive around police vehicles trying to block his path. Arboleda's family has filed suit over his death, also represented by Burris' firm.

"That shooting was so outrageous that we wrote a letter to the Contra Costa District Attorney asking them to criminally prosecute Hall. They didn't and now he has killed another innocent man. Enough is enough. This officer is a menace," Burris said.

The outcome of the investigation by Becton's office into the Arboleda case is still pending. It was not immediately clear when Hall was cleared to return to full active duty after Arboleda's death. ■

Editor's note: The witness video and full lawsuit can be accessed via the online version of this story at PleasantonWeekly.com. Viewer discretion advised.

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Planning Commission

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 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 April 7, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

- PUD-114-01M, Guy Houston for Pleasant View Church of Christ, 11300 Dublin Canyon Road

Work Session to discuss an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) Major Modification to PUD-114, to include a Minor Subdivision and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct and operate a 9,792-square-foot church and 24,971-square-foot multi-purpose building with gymnasium on a 4.3-acre portion of 11300 Dublin Canyon Road

- P21-0136, Chabad Tri Valley, 3370 Hopyard Road

Public Hearing to discuss an application for Design Review approval to modify the building façade and on-site improvements including a new trash enclosure, new landscaping, and playground

Economic Vitality Commission

Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

- Receive Coordinated Business Support Program Update

Housing Commission

Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Overview of Alameda County Housing Secure Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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In the Livermore Valley, Mendenhall principal Tammy Rankin said the award "is a true reflection of all the hard work and dedication that has been put forth by the entire staff."

"The Mendenhall community including staff, students, and families make this a special place," Rankin said. "Those who visit our campus are able to see an environment in

which the staff is committed to providing a quality education for our students."

Staff has "made math a priority for all students, those who are struggling, and those who are thriving," according to Rankin, and "want it to be fun and engaging."

A voluntary zero period math intervention program giving students a sneak preview of their regular math class lessons later that day "has been well received

and incredibly helpful in improving students' math achievement," allowing them to ask questions and receive feedback and one-on-one help with new materials.

Two other after-school programs have also been useful: the Math Homework Club and the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program.

The 2021 California Distinguished Schools virtual award ceremony will be hosted at a later date, yet to be announced. ■

Foothill DECA preparing for global finals

Team to also host annual talent show on April 13

By JULIA BAUM

On the heels of multiple recent competitions and events, the Foothill DECA team are set to cut loose and host their annual talent show featuring both students and staff members next week.

"The annual Foothill DECA Talent Show is a community event, and, this year, it will be entirely virtual," team communications director Vishnu Nair told the Weekly. "Some of the fun events include acts from students and teachers, a pie toss opportunity, and the theme is 'DECA's Got Talent', based off the popular TV show 'America's Got Talent'."

A "charitable component" is also part of the virtual event next Tuesday, where Nair said there will be opportunities for attendees to donate to local nonprofit organizations. The show will also be a brief reprieve before returning to the pressures of academic and professional competitions and presentations.

Recently, more than 75 business professionals and 130 students including Foothill DECA members assembled virtually as part of an annual mock interview program in

collaboration with the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation. The program allowed students in Foothill's regional occupational program business classes — including several marketing and economics specializations — to interact with and learn from established professionals.

The 20-minute virtual interviews covered opening pitches, standard questions, and interviewer feedback to help students learn how to conduct solid interviews and improve in the future.

Team vice president of membership development Kelsey Lem "had the honor of organizing the virtual mock interviews this year," and called it "a rewarding experience for both the students and interviewers and I am so grateful to be involved."

The city of Pleasanton as well as local companies Workday and Oracle were also involved in setting up the program.

PPIE Executive Director Steve McCoy Thompson said, "This is one of our favorite programs every year. The Foothill DECA team does an outstanding job with preparation

and both the students and business professionals get a lot out of their engagement."

Before the interviews, Foothill teachers Tami Raaker and Debbie Nelson coached students in preparing resumes, writing opening pitches, and rehearsing for common interview questions. More experienced students developed career portfolios and websites to further enhance and show off their skills.

"I always look forward to the mock interviews as it allows my DECA leadership team to serve as project managers to plan and execute the event," Raaker said. "It also gives my students an opportunity to gain real world experience and help prepare them for their career path."

Later this month, ten students will represent Foothill at the International Career Development Conference, which starts on April 19 and continues through May 6. The students originally qualified during the State Career Development Conference last month, where the team cinched 83 awards overall, including top 10 in role play and written events, and showed off their core planning,

presentation and career skills.

Industry-validated cluster exams, role play presentations and long-term written business plans shared by the students underwent a ten day judging period. The Foothill DECA team was ultimately recognized out of more than 900 students statewide, and also received awards for community service, outreach and leadership development events such as Gold Level recognition in the Chapter Awards Program and THRIVE Level in its Chapter campaigns.

DECA vice president of chapter management Jason Yu and teammate Michael Zong qualified for last month's event through the Stock Market Game, their written plan and role play. Though it was an "interesting experience" that "required a lot of adapting," Zong said he was able to put together a successful event

with director of training Emma Lin, adding he was "glad that a lot of competitors were able to do well."

Chief financial officer Angel Chen called the state conference "a great experience, giving us all an opportunity to demonstrate the business skills we've gained."

"It was so exciting to see our chapter's hard work pay off, through both our chapter campaigns and competition," Chen said. "As a senior, I'm very grateful for the life lessons I've learned in DECA, and for the memories and friends I've made along my DECA journey."

The students advancing to the DECA International Career Development Conference are Dylan Chidambaram, Kate Clifford, Mirra Kannappan, Kelsey Lem, Emma Lin, Annalise Mui, Vishnu Nair, Anushri Roy, Jason Yu and Michael Zong.

The annual Foothill DECA Talent Show will be on Tuesday (April 13) from 7-9 p.m. The online event is free and includes acts by students, teachers and community members. To sign up, visit bit.ly/fdtalentshow. ■

LPFD: CERT unit enhances safety at COVID-19 vaccine site

Assigned to monitoring for adverse effects afterward

By JULIA BAUM

As more Tri-Valley residents line up for the COVID-19 vaccine, members of the Livermore-Pleasanton Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) wrapped up work at the Alameda County Fairgrounds mass vaccination site last Friday, where they helped monitor community members for potential negative reactions after receiving their shot.

Trained in disaster preparedness and first aid, CERT members serve a vital role in supporting first responders and providing immediate assistance to victims. Last year the team assisted with the lightning fires at the base camp, which

was also located at the Pleasanton fairgrounds, then switched gears just a few months later when the site converted to a vaccination hub.

People must stay at the vaccination site for 15 to 30 minutes after receiving the shot. During that time, CERT members "chat with and monitor those receiving the vaccine to make sure they do not have an adverse reaction, or to address it if they do," according to a statement from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, which oversees the team.

Interim Fire Chief Joe Testa — who started a six-month term leading the LPFD on Monday,

which he'll share with deputy fire chief Aaron Lacey after former fire chief Jeff Peters retired last week — told the Weekly that the team "has risen to challenge after challenge" over the past year, working nine hour days. The team also partnered with Alameda County Search and Rescue personnel during their deployment at the fairgrounds.

"The LPFD could not be more proud of the sustained commitment and volunteerism shown by the Livermore-Pleasanton team," Testa said.

For additional information about Livermore-Pleasanton CERT, email cert@lpfire.org. ■

Grace Heaney for Junior Individual Performance. Anna Van Essen and Ziad Mohammed claimed second and third place for Junior Individual Website.

Foothill High School team Arnab Gurha and Sarthik Parasa swept first place for Senior Group Documentary, and Elisha Therene from Granada High took home first place for Senior Individual Documentary.

The 2021 Philip A. Harley Memorial Mock Trial Competition took place in January and February, reaching its conclusion on Feb. 25 when Piedmont High School beat the Amador Valley High School team

in the semifinals and earned a spot at the California Mock Trial Finals.

Although the Mock Trial and History Day were held remotely, ACOE officials said in a statement that the annual Spelling Bee will not take place this year.

"County spelling bees for elementary and junior high students were unable to move forward for 2020-21, as were state-level competitions," officials said. "We look forward to cheering on our spellers when the local bees return, and we hope to see some of our talented local spellers at the Scripps National Spelling Bee on July 8." ■

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Hasini Muppidi placed in third place for the same category.

Alice Graham from Mendenhall won for Junior Historical Paper, while classmate Hana Kriplani took third place, along with Amelia Mueller, Reese Ray and Max Leabman placing first, second and third for Junior Individual Documentary, respectively.

More Mendenhall students who excelled were Jamie Yi and Pierce Arizpe in first and second place for Junior Individual Exhibit, as well as

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Feeling 'safe', 'relief' post-vaccination

Tri-Valley residents describe emotions, experiences after receiving COVID-19 shots

BY CIERRA BAILEY

As a sense of normalcy begins to return to the Tri-Valley amid California's rigorous COVID-19 vaccination rollout, many fully vaccinated people are resuming activities they haven't done in over a year like dining at restaurants, returning to classrooms, and gathering with family and friends.

"I'm looking forward to seeing my grandchildren sometime now," Livermore resident Helen Machuga said, adding that she hasn't seen them in person since March 7, 2020.

She and her two granddaughters have held a weekly book club to stay in touch with each other via Zoom — which the 73-year-old said she hadn't even heard of before the pandemic but has now become very well acquainted with it.

Although she said she doesn't always enjoy staring at a screen for hours, she believes the video conferencing platform, "saved many of our lives." She said, "If we couldn't do our book clubs and our talks and our meetings and things, it would have been horrible."

Machuga and her husband, John Hinton, received the Pfizer vaccine at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare in Pleasanton.

While they are still wearing masks in public and practicing social distancing, Machuga said she feels safer now that she's vaccinated. She recently had two other vaccinated friends over for lunch for the first time. They all brought their own lunches and were planning to eat in Machuga's backyard, but it was cold and raining so they went inside: "We were inside without masks but we were socially distant, and it was the first time we got to do that since March (2020)."

According to the Bloomberg's COVID-19



LARA LESUER

Livermore teacher Lara Lesuer after completing the drive-thru vaccination.

vaccine dashboard, 17.8% of California's population have been fully vaccinated and 33.6% of the population has received at least the first dose.

Once fully vaccinated, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says people can gather with others who are fully vaccinated without wearing a mask or staying six feet apart, travel in the U.S. without getting tested before or after travel or self-quarantining after travel, and gather indoors with unvaccinated people of any age from one other household without masks or staying six feet apart — unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Marylin Avenue Elementary School teachers Lara Lesuer and Heidi Robinson both received their Pfizer vaccines at the Oakland Coliseum drive-thru vaccination site.

"It was like a relief," Lesuer, 49, said. "You feel like you can go anywhere or do anything — not that you're not going to wear a mask anymore or things like that, of course, but it's just a sense of relief. I could go back to teaching students in person, which is amazing, and it just feels better. It feels safer."

Along with being back in the classroom, Lesuer said it felt liberating to go back to the gym and to experience dining inside of a restaurant again for the first time since being vaccinated.

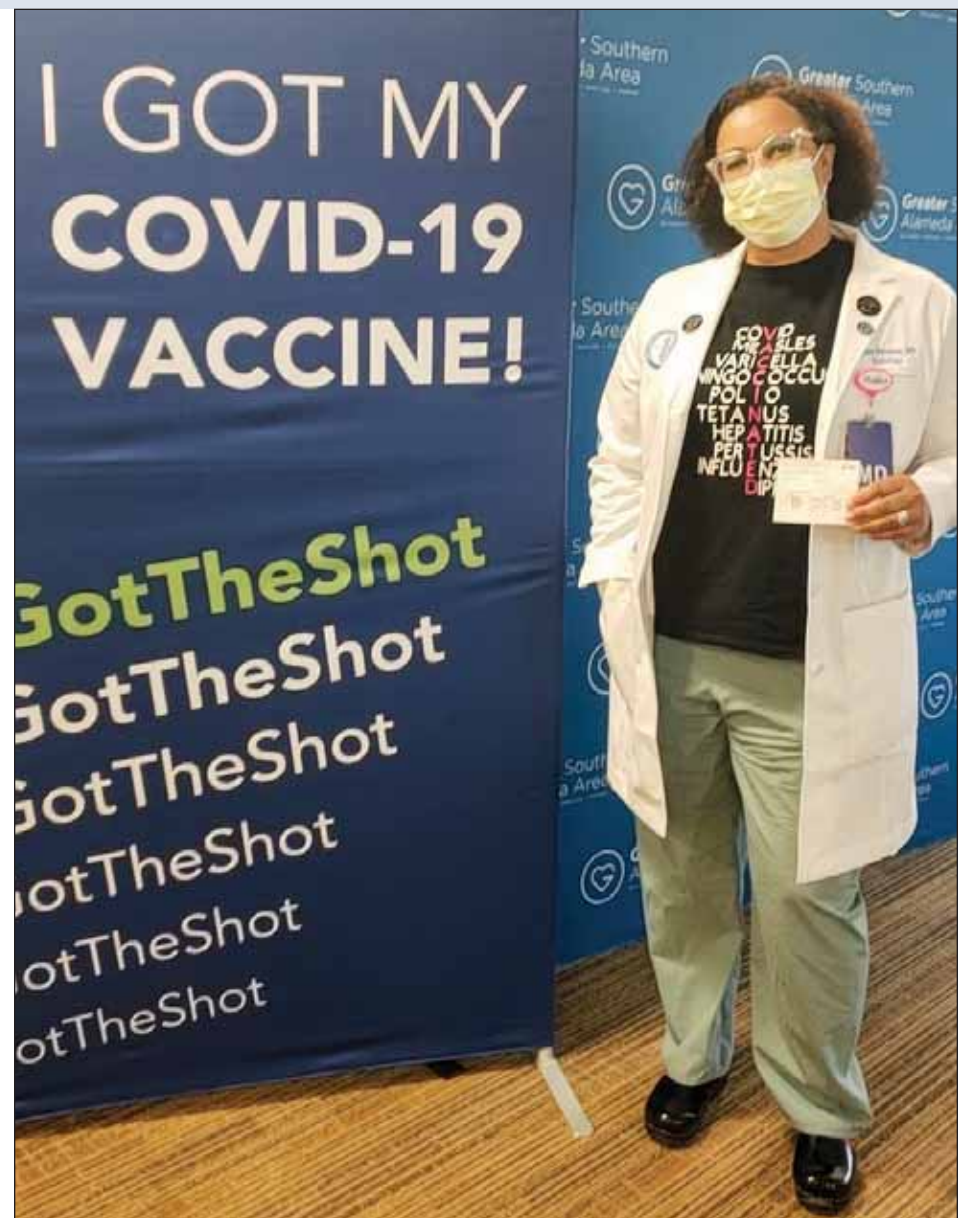
"Even though (the pandemic) is not over and we still have a long way to go, it almost feels like one step closer to normalcy," she said, later adding: "You can go out and not worry about being paranoid with people around you."

Robinson, 47, shared similar sentiments, saying that she feels "safe and protected" after being vaccinated. She said she has been seeing her parents over the past year outdoors, without getting close enough to touch them, but after they all were vaccinated they finally got to hug each other again.

"I just feel like I'm a part of history," Robinson said of her experience receiving the two shots. "It's just amazing that I'm living through it because it's going to be something that my grandchildren talk about," she added.

Last year, Robinson was featured on "Good Morning America" and other media outlets for personally delivering homework packets to the homes of all 17 of her transitional kindergarten students following school closures. Now that in-person learning has resumed in Livermore, she said she was so excited to see and hear kids back on the playground that she called her mom on FaceTime to share it with her.

Dr. Dawn Nwamuo, a physician who lives in Dublin, received the Moderna vaccine at



COURTESY OF NWAMUO

Dr. Dawn Nwamuo, a physician and Dublin resident, received the Moderna vaccine at Kaiser Permanente in San Leandro.

Kaiser Permanente in San Leandro. Although she is fully vaccinated, she said she's still being cautious.

"Because I'm a physician, I understand that COVID can still be transmitted," Nwamuo said. "It's not just about getting yourself vaccinated, it's about protecting others also. The vaccine is more to protect yourself from if you get COVID; you're not necessarily going to die because you will have some antibody response to the disease."

Nwamuo, 45, said that it wasn't until her husband got vaccinated that she started to feel a little more comfortable in public. She recently dined outside at a restaurant for the first time and even took a walk outdoors without wearing a mask. "I'm taking it very

slow," she said.

All four local residents said they experienced soreness in their arms at the injection site after receiving their shots. Robinson also mentioned having a headache that lasted about two days and Nwamuo experienced swelling and redness at the injection site along with body aches and fatigue that lasted about 24 to 48 hours. Despite enduring some mild side effects, none expressed anything but satisfaction about their decision to get vaccinated.

"People need to understand that getting COVID is much worse than getting the vaccine," Nwamuo said. "There are just so many people who have lost their lives and you don't know if it's going to be you, and I just don't feel like it's worth risking it." ■

Avoid processed foods, cookbook author says

Livermore resident focuses on healthy recipes that work well in family kitchens

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Cookbook author and blogger Michelle Smith says the best thing we can do for our health is eat foods that have minimal processing and are dense in nutrients.

“All these different diets have made it so complicated for average people,” she commented. “They are so hard to follow — so we don’t.”

Smith, a Livermore resident, describes herself as a child of the ‘80s food culture, whose favorite food was bread and cheese. But she had bad allergies, adult acne and other health problems and thought perhaps she would feel better if she ate differently.

“We started cleaning up our diet just because we wanted a better way to be doing things,” she said. “We started doing paleo.”

As she became more knowledgeable and began to discover what worked for her and her family, Smith began to blog about her eating and culinary journey at www.foxciardelli.com.

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JENNIFER SKOG

Michelle Smith prepares Grain-free Sheet Pan Eggplant Parmesan.

Grain-free Sheet Pan Eggplant Parmesan



JENNIFER SKOG

Grain-free Sheet Pan Eggplant Parmesan, which combines many ingredients the Smith family knows and loves.

- 1 globe eggplant (about 1 pound), sliced into 1/2-inch-thick disks
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup almond flour
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons tapioca flour
- 1/4 cup crushed gluten-free crackers
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 2 cups marinara sauce
- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- Flaky sea salt

Place a sheet pan in the oven and preheat the oven to 425 degrees

Sprinkle the eggplant slices with 1/2 teaspoon of the salt. Set them aside on paper towels to drain a bit.

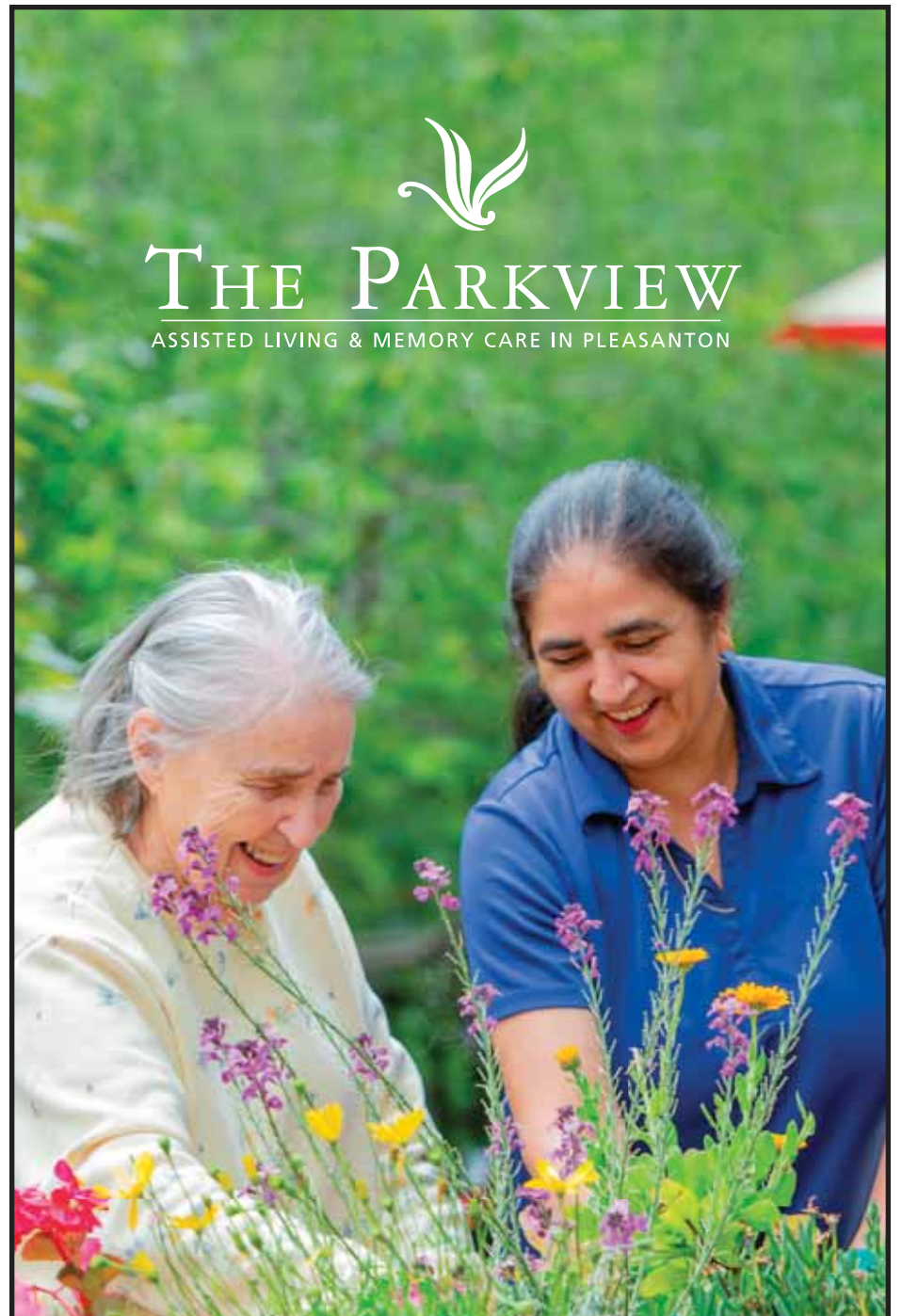
Combine the remaining 1 teaspoon salt, almond flour, tapioca flour, crushed crackers and garlic powder in a shallow bowl.

Dredge 1 slice of the eggplant in the eggs and let the excess run off. Immediately coat the eggplant all over in the flour-cracker coating. Set aside on a plate. Repeat with the remaining eggplant slices.

Once all of the eggplant slices have been coated, remove the hot sheet pan from the oven (make sure to use oven mitts!) and lay the coated eggplant slices on the pan in one layer. Return to the oven and bake the eggplant slices for 30 minutes, flipping halfway through, until they are lightly browned.

Remove the sheet pan from the oven and top each slice with a generous spoonful of marinara sauce. Top with a slice of the mozzarella and a sprinkle of the Parmesan. Bake for an additional 10 minutes, until the cheeses have melted.

Remove the eggplant from the oven and sprinkle the basil over the top, along with flaky sea salt, and serve.




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Domestic abuse services adapt to pandemic

Pleasanton sees slight uptick in reported cases of abuse amid pandemic

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Sheltering in place and limiting contact with others has been a necessity to prevent the spread of COVID-19, according to health officials, but in some cases these conditions have inadvertently also created potentially dangerous situations for residents living in abusive environments.

Services for treating people who are in violent domestic situations have been forced to adapt due to the ongoing pandemic — situations that have in some cases become more dangerous due to people being forced to quarantine with their abusers.

“It’s very scary because these people are very unpredictable and part of the safety planning is figuring out what you can do,” Vicki Thompson, director of domestic violence services at Tri-Valley Haven, told the Weekly. “We’re still offering all of our services, but they have changed.”

Headquartered in Livermore, Tri-Valley Haven serves residents throughout the region with counseling, homelessness, domestic abuse and legal advice services, among other support programs.

While all of its domestic violence services are still available, the group has been forced to adapt in order to continue services for its clients during the pandemic, according to Thompson.

Removing people from dangerous situations is a top priority for the group, so housing becomes a necessity once people leave abusive environments. To this end, Tri-Valley Haven offers a shelter for adults and children.

Residents can still find shelter through Tri-Valley Haven — the group is currently housing approximately 30 adults and children. However, due to the pandemic, the

group has lowered its onsite shelter population to allow for social distancing. Instead, overflow population is housed at hotels where case workers will provide regular check-ins as well as gift cards for food.

Tri-Valley Haven also has its Domestic Violence Housing First program that assists survivors of domestic violence in overcoming barriers to obtaining or retaining housing; this includes case management and cash assistance for moving, utility bills and other housing-related costs.

“It’s very individualized based on what somebody needs. We also have a transitional housing program where some families can stay with us for up to two years if they have long-term goals they are working for,” Thompson said.

Counseling services are also still available for residents, but have transitioned to a virtual telehealth model to prevent exposure to the virus.

In-person restraining order courses have also been suspended due to the pandemic, but residents can contact Tri-Valley Haven to receive legal advice on acquiring a restraining order from an abusive partner.

Abuse during the pandemic has sometimes taken a different form, according to Thompson, who described abusive partners sometimes changing their own habits around different paranoia related to the virus.

“We’ve had some people say they were strictly forbidden to leave the house because of the virus. We’ve also heard of cases where the abuser is very paranoid about getting it, telling people, ‘You go out, you do the shopping, because I’m not going to get COVID,’” Thompson said.

While some agencies have



TRI-VALLEY HAVEN

Due to security reasons, Tri-Valley Haven does not provide photos of its shelters, but the nonprofit does offer housing for people seeking to leave abusers. It also offers housing for homeless residents, as seen here.

reported higher numbers of domestic abuse cases during the pandemic, Thompson said it is often difficult to gauge the rates locally due to cases often not getting reported — especially when someone is sheltering-in-place with their abuser and unable to do so safely.

“It’s really difficult to gauge that because it may be more dangerous for people to report when they are sheltering in place with an abuser or where they are maybe afraid to leave. Our requests for shelter have stayed about the same, maybe a slight increase,” she said.

“What we have seen though is that people often stay a shorter period of time. If they have the option to move in with family or friends, they feel safer doing that then staying with a shelter,” Thompson added.

Reported cases of domestic violence have risen slightly in

Pleasanton during the pandemic, according to Pleasanton police Sgt. Marty Billdt, who said that in 2020 Pleasanton police reported 122 cases compared to 110 in 2019.

“Aside from COVID-19 safety protocols, the Pleasanton Police Department has not changed its procedure when responding to reports of domestic violence,” Billdt added. “We take each case very seriously and would like to remind survivors or witnesses of domestic violence that they can call our department without fear: 9-1-1 or 925-931-5100.”

For residents who may suspect a friend, loved one or neighbor may be in an abusive environment, Thompson advised that instead of trying to tell someone what to do, it is better to check in on them and ask how they can help.

“Just let the person know that you are concerned. Don’t say ‘you have to do this, you have to leave, you have to go to Tri-Valley Haven, you have to go to police’ — because

if the person isn’t ready to do any of those things, if they feel they can’t do it safely, it is just going to drive a wedge there,” she said. “Maybe just ask ‘are you OK? Is there something I can do to help?’”

“Just let them know you are there for them and meet them where they are at. Just know that leaving an abusive partner is a process. Most people in abusive relationships leave seven times before they stay out for good,” Thompson added. ■

Crisis support

The National Domestic Violence Hotline can be contacted several ways:
 Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
 TTY: 1-800-787-3224
 Live chat: www.thehotline.org.

The Tri-Valley Haven’s crisis line continues uninterrupted and can be contacted at 925-449-5842 or 1-800-884-8119.



TRI-VALLEY HAVEN

Shelter services have changed amid the pandemic, with overflow users being housed in hotels in order to provide social distancing.



TRI-VALLEY HAVEN

Tri-Valley Haven also offers a thrift store in Livermore, with proceeds benefiting its programs. The store on North L Street is now open for retail shopping indoors and donations.

Hike for Hope returning for socially distanced event

Outdoor fundraiser benefits Hope Hospice

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Hope Hospice has revived its annual Hike for Hope program after canceling the event last year due to the coronavirus crisis, and registration is open for residents who want to enjoy the outdoors while supporting a cause.

The nonprofit group's biggest annual fundraising event went dark in 2020 — which staff say shorted Hope over \$100,000 in anticipated revenue — due to the pandemic; however, Hike for Hope will return in a COVID-safe format this year that will have participants hiking at different locations from one another.

“Proceeds from the annual event raise support for hospice patient care and community programs, including grief support services, dementia-care education, and family caregiver resources. Programs are available to the local public at no charge, and are made possible through donations, grants, and fundraising events,” Hope Hospice officials said in a statement.

Retooling the event for 2021 in order to encourage physical distancing and health safety, instead

of gathering as a group at Del Valle Regional Park as in years past, 2021 event participants will remain in their own social pods and hike in a location of their choosing.

The concept around the hike continues to be centered around participants seeking support from family and friends, asking them to donate in the participant's name.

Interested residents can participate in a single-day excursion on Saturday, June 5, for the event or go the extra mile and accept the weeklong Champion Challenge and set a mileage goal for the week of May 29 through June 5.

For participants seeking donations from community members, Hope Hospice staff say that Graham-Hitch Mortuary has offered to match the money raised by top fundraiser in the Champion Challenge, whether a team or an individual, for up to \$10,000.

While the event is traditionally followed by a post-hike group barbecue, this year a virtual “jamboree” will be held, offering live music and engaging activities via Zoom.

The jamboree is being held in



HOPE HOSPICE

Unlike previous years, 2021's Hike for Hope will not see large crowds hiking together. Instead participants will hike in their individual social pods to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

partnership with Frankie, Johnny, & Luigi Too Italian restaurant in Dublin, who will be providing dinner to-go for participants who order prior to the event — with a portion of sales benefiting Hope

Hospice.

Registration for the 10th Hike for Hope is available online now at www.TheHikeForHope.com. Quick buyers can purchase the early bird registration fee of \$39

through April 30, after that the fee increases to \$45. Child hikers 12 and under are welcome to participate for free, but they will still need to be registered. Registration fees include an event T-shirt. ■

FOOD

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thewholesmiths.com, and in 2018 put together “The Whole Smiths Good Food Cookbook: Delicious Real Food Recipes to Cook All Year Long.” It was endorsed by Whole30, a 30-day nutrition program that encourages eating more plants and healthy fats, and eliminating sugar, dairy and gluten.

“I was never really strict with that,” Smith said, “but I'd been having far too much dairy, sugar and grains. Paleo helped me reset that ratio. Now I will eat healthy proteins, more fruits and vegetables and I might sprinkle it with a little goat cheese.”

Smith, 41, grew up in Pleasanton and graduated from Amador Valley High School, class of 1998.

“In my 20s, I was in business development and startups and sales, and lived in San Francisco doing that, but I've always been a lover of food,” she said. “Once the kids were born, I stepped out of the corporate work force.”

Soon she saw the importance of finding a way for her active family — husband Brad and daughters Teagan, 9, and Camryn, 11 — to eat well while keeping preparation quick and easy. She said she designs her recipes with the average home cook in mind.

Smith not only prepares healthy food, but she teaches her daughters the value of good nutrition.

“Most of what we eat at home is very healthy, but I want them to learn to make choices,” Smith said. “I present food not in

terms of how it's going to make us look but how it's going to make us feel. We want to fill our bodies with food that fuels us.”

“I am acutely aware of not demonizing any foods,” she added. “We will have pizza or get ice cream to celebrate.”

Smith realizes people do not always have a lot of time to prepare meals or cater to each individual. Her latest cookbook has chapters of “five ingredients or less,” “one-dish wonders” and “30 minutes or less.”

“We eat healthy but I do try to keep in mind the meals should be family friendly,” she said. “I take things we like and know and incorporate the ingredients into healthy recipes.”

Her “Grain-free Sheet Pan Eggplant Parmesan” is such a dish.

“It is flavors we know and love,” she said. “It all melts together really well.”

Smith's new cookbook came out Dec. 29, “The Whole Smiths: Real Food Every Day,” with the tagline, “Healthy recipes to keep your family happy throughout the week.” It includes another family favorite, her version of a burger bowl.

“It's lettuce and spinach, grass-fed ground beef, and sauteed onions in a bowl, like a burger salad,” she said. “I focus on the quality of ingredients, too, and talk about that in the beginning pages.”

Smith is now doing a weekly podcast, “Get Wellthy.”

“Podcasts are rapidly becoming my passion. I love talking with all these experts,” she said. “I just talked to Dr. Judson Brewer and his ‘Unwinding Anxiety’ program.”

“Diet is so important but there are other things — stress, anxiety, brain health, cognitive decline,” she noted. ■

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‘Finding Wellness’ for seniors

Senior Support Program keeps promoting good health and well being

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley has stepped up its “Finding Wellness” presentations during the last year, adapting everything for the internet while catering to a population not always able to go online.

“We had zero online offerings before,” administrative director Mercel Amin said. “During COVID, all of our programs have transitioned into an online platform. We are streaming our classes and even have a coordinator who teaches classes in Mandarin.”

Also, the program has increased its use of a newsletter, for clients who are more comfortable with low-tech information.

“We used to go out into the community, which made it so much easier because this program travels Alameda County-wide,” Amin said. “Now we have the ‘digital divide.’”

The staff works hard to reach seniors who are not on the internet.

“We’ve sent hard copies of classes to people, and broadcast our series in living facilities,” Amin said. “And we have done newsletters and sent them out with Meals on Wheels.”

Senior Support, which is in its 40th year of providing programs, offers Finding Wellness classes, plus holds Wellness Wednesdays, a 15-minute chat, every other week. Amin also started a seated exercise class each Tuesday and Thursday morning.

“We have 12 people who regularly join us,” she said.

The Finding Wellness classes were planned in three series. The first one is six weeks, focusing on topics from fall prevention to nutrition labeling to healthy hydrating to emotional wellness. Series 2 is a five-week program of exploring the health of the brain, heart, gut, liver and skin. Series 3 is four weeks, focusing on lowering the risk profile for diabetes, stroke, cancer and inflammatory disease.

“This year we added what to do when

sheltering in place specifically, and the seven dimensions of wellness,” Amin said. “And we are working on a fourth series.”

“So many people have chronic conditions they are trying to manage,” Amin explained. “All of the individuals on our team have backgrounds on wellness and health, and they are someone to filter information and keep current.”

“We like to start conversations and bring the most scientific-based information to our seniors that we can,” she added.

Amin recalled improving the eating habits of her own grandfather when she lived with him from when he was 90 to 96.

“He didn’t know the benefits of wheat bread from white bread,” she recalled. “Another big one is sodium, that we want to keep it down, and additive sugars and the different names they come under.”

Clients range from age 60 and up, with a large group in their 80s and 90s, but Amin said at this point they are beginning to get Zoom fatigue.

“Seniors right now have so many challenges, not just visiting us on Zoom but seeing their doctors, family and caregivers,” she pointed out.

“This time has been up and down. Someone in one class right now has a sister who lives in L.A., and we were able to connect the two to meet in a class. So it does have its pros,” she said.

Amin is planning a two-hour webinar in May for older adults to address mental health, present tai chi for arthritis, and launch art therapy sessions. To learn about this and other classes, check out the calendar at www.ssptv.org or telephone the health education department at 931-5393.

The main line for Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is 931-5379, including to reach the Friendly Visiting Program, which is in need of volunteers. ■



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Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley prints brochures for those who do not use the internet.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

April 2

Warrant arrest

■ 12:24 p.m. at Redwood Road and I-580

Theft from auto

■ 1:31 p.m. on the 6100 block of Corte Padre

Vehicle tampering

■ 2:08 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Warrant arrest

■ 5:58 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Assault/battery

■ 7:56 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Domestic battery

■ 8:58 p.m. on Alvord Way

April 1

Theft

■ 10:55 a.m., 000 block of Vintage Circle; auto theft

■ 3:02 p.m., 2700 block of Corte Ponderosa; theft from auto

■ 7:05 p.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

Drug violation

■ 4:40 p.m. at Johnson and Owens drives

DUI

■ 11:42 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Kolln Street

March 31

Fraud

■ 2:19 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Warrant arrest

■ 2:40 p.m. on the 000 block of Angela Street

■ 7:34 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Shoplifting

■ 3:37 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

March 30

Burglary

■ 9:42 a.m. on the 6600 block of Owens Drive

Vandalism

■ 2:12 p.m. on the 5700 block of Belleza Drive

Theft from auto

■ 10:19 p.m. on the 5000 block of Owens Drive

March 29

Vandalism

■ 5:51 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

■ 6:16 a.m. on the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Theft

■ 8:34 a.m., 2200 block of Goldcrest Circle; theft from auto

■ 11:32 a.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 5:59 p.m. on the 2700 block of Camino Casa Buena

Graffiti

■ 9:05 a.m. at Old Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive

Trespass/prowling

■ 11:38 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Burglary

■ 4:08 p.m. on the 000 block of Vintage Circle

■ 4:59 p.m. on the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Embezzlement

■ 4:38 p.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

Drug violation

■ 4:39 p.m. on the 3200 block of West Lagoon Drive

March 28

Warrant arrest

■ 12:01 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Sutter Gate Avenue

■ 1:41 a.m. on the 5000 block of Case Avenue

■ 4:52 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Assault/battery

■ 12:18 p.m. on the 4200 block of Mirador Drive

Missing person

■ 3:29 p.m. on Yellowstone Court

March 27

Vandalism

■ 8:57 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Theft from auto

■ 9:17 a.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

Assault/battery

■ 9:51 a.m. on the 2300 block of Foothill Road

Warrant arrest

■ 4:44 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 7:52 p.m. at Mirador and Kottinger drives

DUI

■ 5:31 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

POLICE BULLETIN

Man dies in rollover crash off I-580 east of Livermore

A driver was killed along Interstate 580 after losing control on the Altamont Pass and rolling approximately 300 feet down an embankment on Easter Sunday, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau identified the victim as 62-year-old Patrick Doherty. His city of residence was still in the process of being confirmed, a coroner's representative said Monday.

The crash occurred just before 11:15 a.m. Sunday when a white pickup truck heading eastbound on I-580 east of Flynn Road North at approximately 60 mph toward increasing traffic made an abrupt turn to the right and went off the roadway for unknown reasons, according to CHP Officer Tyler Hahn.

The truck traveled out-of-control down an embankment, flipping several times before coming to rest approximately 300 feet down the hill, according to Hahn.

Responding CHP-Dublin officers climbed down the embankment to try to render aid, but they could not immediately access the driver because the truck's cab was crushed and the man — later identified as Doherty — was trapped. He was the only occupant, according to Hahn.

Alameda County Fire personnel soon arrived and removed the man using the Jaws of Life, according to Hahn. A Contra Costa County Fire and Rescue helicopter landed in a dirt turnout next to the freeway to assist as well.

The cause of the fatal crash remains under investigation, according to Hahn. Any potential witnesses can contact the CHP Dublin office at 925-828-0466. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Michael Earl Reichlin

November 10, 1939 – February 18, 2021

Michael Earl Reichlin (81), beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend passed away on February 18th. He was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer after being admitted to the hospital on February 1, 2021. It was a short battle with cancer but that is what he wanted since there was no treatment. He passed away peacefully at home with his son and daughter by his side.

He was born in Oakland, CA to Frank and Ione Reichlin. He worked at PACO Pumps in Oakland from the time he was 19 years old until he retired 43 years later. He started off as the "broom boy" and worked his way up the ladder to Salesman to Sales Manager to Branch Manager. He made lots of friends with his coworkers and clients and kept a lot of them for the rest of his life, they became family.

He married Janet June Reichlin on July 27, 1963. They had two children, Lori Bailey and Michael Reichlin. They moved to Pleasanton in 1967 and were happy to call Pleasanton home for the rest of their lives. He coached soccer teams for his son for years. When Dublin Bowl opened, there were family bowling nights and countless tournaments. He was a great sport when it came to driving everyone around.

He will be lovingly remembered by his two children Lori and Michael. He will forever be loved by his three grandchildren – Travis, Tracey, and Trisha Bailey. There isn't too much he wouldn't have done for them. Even after Jan passed away, he kept up all the same traditions she started. Special occasion dinners were celebrated at the Brass Door, giant Easter baskets, finding the pickle in the Christmas tree and so many more that will be continued on in their futures.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his dearly loved wife. There will be no services and he is already in his final resting place, next to Jan again.

If you would like to make any donation in his name, Michael always supported The American Cancer Society and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

The family would also like to thank Care One Home Health, Tri Valley Personal Home Care Services, and APlus Hospice. These caregivers, nurses, and physical therapists were a life line for the family entering a world of unimaginable questions. They were all so compassionate and helpful. They were truly appreciated and needed.



Mary Ann Gregory

April 26, 1948 – March 15, 2021

Mary Ann passed away peacefully at Mercy San Juan Hospital in Carmichael, California on March 15, 2021 at age 72.

She was born on April 26, 1948 in Livermore, California to Manuel and Marie Santana. She grew up and enjoyed her childhood in Pleasanton, living only a few blocks from the town's Main Street District. She attended and graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1966 and went on to Chabot College, earning an Associate in Arts Degree in 1969. She worked at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in preparation for the Alameda County Fair during her summers.

She met her husband, William Edgar Gregory, Jr. at a church dance in 1969. They were married at St. Augustine's Catholic Church on October 24, 1970 in Pleasanton. In the early 1970s, she worked as a Clerical Assistant for Blue Cross in Oakland. After the birth of her first child, she became a homemaker, dedicating her time to her children. She also briefly worked as a teacher's aide in her children's schools for the Alum Rock Union School District in San Jose. Mary Ann had a passion for learning. Besides Chabot College, she attended various colleges and universities, including California State University, Hayward, San Jose State University, Condie College, Sacramento City College, and American River College.

She is survived by her four children, Carol Ann, Lisa Ann (Jim) Schneider, Michael William (Annie), and Deborah Ann (Sergio) De La Fuente, her six grandchildren, Alexander Kropf, Sebastian and Rafael De La Fuente, and Brooks, Beckett, and Britton Gregory, her



sister-in-law Rhoda Richardson of Michigan, her first cousins Liz Haide of Oregon, Virginia Kallman of Corralitos, and Allan Faria of Santa Cruz, and numerous nephews, nieces, and distant cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Jeannie Wilkinson, and her husband.

Mary Ann loved learning about local and U.S. History and enjoyed to travel so she could visit her children and grandchildren. She was a big fan of sightseeing and would always want to buy postcards, refrigerator magnets, and other various mementos from the places she visited. Mary Ann also enjoyed cross stitch sewing, scrapbooking, and baking. She had an affection for animals, especially cats, having them as pets as a child and throughout her adult life. Donations can be made in her memory to the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, California 94566.

A private burial service will be held for family members on April 8, 2021 at St. Augustine's Cemetery in Pleasanton.

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LETTERS

On the Aramis project

Dear Editor,

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors made the bold decision to uphold approval of the Aramis solar and storage project in North Livermore, poisoning the Bay Area to make a very real contribution to the long-term success of California's ambitious clean energy goals.

Opponents continue to falsely claim that Aramis conflicts with Measure D although county staff quite competently demonstrated that the project is in conformance.

The county also determined that approving the green energy project and creating a countywide solar policy are not mutually exclusive. Supervisor Haubert did not waver in reaffirming his position to both study

the merits of the Aramis proposal and also pursue a solar policy to help guide future siting and planning for solar energy.

It seemed clear to all of the supervisors that more must be done to further the region's renewable energy goals and the Aramis project presented an opportunity to achieve these objectives.

Along with the clear environmental benefits, Aramis will provide a much-needed economic stimulus for California by creating 400 skilled, middle-class jobs at a time when more than 100,000 clean energy jobs have been lost because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By creating an agricultural management plan to be overseen by the Tri-Valley Conservancy, an accredited land trust, Intersect Power has demonstrated an ability to collaborate with the community. It is time now to set aside differences and work

together to build this project. As Supervisor Miley stated, "If not here, where? If not now, when?"

—David Nelson

Make democracy a priority

The American people have found themselves in a precarious position — Democrats, who have won a trifecta, seem powerless to enact much of their agenda.

We ended up in this situation because our democracy was designed to give tremendous power to a small minority, and Republicans have spent decades exploiting that power to entrench their rule over the majority. Voter suppression. Gerrymandering. Buying elections.

Even now, following historic voter turnout by Black and brown voters in states like Georgia, Texas and Arizona, Republican-led legislatures are working to add additional barriers to accessing the ballot box.

That's why our first priority should be fixing our democracy and ensuring that structural reform rebalances power for the people — before it's too late. We need Congress to pass HR 1, the "For The People Act," to get money out of politics, expand voting rights, combat corruption, secure our elections and much more.

These reforms to our democracy

are pivotal to preventing future tyrants. The Democratic House passed HR 1 last year, with every Democrat voting Yes. It's time for them to do the same and for the new Democratic majority in the Senate to do the same.

Americans took the first step to heal our democracy by overwhelmingly voting Trump out of office. Now Congress must do its part to fix our badly broken democracy and pass HR 1, the For the People Act.

—Ward Kanowsky

Remembering Ms. Correia

Ms. Correia was my son's first-grade teacher at Hearst when she first started teaching. The first time I visited her colorful and fun classroom, I remember seeing the quote she had posted near the door: "Everyone smiles in the same language."

As a parent classroom aide, I remember Ms. Correia's smiles very well. She lit up the room with them. I remember my son coming into her classroom, grumpy and sleepy, but he smiled at her when she smiled at him.

She was patient and caring, fun but firm — what my son needed in a first-grade teacher. We're grateful to have her crossed our paths. May she and her mom rest in peace.

—Terry Chang, via Town Square

Patty Dickerson

April 6, 1947 – March 23, 2021

Patty Pfordresher Dickerson passed away peacefully at home surrounded by the love and care of her family on March 23, 2021, reuniting with her parents, Frank J. Pfordresher and Margaret "Peggy" Henderson Pfordresher.



Born April 6, 1947 and raised in the Arden Park neighborhood of Sacramento, Patty graduated from University of the Pacific and became a Clinical Laboratory Scientist. She moved to Pleasanton in 1976 and worked part time for Valley Care while raising her two children. Post-retirement, she served as a community volunteer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Over the years, Patty enjoyed walking her beloved dogs through the Sports Park, riding her horse along the Pleasanton Ridge, cheering on the San Jose Sharks as a season ticket holder for 23 years, and above all else, spending time with her family. She devoted much of her later years to her four grandchildren, never missing a school show, dance recital, sporting event, or just the daily activities of their lives.

Patty is survived by her husband of 51 years, Edwin G. Dickerson, son Frank Dickerson (sons Graham and Michael), daughter Melissa Alexander (husband Marshall, daughter Clare, and son Drake), and her three sisters - Grace Clark (husband Stephen), Terry Pfordresher (son Matt Bold and his wife Jaycee Bold), and Leslie Pfordresher (partner Bill Berhow). They, and all who knew and loved Patty, will never forget her constant, reliable support and generosity. She will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to call her family, neighbor, or friend.

"No time on Earth is long enough to share with those we love or to prepare our hearts for good-bye."

A private mass will be held to celebrate Patty's life.

Donations in her honor may be made to the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, or Hospice East Bay.

PAID OBITUARY

We're looking for a few interns

We are seeking local high school or college students with an appetite for news and an interest in learning about print and digital media for internship opportunities. The intern will research stories, do interviews and help with fact checking and rewrites for the award-winning Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com. He or she will also be introduced to the other aspects of publishing, including advertising and production.

During the internship period, the intern will be an integral part of the team, participating fully in the process of gathering and presenting news.

Candidates must be responsible, have good writing skills, be available 10 to 12 hours a week and have reliable internet access. Internships require an academic sponsor. Applicants should send a resume, a cover letter explaining your interest and links to at least three examples of journalistic work to editor Jeremy Walsh at jjwalsh@embarcaderopublishing.com by noon April 19.

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Concerts

VINEYARD VIBES-A VIRTUAL CONCERT SERIES Vineyard Vibes & More, presents LunaFish. With an authentic psychedelic sound, LunaFish brings back all the joy of the timeless hits of the late 1960s and 1970s, refreshingly making them their own. 6 p.m., April 11. Visit livermorearts.org.

LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA (LVO) PRESENTS TRIPLE TREAT LVO celebrates life and love with a concert of opera favorites. Arias include light-hearted duets from Lehar's Merry Widow, Donizetti's Elixir of Love, and Puccini's Gianni Schicchi. 6 p.m., April 10. Visit livermorevalleyopera.com.

Talks

APRIL VIRTUAL RELIGION CHAT. The discussion topic will be "How Does Your Community Provide For Those Who Come In Need of Forgiveness?" The speakers are Rev. Elli Kilpatrick who will give the Unitarian Universalist perspective and Bishop Roger Persson who will discuss the position of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 5-6:15 p.m., April 14. Email interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society presents Gena Philibert-Ortega, discussing 10 databases you didn't know were on Ancestry.com. Explore the lesser known databases that include images, digitized books and indexes. 7-8:30 p.m., April 12. Visit l-ags.org.

ED KINNEY LECTURE SERIES The Ed Kinney Lecture Series and the Museum on Main present "An Afternoon or Evening with Gene Roddenberry." Gene Roddenberry was an American television screenwriter and producer, who most notably created the Star Trek television series. The brilliant screenwriter who brought us, where no man had gone before, will be portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Doug Mishler. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., April 14. Visit museumonmain.org.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE The National Geographic Live Virtual Speaker Series presents "Women and Migration". 6:30 April 14. \$20 per ticket. Visit livermorearts.org.

Artists

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE Join artist and author Elaine Drew for an evening of cartooning. She will introduce cartoons and cartooning techniques and show samples from the history of the form and the inspiring diversity of cartoon subjects and styles. 7:30 p.m., April 12. Visit pal-art.com.

Seniors

SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS In this free zoom presentation the discussion is Consumer Fraud: Scams Targeting Seniors and Tips for Protection and Prevention.

11 a.m.-12 p.m., April 13. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR FOR SENIORS Join Dublin senior staff and friends on zoom. 10-11 a.m., Wed., April 14. Email seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov for the Zoom link and password.

LAP SWIM RESERVATIONS FOR 60+ New lap sessions for ages 60+ are now available on Wednesdays and Fridays in the 25-meter pool at Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center. For more information visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Students

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE TO HOST VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS Las Positas College will be hosting two virtual information sessions for Tri-Valley high school seniors and parents who want to learn about the possibilities offered at the College. Attendees have a virtual information session and learn about after high school transfer preparation and career education. 6-7 p.m., April 15 & 21. Visit laspositascollege.edu.

TRI VALLEY YOUTH ART SHOW The Pleasanton Art League (PAL) presents: "PAL's Pals 2021", an art competition open to all Middle School and High School students. Artwork must be created by the student and completed between January 2020 and present. This show will be judged with cash prizes and ribbons. Submissions accepted from April 19-21. Visit pal-art.com/exhibits-events/call-artists or email jen.huber.art@gmail.com.

CONTEST The East Bay Holocaust Education Center (EBHEC) contest "Why is it important to remember the Holocaust" is open to students 13-18 enrolled in an East Bay Area high school. \$500 first place prize per category. All winning entries will be displayed at an exhibit and reception sponsored at the Bothwell Arts Center. Submission due by April 30. Visit ebhec.org/highschoolcontest.

SHAPING TOMORROW'S VISIONARIES This five week series of classes at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore will inspire students to examine issues, develop principles and appreciate diversity, community, humanity and environment. Class size limited to 15 students, \$75.00 per student. 4-5:30 p.m., starting April 15. Visit livermorearts.org/arts-education/learn.

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER REGISTRATION The City of Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department online registration for Summer 2021 camps and programs starts on Wednesday, May 5 at 8 a.m. at PleasantonFun.com.

Writers

TRI VALLEY WRITERS Martha Alderson will present "Writing Backward-Begin by Plotting from the End" at the Tri-Valley Writers April meeting. Martha has found that writers benefit from a backward approach and she'll present techniques to help writers do just that in this zoom meeting. 2 p.m., April 17. RSVP by April 15 via an email to: president@trivalleywriters.org.

Fundraisers

PPIE RUN FOR EDUCATION The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) virtual run for education starts this month. Participants can walk, hike, run, dance and use a smartphone to track miles. April 11-18. Visit ppie.org.

PEOPLE WITH PURPOSE-PINK PAJAMA PARTY Celebrate People with Purpose honorees and raise funds to support under-served breast cancer patients with a Pink Pajama Party. This virtual event includes a live auction and a special message from author, journalist and breast cancer survivor Joan Lunden. 7-8 p.m., May 8. Register early at hersbcf.ejoinme.org/PWP2021. Every registered guest will receive a themed Pink Pajama Party Box (while supplies last) full of delicious treats and items that will pamper and delight.

Outdoors

2021 STEAM & DIESEL TRAIN RIDES Ride through Niles Canyon in all of its spring splendor behind steam or diesel power on select weekends, 10:30 p.m. & 1 p.m., April 17-18. Visit ncry.org.

Film

THE KANOPY FILM CLUB PRESENTS The April Kanopy Film Club celebrates National Poetry month with "A Quiet Passion" a film on the life of poet Emily Dickinson. Watch the film before the discussion. 3

p.m., April 24. For more information contact 931-5340.

BANKHEAD REOPENING WITH FILM SERIES The Bankhead Theater will reopen in May screening films with a restricted size audience. Only 100 tickets will be sold for each event. The first film will be "Fiddler on the Roof", 7 p.m., May 19. Visit livermorearts.org.

Home & Garden

CREATING WINDCLIFF GARDENS The Livermore Amador Garden Club, partnering with the California Horticultural Society, will present via zoom Dan Hinkley as the April speaker. Mr. Hinkley, an award-winning teacher and writer, will discuss the reason and process of assembling plants in a naturalistic style, along with mistakes and miracles found along the way. 6:30 p.m., April 19. Contact president@lavgc.org to access the meeting.

BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR This virtual tour will take viewers to 25 homes in Alameda and Contra Costa counties with gardens designed with plants native to California that thrive without amendments, fertilizers or pesticides. April 25, May 2, 16, 23. The tours are free but registration is required. Visit bringingbackthenatives.net.

Government

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION Planning Commission meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for 7p.m., April 20. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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Workday, Inc., Pleasanton, CA. Direct the sw systems dev. function, including the design, dev., troubleshooting, & debugging of sw programs for sw enhancements to support a highly scalable multi-tenanted cloud security platform. To apply, please mail resume to ATTN: Jessica Thurston, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Please refer to Job #20637.861.

To place an ad or get a quote, contact Kevin Legarda at 650.223.6597 or email digitalads@pawebly.com.

PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Coco

This 8-month-old Terrier/Chihuahua mix is very sweet, affectionate and loves to give kisses. Coco is house-trained and knows the "sit" command. He is playful, enjoys meeting people and going for walks. Coco will do best with an active person or family who will provide regular exercise and activities. He is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue.

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Real Estate

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Jan. 11-15)

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$563,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,520,000
Average sales reported: \$1,348,000

Livermore (Jan. 11-15)

Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: \$365,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,950,000
Average sales reported: \$880,000

Dublin (Jan. 11-15)

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$750,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,200,000
Average sales reported: \$951,000

Sunol (Jan. 11-15)

Total sales reported: 2
Lowest sale reported: \$615,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,200,000
Average sales reported: \$907,500

San Ramon (March 1-5)

Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$447,500
Highest sale reported: \$2,580,000
Average sales reported: \$1,225,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 11-15 for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol, and March 1-5 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

6073 Corte Encinas S. & S. Desai to R. & V. Rampure for \$1,306,000
5283 Crestline Way Villareal Trust to D. & R. Kumar for \$1,390,000
7661 Foothill Road Himsl 1980 Trust to S. & P. Shenoy for \$3,520,000
16 Grey Eagle Court Roost Trust to V. & P. Akula for \$2,250,000
3578 Helen Drive M. & B. Olejniczak to A. & A. Srinath for \$1,262,000
7341 Joshua Circle R. & N. Singh to N. & S. Sundaragiri for \$1,220,000
4200 Nevis Street L. Davis to V. & F. Amrithraj for \$1,035,000
1972 Paseo Del Cajon Glenn Trust to H. & J. Bakshi for \$1,530,000
6731 Paseo San Leon M. & C. Mac to Wu Family Trust for \$1,700,000
6443 Paseo Santa Maria S. & J. Vukelich to D. & S. Tom for \$1,668,000
3352 Smoketree Commons Drive #122 S. & L. Urquhart to Basbas Living Trust for \$563,000
890 Sycamore Creek Way P. & R. Madan to Mitra Family Trust for \$2,600,000
7161 Valley Trails Drive M. Flynn to M. & S. Vaidyalingam for \$1,150,000
7253 Valley View Court L. & S. Tien to A. & A. Singh for \$957,000

Livermore

5675 Arlene Way Kling-Miller Trust to A. & P. Bansal for \$1,247,000
1228 Aster Lane Davis Family Trust to H. Spitz for \$800,000
2376 Bluebell Drive T. & J. Krisman to A. & K. Collins for \$865,000
1783 Cairo Street K. Kettlitz to J. & J. Mccuaig for \$800,000
778 Caliente Avenue E. & R. Heinrich to A. & S. Kochar for \$835,000
820 Caliente Avenue V. & D. Fleming to N. & M. Goeman for \$912,000
3859 California Way L. & K. Olsen to Forever Home Properties LLC for \$607,000
4045 Camrose Avenue C. & T. Vargas to C. & R. Rasmussen for \$1,422,000
1414 Columbine Way Casali Living Trust to A. & K. Walia for \$1,320,000
4375 Daffodil Way S. & J. Holt to S. & N. Durga for \$957,000
742 Daisyfield Drive A. & G. Lopez to Rana Family Trust for \$1,100,000
459 Dover Way J. & M. Audiss to S. & P. Vajiravel for \$932,000
299 Fennel Way L. & J. Cousins to D. & G. Asmus for \$920,000
110 Heligan Lane #6 N. & P. Nichols to E. & J. Park for \$715,000
1431 Hudson Way Harben Living Trust to M. & C. Keck for \$960,000
3125 Kennedy Street L. Mcpherson to J. Bolivia for \$690,000

4671 Laurie Common #101 Aguilar Living Trust to W. O'Daniel for \$365,000
318 South Livermore Avenue #108 Real Freedom LLC to Z. Colic for \$895,000
1569 Locust Street J. Heintz to A. & J. Sun for \$945,000
2975 Lusitana Court Workman Living Trust to J. & J. Herrington for \$1,950,000
321 Marie Common T. & B. Gruendell to L. & D. Slifer for \$726,000
209 Mcleod Street C. Decarlisle to Cinque Nuovo Inc for \$512,500
1018 Miranda Way M. Colasanti to U. & C. Gautam for \$1,130,000
1085 Murrieta Boulevard #120 A. Mirabadi to S. & M. Trambo for \$393,000
4115 Pinon Way L. Minnis to Z. & C. Panchal for \$822,000
4863 Primrose Lane Copeland Family Trust to Y. & Z. Cai for \$735,000
5819 Rainflower Drive K. Olson to R. & C. Hahn for \$1,108,000
1189 Riesling Circle T. & J. Corliss to R. & N. Verma for \$1,195,000
5476 Windflower Drive D. & R. Lane to A. & A. Barriga for \$570,000
2916 Worthing Common S. & J. Gagaliardo to E. & M. Ocampo for \$842,000

Dublin

4036 Bothrin Street G. Ortiz to S. & V. Konduri for \$1,125,000
3736 Branding Iron Place S. Su to S. & R. Appaneni for \$951,000
3717 Central Parkway #23 S. Dittmann to P. Tian for \$925,000
10750 Craigtown Lane Terrazas Trust to X. & B. Benson for \$750,000
2196 Donnells Lane A. & D. Davis to U. & K. Maheshwari for \$1,060,000
4349 Fitzwilliam Street C. & J. Tan to C. & S. Nagaraj for \$777,500
3392 Giovanni Way D. & M. Southon to P. & A. Butani for \$1,050,000
7721 Lisa Court Schauer Trust to R. & J. Vemula for \$945,000
5522 Lucent Road Calatlantic Group Inc to E. & J. Reyes for \$910,000
6632 South Mariposa Lane O. & A. Chan to M. & J. Bernas for \$830,000
6380 Monterey Way P. Aschwanden to M. & J. Huo for \$810,000
7235 Prince Drive V. & J. Clark to G. & A. Bansal for \$1,003,000
2202 Sunset View Court Y. & K. Li to N. & E. Pathapati for \$1,375,000

Sunol

52 Kilkare Road J. & J. Harris to T. & J. Barr for \$1,200,000
2630 Parkway Sanderson Living Trust to Amaya-Guerra Living Trust for \$615,000

Editor's note: The full list of Home Sales reported in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon during this period can be found with the online version of this story at PleasantonWeekly.com.

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Just Sold! 60 Showings In 6 Days | 15 Offers
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\$2,385,000 | Sold For \$2,715,000



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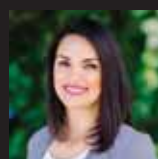
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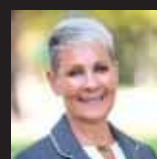
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