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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Big award season for us

The California News Publishers Association's 2020 Journalism Awards was truly one for the books for the Pleasanton Weekly.

We earned 12 awards in all, between first and fifth places in print and digital categories, for our work during an unprecedentedly demanding year. Each of our editorial team members received recognition. We placed fourth for Online General Excellence in our circulation division. I got two second-place awards, including for my editorial on the Kate Steinle case.

But one award stands above the rest in my eyes.

We won first place for Public Service Journalism (Digital) for our 2020 Tri-Valley candidate forum series. This CNPA award is a well-earned testament to the hard work our entire editorial team put into a grueling local election season in the midst of a global pandemic.

What a whirlwind it was.

Our publisher Gina Channell Wilcox and I co-moderated eight forum events for 12 Tri-Valley local election races during a five-week stretch between August and September, including forums on four nights in a row from Sept. 21-24 — every one in the evening after a full workday.

Each event was free and livestreamed, with a video-recording posted online afterward for voters to access whenever they had time before submitting their ballot. We also featured individual news stories about every forum, with reporters

Ryan J. Degan, Julia Baum and Ciera Bailey alternating coverage amid other stories assignments.

All of this while our team and I were in the throes of pandemic and wildfire coverage, among a wealth of other news during hectic 2020.

But, as I told the CNPA judges in our nomination packet, the candidate forums were an important priority for us.

We co-organized the events because the stakeholders wanted them and because we recognized that without us, they would not happen: No other local or regional news media would be presenting interactive, objective, live debates for Tri-Valley elections to better inform the voters.

The judges certainly took note. One wrote, in part:

"Their reporting on the candidates, issues and forums was top-notch, and when compounded by the fact that they set up and moderated these forums and during a pandemic and while completing their 'regular' jobs, it's almost unfathomable that the staff was able to accomplish this without having some wide variety of super powers.

"This is the type of journalism and newsroom that I will teach to my reporting public affairs students for years, as it represents the very best of what we can be and do as local journalists when we try hard enough to make it happen."

I'm so proud of this honor from our peers. Take a look at the full list of our 2020 awards, print and digital. ■



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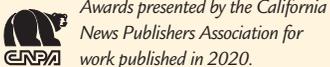
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- Public Service Journalism: 2020 Tri-Valley candidate forum series - Staff

Second place

- Editorial Comment: "Steinle case: A complete miscarriage of justice" - Jeremy Walsh
- Breaking News: "Pleasanton PD officers cleared of criminal charges for man's death after confrontation outside Raley's" - Walsh

Third place

- Feature Story: "On the road again" - Dolores Fox Ciardelli
- Profile Story: "Gretchen's legacy" - Ryan J. Degan
- News Photo: "Dining out in Pleasanton" - Degan

Fourth place

- Online General Excellence: PleasantonWeekly.com - Staff
- Editorial Comment: "The time for the first community debate on policing in Pleasanton is now" - Walsh
- Coverage of Youth and Education: "Danville student settles free-speech lawsuit against SRVUSD, will receive \$655,000 and public apology" - Degan

Fifth place

- Coverage of Local Government: "Policing in Pleasanton" series - Julia Baum and Walsh
- Photo Coverage of Protests and Racial Justice: "Moment of silence (8:46) during Pleasanton march" - Degan
- Coverage of Youth and Education: "Another abrupt superintendent departure for Dublin Unified" - Staff

About the Cover

With fire season here, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department crews have been conducting training exercises on the Pleasanton Ridge in preparation for a dry and hot summer. Photo by Ryan J. Degan. Cover design by Doug Young.

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Streetwise

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Do you believe that everything happens for a reason?



Kim Lambert

Finance

I do think everything happens for a reason. Everything that happens is precipitated by something. But I think the reasons are often random.



Debra Lambert

Public affairs leader

Somewhat yes, but not entirely. I believe there is a plan and a design for everyone, but that we don't necessarily know how to prepare for it. Hence the wildfires and earthquakes that cause so much damage.



Jordan Reid

Firefighter

I think everything that happens is random, and that what happens to us is the result of the choices we make and the free will we exercise. What happens in our lives is largely within our own control.



Maurice Dissels

Restaurateur

I do think everything happens for a reason but that we often don't recognize the reason in the moment. Even if we don't though, we must still go on, knowing that there was a reason for whatever has happened.



Claire Elliott

Nurse

I do think everything happens for a reason, even if I don't know why. It's very comforting to not have to agonize, questioning why terrible things sometimes happen, and to instead accept that everything that happens is part of some bigger, master plan.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Trustee William Kuo

The Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously appointed resident William Kuo to succeed his late wife as the Trustee Area 3 representative Tuesday night.

The four trustees had previously decided to undertake an application and appointment process, rather than call a special election, to fill the Area 3 vacancy created by the sudden death of then-trustee Catherine Kuo in a car crash at Fallon Middle School on March 24.

William Kuo was among three Area 3 residents to apply for the trustee position, along with Taji Brown and John Wu. The trio were interviewed by the school board in open session on Tuesday evening before the trustees voted 4-0 in favor of William Kuo.

Trustee William Kuo, who was sworn into office later in the public meeting, will serve an abbreviated term, until DUSD's next regular election in November 2022.

Still in orange tier

Alameda County remains in the orange tier of the state's blueprint for reopening the economy amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a public health official said Tuesday.

State officials are doing away with the tier system on June 15, and it wasn't clear Tuesday at the county Board of Supervisors meeting whether the county will move into the less restrictive yellow tier before then.

In a weekly briefing to the board by public health officials, Colleen Chawla, director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, said there was a small jump in coronavirus cases recently. It wasn't a surge, she said, but a hump that has now subsided.

Chawla said county youths 12 to 15 years old can now get vaccinated. Nearly 57% of county residents 16 and old are fully vaccinated, Chawla said.

—Bay City News Service

Skate park input

As part of collecting public feedback on the proposed future skate park at Ken Mercer Sports Park, Pleasanton city officials are hosting a virtual community meeting next Wednesday (May 26) from 6-7:30 p.m.

Residents and other interested parties can share their ideas for what types of design features should be included in the new skate park. Learn more about the meeting and the project overall at www.pleasanton.skatepark.com. ■

Weekend on Main fallout

Downtown street closure is boon for restaurants and residents, bane for some retailers

By GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

After 17 years building a profitable, well-known destination bridal shop on Main Street in Pleasanton, Jaime Zile is worried about her store remaining solvent and being able to grow.

Like almost all small businesses, Zile's Jaime Bridal took a hit financially during the 2020 shelter-in-place and is still waiting to rebound. According to Zile, the most recent obstacle to getting back to solid financial ground is a program the Pleasanton Downtown Association and the city were hoping would help shore up struggling businesses downtown — the closure of Main Street on weekends.

Zile said because out-of-town brides and their entourages have had difficulty finding parking, many are late to appointments, which delays the next appointment. Because she had to build in more time between clients, Zile has had to book four fewer appointments on Saturdays and Sundays.

"I'm losing \$8,000 every weekend," Zile said.

The closures started during the summer of 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic and returned this year to give downtown restaurants and shops more space to expand operations outdoors.

A concept developed by the PDA and approved by the city, the "Weekend on Main" program

returned for 2021, scheduled to run each Friday afternoon through Sunday evening until Labor Day.

The event has been popular with downtown visitors, increased foot traffic for some retailers and been a godsend to restaurants, but it has had a negative impact on some businesses.

"It's absolutely saving the restaurants," said Chris Beratlis, who has been a member of the PDA Board of Directors for seven years.

Beratlis recalled Nonni's Bistro's owner and head chef Jon Magnuson telling him how the opportunity to have street dining has been a boon for downtown restaurants. "Jon said to me, 'Thank God. We're saved!'" Beratlis said.

The PDA worked with the city and opened up parking spaces for public use during the closures, including a large lot a block off of Main Street. One business offered several parking spaces for Jaime Bridal clients in a lot close to the store, just off St. Mary Street, and put a sign out to make it easier to spot.

But Zile said when out-of-town clients' GPS devices are telling them to turn on Main Street and they are blocked by barricades, they get frustrated. When they do make it in, she said they are "frazzled." So instead of staying downtown to enjoy a lunch or dinner as they

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Livermore council to review contentious Eden Housing development plan

Ongoing community debate surrounds downtown proposal

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore City Council is set to weigh in on the proposed 130-unit affordable housing development planned for downtown on Monday (May 24).

The proposal by developer Eden Housing has been embroiled in a community debate with supporters eager for the project to move forward and opponents urging the city to consider an alternative plan.

Eden Housing will present to the council its plans for a new community consisting of homes ranging from one to three bedrooms for low-income families and the local workforce at the southeast corner of the Railroad Avenue and L Street intersection, a site that formerly housed a Lucky store.

The units would be reserved for residents with incomes between 20% and 60% of the Alameda County area median income, which includes individuals earning less than \$55,000 a year and less than \$78,000 a year for a family of four.

The plan consists of two four-story buildings with units that range in size from 500 to approximately 1,000 square feet, according to a staff report presented to the Livermore Planning Commission on April 20.

Both buildings would occupy a combined footprint of about 38,000 square feet and would include various amenities like lobbies, recreation rooms and



Rendering shows design concept for the northwest corner of the proposed Eden Housing development in downtown Livermore.

laundry facilities. About 31,000 square feet of land between and to the southeast of the two buildings would be allocated to Veterans Park, which would be open to the public.

Two private underground parking garages are also a part of the proposal, with additional parking reserved for residents of the complex in the nearby L Street public garage.

The new downtown project is at the center of a community debate with some residents objecting to the size and location of the estimated 2.5-acre development. Opponents argued at last month's Planning Commission meeting that a vacant parcel across Railroad Avenue would be a more suitable location for a project of this size and scope.

Among those who think an

alternative location is a better option for this project is community group Save Livermore Downtown, which is circulating a petition calling upon the city and the developer to present a new plan "with a destination park, affordable units that include workforce housing and no mass of 3 and 4 story buildings in our city center!" the petition reads.

"We strongly support more affordable housing for this project and we would place it not directly in the city center but nearby, across Railroad Avenue. That would allow a destination community park to be enjoyed in the center of the downtown," the group told the Weekly in an email.

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Join PPD's Community Advisory Board

Chief Swing talks goals as recruitment starts for inaugural citizen group

By JULIA BAUM

With an eye toward collaboration, the Pleasanton Police Department is seeking community members to voice their thoughts about important issues affecting the department and serve as one of at least a dozen members on a Community Advisory Board that's being formed.

"The chief's citizen advisory board is really designed to be a vehicle that helps us connect with all segments of our community and to hear voices and perspectives from Pleasanton residents and employers," Police Chief David Swing told the Weekly in an exclusive interview last week ahead of the application launch date today.

After a series of community conversations about policing in Pleasanton following the murder of George Floyd by then-Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin last year, PPD and city officials decided to form a CAB comprised of residents to discuss and advise them on matters such as mental health response and use of force.

At least 12 members from the community will be selected to serve a two-year term on the voluntary

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Flagship Lucky California store opens in Pleasanton

Revamped market to act as testing ground for new innovations for other stores

By RYAN J. DEGAN

After years of development and months of construction, a new-concept Lucky California grocery store has opened its doors in Pleasanton last week, serving as the flagship location for the company's reimagined shopping experience.

Doors to the redesigned Pleasanton store opened to the public at 6 a.m. May 12 at the site of the former Lucky supermarket. The extensively remodeled store will act as an innovation lab for future stores and possesses a number of features tailored to local Tri-Valley producers and culture, according to company officials.

"We are very excited to offer a new level of shopping convenience with delicious, made-fresh and easy solutions all at the low prices our guests expect and deserve," store director Mario Guerrero said. "Our goal is to make shopping and food enjoyment exciting again for the Pleasanton community and the Tri-Valley."

Located at the corner of West Las Positas Boulevard and Hopyard Road, the store will offer everything



To commemorate the grand opening of the remodeled Lucky California, residents attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 11.

shoppers would expect from a neighborhood grocery store, along with a variety of curated selections from local bakeries, wineries and a variety of other offerings.

In addition to offerings from local businesses, Pleasanton's Lucky California includes a number of unique experiences, including "The Eatery", "The Drinkery", "The Meat and Seafood Grill", "The Demo Station" and "Entertaining Island"

— each with customizable offerings for shoppers.

The Pleasanton location will serve as the testing ground for new innovations under the Lucky California brand, according to company officials, who say that they intend to convert every Lucky location into a Lucky California, with each of those locations being customized based on the culture and offerings of its home city.

"We've already begun to form those productive relationships in a way that these out-of-state interlopers who are in search of a commercial transaction in Pleasanton can't match," CEO Chris McGarry said during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 11.

"This store, Lucky California, is Pleasanton. We are from here, we live here, we work here, we invested in the institutions in Pleasanton. That is Lucky California, we identify very strongly with the communities in which we operate and that will become known to all of the residents of Pleasanton," he added.

In a move store officials hope will demonstrate their commitment to the community, during the ceremony Lucky California announced more than \$35,000 in charitable investments to organizations that benefit the Tri-Valley.

Those included donations to the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, Alameda 4-H, the Alameda County Food Bank and

the culinary arts programs at Foothill and Amador Valley high schools among others.

"We wanted to thank Lucky California for the unbelievable partnership you've had with us over many years and for whose wonderful commitment and reinvestment into our community," Tracey Lewis-Taylor, board president for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, said at the ribbon-cutting. "I also had the opportunity to tour the store and I was sharing with Mayor Brown that I am a secret lover of going to the grocery store, it is my favorite hobby and I will absolutely find my way here regularly."

"Nothing was in the store and now it is immaculate; it's like there isn't a grape out of place in that store. It is so gorgeous," Mayor Karla Brown added. "We know that Lucky California had many places to choose from when they were picking their flagship store, and I'm so incredibly proud that you picked Pleasanton to show shoppers what a real food experience looks like." ■

State's mask mandate to continue until June 15

California will wait until next month to implement recent masking guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for fully vaccinated people, state officials said Monday.

State Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly said the state will begin enforcing the new CDC guidance, which permits fully vaccinated people to forgo wearing a mask both indoors and outdoors in most situations, on June 15.

June 15 is also when the state plans to lift its tiered reopening system, formally called the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, allowing businesses to expand back to their full indoor capacities.

"This four-week period will give

Californians time to prepare for this change while we continue the relentless focus on delivering vaccines, particularly to underserved communities and those that were hard hit throughout the pandemic," Ghaly said Monday during a media teleconference briefing.

The CDC issued its updated guidance last Thursday, stating that it was safe for people who are at least two weeks past their last vaccination date to not wear a mask or practice social distancing.

California's mask mandate requires people to wear a face covering at all times indoors or on public transit, regardless of vaccination status, unless actively eating or drinking.

Outside, state residents are not required to wear a mask or other face covering as long as they can maintain proper distance between themselves and others, regardless of vaccination status.

Ghaly argued that the state was not questioning the safety or timing of the CDC's guidance by waiting until June 15 to lift California's mask mandate.

Rather, state health officials plan to use the next month to determine to what extent the state will enforce some masking rules and how it will do so.

"It's in no way saying the science or the direction by the CDC is wrong or there's a challenge to it," Ghaly said. "It's really just giving

ourselves across the state some additional time to have it implemented with a high degree of integrity with a continued focus on protecting the public health in mind."

The state keeping its masking guidance in place for the next month will also apply to businesses, even if some have already announced they will adhere to the CDC's guidance.

Between the CDC's announcement on Thursday and Monday's announcement by state officials, Walmart, Trader Joe's and Costco announced they would not require fully vaccinated customers to wear a mask indoors.

"The CDC has given states a chance to guide how (the new guidelines)

get implemented," Ghaly said. "So we expect businesses in California to adhere to where the state is, and move to implement these standards and prepare for them on June 15 as opposed to now."

After June 15, Ghaly said the state may still deem it necessary to restart the mask mandate if coronavirus cases flare up.

Local jurisdictions and businesses will also have carte blanche, more or less, to require face masks indoors or in certain situations.

More than 34.5 million vaccine doses have been administered across the state since the coronavirus vaccines first became available in mid-December. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

CITIZEN GROUP

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board, which Swing said is meant "to provide a conduit that's a two-way communication conduit that allows us to hear from and be heard."

Because "it's critically important for us to have a citizen advisory board that reflects the diversity of Pleasanton," a range of ages, experiences and opinions will be represented, and membership is open to anyone over 18 who lives, works or owns a business in Pleasanton, according to Swing.

Though individuals convicted of any felonies or misdemeanors within 12 months of applying are not eligible to serve, he said there may be opportunity to do

so in the future.

"I can tell you unequivocally that a criminal conviction is not going to result in someone being excluded," Swing said. "Let's say that someone made a mistake, committed a crime in their youth and long since have been a longstanding contributing member to our community — we're going to look at that as well."

The seriousness of the violation, as well as "time and distance" since it occurred, will also be factored. "The human race is not a perfect race; we all have our mistakes we've made, and if someone wants to be on our advisory board, we're going to look at the totality of their background to determine the suitability of that placement," Swing added.

CAB members will act only in an advisory manner and will not have

"power or authority to investigate, review or otherwise participate in matters involving specific police personnel or specific police-related incidents," including complaints or any civil or criminal litigation, but they will be privy to trends by receiving updates from PPD at certain intervals, according to the chief.

"For example, every year we'll run a report that identifies the numbers of complaints received and how those complaints were resolved, so from that perspective there will be limited information sharing related to police complaints," Swing said. "That's information that's publicly available, not protected by any means, and will also provide perspective that the board may be looking for."

Swing added, "They won't have

the level of detail that would allow the board to get into specific incident policy recommendations. We haven't really framed this out yet. What I do know is we'll be very careful in discussing police personnel matters because it's a very nuanced area — and that what we do provide, we ensure the officer's rights are protected as well."

Besides attending monthly meetings with the chief of police, CAB members will also participate in major police department events like National Night Out, ceremonies and other community engagements, as well as complete PPD's Citizens Academy to become familiar with department operations.

Once the group's membership is finalized, "I think the first order of business is getting to know one

another," Swing said. "Establishing some norms, some expectations for the board — it's difficult building trust with each other collectively and individually. We know it's difficult to really engage in deep conversation and be vulnerable when we haven't built that relationship first."

Membership on the CAB is strictly voluntary and may be removed before the end of a member's term at the police chief's discretion. All members will undergo a criminal background check prior to appointment.

Applications, which will be available online or at the city offices starting today (May 21), will be accepted until early July, with the goal of making final appointments by the fall. For more information, visit policing.cityofpleasantonca.gov/cab. ■



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DA Nancy O'Malley won't seek re-election

Sets stage for contested 2022 campaign to become county's next top prosecutor

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley announced Tuesday that she will not seek re-election to a fourth term.

Her current term ends at the beginning of 2023. She has been working in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for 37 years, and as district attorney since 2009.

Her office did not say why she is leaving or what she plans to do afterward. She released a public

statement Tuesday, mainly describing her accomplishments in office.

"I could not be more thankful for the career I have had in the best District Attorney's Office in the state and certainly one of the



Nancy O'Malley

best in the nation," she said in the statement.

O'Malley added that the office is well-respected by many and its respect is well-earned.

But this year she has been criticized for not charging former BART Police Officer Anthony Pirone for the death of Oscar Grant and reportedly a recall campaign was going to be waged by the Grant family. In about 12 years, O'Malley has charged one

police officer for a criminal offense for actions on duty.

She joined the district attorney's office in 1984 and was the first woman elected as district attorney in Alameda County.

Her office said her legacy reaches far and wide, including the expansion of the victim/witness division and the opening of the Family Justice Center.

The center serves primarily

women and children who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or human trafficking, child abuse or elder/dependent care abuse.

O'Malley introduced in 2009 what has become a national model for anti-trafficking initiatives, called H.E.A.T. (Human Exploitation and Trafficking) Watch.

She also created an academy for high school juniors and seniors to help them find their passion. All the participants have gone on to college.

O'Malley led an initiative at the

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Moving forward: Board approves EIR for Valley Link project

By CIERRA BAILEY

The final environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed Valley Link commuter light rail system was unanimously approved last week by the Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Board of Directors, bringing the project another step closer to fruition.

"I am proud that we have reached this important project milestone that moves the project closer toward completion. The project will bring congestion relief to more than 97,900 commuters traveling daily over the Altamont Pass," Tracy Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Vargas, who also serves as chair of the Valley Link board, said in a statement.

Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner, who is a member of the board, shared similar sentiments. "Completion of the environmental work is a critical project milestone, and I'm excited to see the project move forward into further design," he told the Weekly in an email.

He added, "We now have an opportunity to make our new Valley Link passenger rail line a model of environmental sustainability — with new and emerging zero emission vehicle technology, electric shared autonomous vehicles and a carbon free power system. It can truly be a transformational project."

The vote, along with other related actions by the board, allows the rail

authority to move forward with design work and securing funding for the project, which Vargas said will improve the quality of life for commuters throughout the region.

"People continue to suffer in their daily lives with anguishing super commutes. This hurts our environment. It hurts our economy. But importantly, it translates to the loss of 28 days per year on average for each individual commuter and this hurts our communities and our families," she said.

Proposed as a new transit connection between Alameda and San Joaquin counties, Valley Link would add seven new passenger light rail service stations along a 42-mile

corridor between the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station and the planned Altamont Corridor Express North Lathrop Station.

Once in service, Valley Link would provide 74 daily round trips and is expected to carry more than 33,000 daily riders by 2040. The EIR found that the project would result in the reduction of approximately 141 million vehicle miles traveled per year by 2040, which would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, according to the Rail Authority.

In addition to its environmental benefits, the project will have an economic impact, creating employment opportunities.

"Valley Link will connect people

to work but also create jobs — an estimated 22,000 during construction and when operational support 400 jobs per year. It is vital to our economy given the recovery needs we are now facing," said Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez, also vice chair of the Valley Link board.

In addition to the EIR, the board approved a mitigation monitoring plan for the project that includes measures intended to minimize potential environmental impacts. If the project continues on track, the first Valley Link trains could be placed into service in 2028.

More information about the project is available at www.valleylinkrail.com. ■

Livermore Transit Center unveils new bike lockers

By JULIA BAUM

Tri-Valley residents now have another commuting option after a dozen new bike lockers were recently installed at the Livermore Transit Center.

Located between the transit center and parking lot, the lockers were a joint project between the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority and city of Livermore, LAVTA officials told the Weekly.

The lockers also fall under a

larger downtown bicycle parking project approved by the Livermore City Council in January, which will add new bike corrals and racks in Livermore's downtown core near the Bankhead Plaza, Flagpole Plaza, and on Second and Third streets.

The 12 on-demand secure bike parking spaces at the transit center use a BikeLink card, the same as other bike e-lockers at various BART stations. Riders can also connect their BikeLink card to their Clipper card.

Most BikeLink locations are on the West Coast — mainly in California — with a few in Las Vegas, as well as Vermont, Utah and Missouri. In the Bay Area, e-bike lockers have been installed along most of the Caltrain corridor over the past few months, including at Redwood City, Lawrence, Diridon and Mountain View stations.

Commuters can leave their bike in a locker for up to 10 days, for five cents an hour. Once time is added to

the meter, the locker door will open for the rider to put their bike inside. To retrieve a bike, simply insert the card and pull the bike out.

The user's bike will remain secure but be charged for the extra time at a higher rate, if the meter expires. Any unused time on a meter will be refunded.

LAVTA also equips all of their fixed-route buses with bike racks, to offer more transit options for passengers.

The total cost of the bike lockers is approximately \$50,000, with \$34,000 coming from the city of Livermore, and \$16,000 from LAVTA. Livermore is using Measure B funding from the Alameda County Transportation Commission, while LAVTA is using Transportation Development Act funding.

Details on the lockers including locations and rates, as well as where to purchase a BikeLink card can be found at www.bikelink.org. ■

EDEN HOUSING

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The group's website cites traffic congestion and inadequate parking among its concerns about the project, along with the concern that having four story buildings in the area "will change the character of Livermore's comfortable, open downtown."

The current project site was initially purchased by the city with a plan in sight to build affordable housing there. Eden Housing has also secured \$14.4 million from Alameda County's Measure A1 bond fund for the project, which relies upon the city's commitment to build affordable housing at the proposed location.

The Railroad Avenue site that opponents are advocating for as an alternative is not owned by the city

"The city bought the land in 2007 using funds specifically designated for affordable housing, so this site has been intended to be affordable housing for more than a decade," Eden Housing President Linda Mandolini told the Weekly.

She said that the city wanted to build affordable housing downtown to overcome the challenge of finding places in town for the workforce to live.

"The city's own waiting list for affordable housing with the housing authority is 13,000 households," Mandolini said, adding that there are more than 100 unhoused children attending Livermore schools. "The need is current and it's urgent," she said.

Challengers of the project have also expressed concern that the current proposal is different from the initial conceptual design that

was approved by City Council in 2018 that featured four separate buildings and a larger park.

City staff told the Planning Commission that the reasoning for some of the design changes since the conceptual stage were because state affordable housing grant funding requirements called for changes in the mix of units, unit sizes and common areas compared to what was initially considered for the project.

Save Livermore Downtown argues that if the council pushes the project forward, it would be going against the opinions of "the vast majority of Livermore residents, as evidenced by a poll taken just weeks ago that shows a 4 to 1 majority opposing the project." The results of the survey, which was facilitated by the group and conducted by David Binder Research, are housed on the

group's website.

Supporters of the plan argue that more affordable housing is needed in the city and shouldn't be delayed for fears that further postponement could result in the loss of state funding for the project.

Unify Livermore CEO Asa Strout said his organization supports the project as a "vital element to the completion of the Livermore downtown."

He added, "All 130 units will go to people who already live in Livermore or already work in Livermore and that is really why this project is so important. Keeping our community together is essential to maintaining a vibrant Livermore."

Livermore Downtown Inc. Executive Director Rachael Snedecor said the downtown business community welcomes the project.

"For many, many years we have

really embraced the idea of having additional workforce housing in the downtown area because not only does it help them live and work downtown — which is an awesome addition to the downtown neighborhood — it also provides that consumer base," she said, adding that the people who work downtown also patronize the neighboring businesses for their needs, including errands on their lunch breaks and dinner after work.

"You can't bring it fast enough for us," she said.

Mayor Bob Woerner said he expects the hearing to span two days, with Monday's meeting at 7 p.m. being dedicated to the presentation and public comment — which he will ask speakers to limit to one minute — followed by council deliberations on Tuesday starting at 2 p.m. ■

PUSD honors Russell Sato as 2021 Teacher of the Year

Students call Sato 'the embodiment of the spirit' of Village High School

By JULIA BAUM

A Village High School educator "beloved for the connections he makes in the classroom" is celebrating the end of a long academic year by being named Pleasanton Unified School District's 2021-22 Teacher of the Year.

"I'm really honored and feel a lot of responsibility to be deserving of this award, and just to represent and speak for all the teachers that are doing such good work and deserve equal, if not more, recognition for what they're doing silently in their classrooms," Russell Sato told the Weekly.

For the past eight years, Sato has been a fixture at the continuing education school, teaching English along with college and career readiness courses. Called a "leader among

campus peers" by PUSD officials in a statement, Sato is also involved in school site and district committees, and at one time led the school's Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) team.

When the school suddenly switched to remote learning during the onset of sheltering in place last spring, Sato helped students more easily access academic resources

"I feel like we've been through lots of different phases of transition since March of 2020," Sato said. "In the very beginning when we got shut down for in-person (learning), we were scrambling to figure out how do we replicate what was happening in the classroom at home and on Zoom."

Sato added, "Through that search to find out what's the best



PUSD
Teacher of the Year Russell Sato in his Village High classroom.

solution, I think we're starting to realize we can't replicate it exactly the way it was. We have to figure out how it's going to meet the

needs of our students."

Last year was "so hard for so many people," Sato said. "Especially parents, and that's something I definitely want to acknowledge. Any parent out there that's involved with their child's life and education this year knows it's so hard."

On campus, where students call Sato by his last name, senior Brian Glasco said Sato is "the embodiment of the spirit of Village."

"The support that he's given and shown let me know he does care and that there are people that want me to succeed," Glasco said. "He makes sure to let everybody know that they matter, that he's here to help."

PUSD's director of educational options Heather Pereira said it's "hard to capture" all of Sato's "amazing qualities."

"I can only say that as a life-long educator, Russell is exactly the kind of teacher that I only hope that every child is able to work with every school year," Pereira said. "The combination of high expectations with a warm demeanor produces tremendous gains with our students. They emerge from Russell's class a more confident and competent person."

Sato is one of many other teachers throughout Alameda County whose name will be submitted for consideration for the countywide Teacher of the Year program, which takes place in October.

"I do plan on proceeding with being considered for that award and look into representing Pleasanton the best I can with that group of teachers," Sato said. ■

O'MALLEY

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state and national levels to test forensic sexual assault kits, which were going untested in police hands.

She said her office has also created "more alternative courts to incarceration than any other county in the state and perhaps the country, per capita."

"We have consistently strived to ensure that the criminal justice system in California and Alameda County is more responsive, more aware and more humane for those who are accused, for victims of crime and for those who witnessed crime," O'Malley said.

Among the officials to publicly acknowledge O'Malley upon her announcement Tuesday was U.S. Rep.

Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore), whose career as a deputy district attorney with the county included nearly three years during O'Malley's tenure.

"For 37 years Nancy O'Malley has served the cause of justice in Alameda County courtrooms and inspired criminal justice reforms across America. I am saddened to hear she will no longer serve as district attorney, but we are so fortunate for the

commitment she's made throughout her career to help victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault," Swalwell said.

"For me, Nancy has played many roles: hiring attorney, boss, mentor, friend, and most recently, wedding officiant. As Nancy's service to the office comes to an end next year, her work to serve justice will go on. I'm excited for what's next," he added.

O'Malley's decision sets the stage for what could be a highly competitive 2022 campaign season to become the county's next top prosecutor. The primary election is in June 2022, with a runoff likely to occur in the general election that November. ■

Editor's note: Story by Keith Burbank, Bay City News Service. Weekly editor Jeremy Walsh contributed localized details.

On Memorial Day Weekend Support our Veterans by Wearing a Poppy

During Memorial Day Weekend you will find American Legion members in front of local businesses handing out small red flowers called Poppies. The idea came from a World War I poem titled "In Flander's Fields".

"In Flander's Fields where poppies blow, between the crosses row on row..."

This poem provided the inspiration for handing out these flowers to keep the memory of our fallen veterans alive. You can help support our mission of helping local veterans and their families by donating when you are handed a poppy by one of our American Legion veterans.

You can also donate at our website: <https://www.americanlegionpost237.org/>

Or thru Venmo by scanning the following image:



American Legion Post 237
PO Box 823,
Pleasanton, California 94566



DOWNTOWN

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normally would, the brides and guests exit as soon as they can.

Zile was considering expanding to the space next to her shop, a property most recently leased by Rick's Picks, but, without a change in the weekend closure, "I can't drop \$75,000 in tenant improvements," she said. "I have two kids, 10 employees and two seamstresses. This is a huge risk for me."

She believes the decision to close Main Street through Labor Day came without enough research and thought, and in comparison

listed the many steps in the process for approval of a sign in front of a business.

"(The PDA) sent one survey, and made this decision," she said.

There was a survey sent to member businesses and, based on those results and feedback from the 2020 Main Street closure, the PDA board made a recommendation to the city to extend the event.

"The city agreed to go forward with the decision and it was affirmed by the city council," Pleasanton's deputy city manager Pam Ott said.

"The intention of the street closures for Weekend on Main is

two-fold," she said, "to support all downtown businesses by providing additional space in which they can choose to expand as they work to recover from the impacts of COVID restrictions, and to encourage the community to reconnect with downtown while shopping, dining and using the services of the merchants."

PDA Board President Terri Terry said, "We are working with all our strength and creativity to bring downtown back as the best place to shop, dine, work, live and play."

Jim Denham from the Wine Steward, though, said the street closures are harming his business and it was "like a punch in the gut" to find out Main Street would be closed again on the weekends this summer.

"We felt it last year," Denham said of the slowing in traffic and decrease in sales. "But (the restaurants) are our neighbors and we're all downtown together. Last year Main Street was closed Friday from 2 through Sunday evening and we thought, yeah, let's applaud this, and support and observe. But we didn't see the same traffic or the same sales."

Denham wrote a lengthy letter to Mayor Karla Brown in which he outlined his objections to returning to the program, including when weather and fire impacted participation.

In the letter he wrote, "Last summer's weather manifestations — very hot temperatures, wind, unhealthy smoke — had us frequently looking up and down Main Street at a virtually vacant setting; a closed yet unused street.

"Last year the heat, smoke and wind kept people away," he said, noting that at the time of the interview last week Pleasanton was under a Red Flag Warning.

Denham and Zile looked first to the PDA for help but also contacted the city.

"We don't see the PDA as a solution. We feel like the PDA is political and slanted toward the restaurants," Denham said. "Two of the major voices of closing down Main Street are not on Main Street. They're south, without the parking pressure."

Though fairly new in his role as the PDA's executive director, Zac Grant has immersed himself in the community and has had conversations with business owners who are being impacted negatively by the street closures.

"I question the assumption that any one or two voices dominate PDA decision-making," Grant said. "Our board is diverse by design, with 11 representatives from every facet of our membership, including retail, restaurant, commercial, first-floor Main (Street), second-floor, off Main and more."

Grant continued, "I've seen our PDA leaders walking Main Street every day, visiting with fellow business owners from every perspective,



GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

Residents enjoy walking down Main Street during the Weekend on Main event May 15. While the closure of Pleasanton downtown's main thoroughfare has helped restaurants and some retailers, it has hurt some other shops.

and listening carefully."

"It's our job to save the businesses downtown," Beratlis said about the PDA board. "Our main goal is to promote economic vitality. We help all businesses alike."

Restaurants and some retailers are praising the PDA for creating and managing the event.

The manager of Superfly Wheels bike store, Mike Ralph, said Weekend on Main has been "very positive."

"We get more foot traffic, and the test drives are safer," he said, because customers can try out bikes on the street instead of the sidewalk. He also mentioned the new opportunity to have special events like BMX demonstrations in the street.

"Saturdays around here are very busy," Ralph said.

Jackie Huant, owner of Jacky's Art Studio, displays his handmade terrariums outside on weekends.

"It's still slow," Huant said of sales, "but I have more foot traffic. This is better."

Huant's neighbor, Armen Gasparian, owner of Gamma Salon, said he hasn't had any effect on business.

"It's very well-organized," Gasparian said of Weekend on Main. "I like it. It brings people together — families and kids downtown."

While families and friends can be seen enjoying dinner and live music in the street, though, some visitors are downtown to make purchases, and some merchants fear lack of parking in front of their businesses will drive people away.

"Some people think 'Downtown's closed, so I'll go to BevMo or Total Wine because they're on the outskirts of town,'" Denham said. "And they leave an independent, downtown, family-owned store for a big box store."

"Access is so vital in a retailer's point of view," Denham said, explaining most people don't want to carry a case of wine two blocks.

Fred Nichandros, owner of Workbench True Value, has similar concerns.

"It's been reducing our business about 10% on those days," Nichandros said. "People like to

drive away with their purchases, not carry them around. Some purchase things like paint or a 30-pound bag of dog food. People need to have access to load their purchases and drive away."

"There has been more foot traffic," he continued, "but it hasn't offset the loss because people with vehicles will buy more and larger items."

The PDA and the city representatives said they are working with merchants being impacted negatively.

For example, the city made the Railroad Street entrance into the Workbench True Value lot two-way, which helps for people who know about that access point. The city also allocated 20-minute and three-hour parking spaces in the Peters Street lot at Denham's request.

Downtown street closures were tried in many cities across the state and in the Tri-Valley. Some were successful, like in Danville, but others did not work well. First Street in downtown Livermore was closed to vehicles on weekends the summer of 2020. However, when 67% of the businesses surveyed by the city of Livermore responded that the street closures did not benefit them — and many said it actually hurt their businesses — First Street was reopened.

City and PDA officials said they will continue to work with businesses who are not reaping benefits from the weekend Main Street closure.

"As the start of Weekend on Main has gotten underway this year, the city has been contacted by a few merchants whose businesses have been impacted by this year's closures," Ott said. "We've listened to each of their concerns and are working with them to explore solutions that would allow them to better benefit from the closures."

Terry said, "We are pursuing multiple, unprecedented promotional strategies in partnership with the City of Pleasanton to bring the quickest possible relief to the widest possible audience." ■

Jessie Wong Echavia

May 2, 1925 – May 9, 2021

Jessie Wong Echavia, 96 years, passed peacefully on Mother's Day, May 9, 2021 at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. She lived in Pleasanton for over 55 years and most recently resided at Rosewood Gardens, Livermore.

Born to Bing "Harry" and Lena (Tom) Wong, she shared her childhood years with her siblings in Oakland Chinatown. She

attended Lincoln School and Oakland Technical High School. In 1941 she married Wing Yee. She worked as a typist at Mare Island Naval Shipyard during World War II. In 1953 she married Margarito "Mike" Echavia. Her excellent organizational skills highlighted a long career in the apparel industry where she began in Oakland and led later to managing offices in San Leandro and South San Francisco. While working full-time and raising six children, she and Mike also managed several restaurants including the Red Coach in Pleasant Hill and Wagon Wheel in Pleasanton. Jessie lived her life to the fullest.

She was an avid traveler who savored cross-country road trips and also visiting the Caribbean, Europe, and Asia. She enjoyed crochet, museums, Barry Manilow music, root beer floats, murder mystery documentaries, and she never turned down an opportunity to visit a casino and its "one-armed bandits." She was a loving mother and her proudest accomplishment was doting on her eight grand- and ten great-grandchildren.

As the beloved matriarch of "Team Echavia," Jessie reunites in Heaven with her spouse, daughter Marilyn Lum, parents, brothers William, Henry, Johnson, Warren, sisters Josephine Toy-Lim, Stella Wong and Annie Joe, and former spouse.

She is survived by daughters Marjorie Yee, Pamela Carleton (Dan), Belinda Quan (James), Christine, son Anthony (Ann), son-in-law Beacon Lum, grandchildren Taryl Rodnick (Matthew), Jacqueline Picton (Cory), Katrece Hunt (Peter II), Jamie Brown (Michael), Tammy Quan, Kathryn, Michael and Christina Echavia, great-grandchildren Peter III, Marilyn and Ryan Hunt, Lance, McKenna, Hayden and Patrick Picton, Eva Brown, Aurora and Kai Rasmus, brother Hoover (Violet) Wong; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

To honor Jessie's wishes, there will be a small service for immediate family members only. A larger gathering to celebrate her life will be planned for a later date. Interment of ashes will be at St. Michael's Cemetery, Livermore. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to: Oakland Asian Cultural Center, Wa Sung Community Service Center, or American Cancer Society.



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POLICE BULLETIN

No criminal charges in crash that killed DUSD's Catherine Kuo

The driver whose vehicle fatally struck Dublin Unified School District trustee Catherine Kuo during a volunteer event on campus earlier this spring will not face criminal charges, according to authorities.

A nearly seven-week investigation concluded the woman — who has not been publicly identified — failed to properly put her SUV into the park gear while stopped in the queue at the food distribution event at Fallon Middle School on March 24, but prosecutors determined her actions in the fatal crash did not rise to criminal negligence, according to Dublin police Capt. Nate Schmidt.

"It's just a complete tragedy, and definitely an accident. No intent that was found," Schmidt told the Weekly on Tuesday. "Just inattention, really is what it was."

Kuo, a second-year school board member and married mother of two, died at an area hospital soon after she was mortally injured while volunteering at Fallon to distribute food available to residents in need through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Farmers to Families Food Box Program." She was 48.

Police reported at the time that Kuo was standing behind a parked Tesla sedan with its trunk open to

receive a food box around 11:45 a.m. when a BMW SUV in the designated pickup queue behind them drove forward and hit Kuo from behind, pinning the DUSD trustee between the two vehicles.

The ensuing Dublin Police Services investigation concluded that the BMW driver was at fault, though the forward acceleration was inadvertent.

"Based upon the evidence available, the statements of the involved parties and witnesses and the circumstances surrounding the collision, the driver of the vehicle was found at fault for the collision due to 'other improper driving,'" he said. "The driver failed to exercise due care in properly securing her vehicle in 'park' while stopped in the rear paved lot of Fallon Middle School while in close proximity to pedestrians walking around and between vehicles."

The case evidence was forwarded to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for review, as is typical in traffic fatalities, Schmidt said. Prosecutors completed their analysis late last week and determined no criminal charges would be filed against the driver.

"After a thorough review of all the facts and evidence, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office declined to file criminal charges in this case," the DA's office told the Weekly.

Even with the case closed, Schmidt declined to release the driver's name for privacy reasons, saying it is not considered public record because no arrest was made. That policy is common for traffic collision investigations in the Tri-Valley where criminal charges aren't filed.

Schmidt did confirm that the driver was an adult and properly

licensed.

The suddenness of Kuo's death rocked the Dublin community, with the traumatic nature only compounding the loss of a revered public servant.

Kuo was a professional business analyst with nearly a decade worth of school volunteer experience when she won the Trustee Area 3 seat in a special election in November 2019. She then earned a full four-year term last fall after being unchallenged for re-election.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- A second suspect was arrested in Livermore recently in connection with the murder of an Oakland man last year, Vallejo police said.

Twenty-year-old David Barnett, wanted as a suspect in the killing of 42-year-old Harold Leaks of Oakland, was arrested May 6 in Livermore and booked on murder charges, police said.

The first arrest in the case came on March 24, when Vallejo officers and the San Francisco police SWAT team arrested 22-year-old Deante Reed of Richmond.

At the time, Reed, who was booked for murder and firearm and weapons violations, was also wanted in connection with a murder in Richmond, Vallejo police said. Leaks was found unresponsive on the sidewalk at Maine and Sacramento streets on the evening of Sept. 2, 2020 and was pronounced dead at the scene by medical personnel.

—Bay City News Service

- A Pleasanton man was arraigned last week on one count of attempted murder after he allegedly stabbed

a bar patron at the Sports Page Bar and Grill, attacking the victim with a knife after what was described as a verbal confrontation.

The man, identified as 29-year-old Ronald Ferrari, was arrested on May 9 following reports that someone had been stabbed at the bar. Ferrari was found a short distance away — with a security guard trailing him — and was taken into custody, police said in court filings.

The victim's friend called police to report the incident around 1:23 a.m. on May 9, and said they had been playing pool at the bar that night and did not have any problems with other patrons. He told officers that the victim left the table multiple times to go to the bathroom, and at one point returned bleeding from his upper body and saying he had been stabbed, according to the police report.

When officers arrived, the

19-year-old victim from East Palo Alto was on the ground in the parking lot, bleeding from his chest, officers said. He was taken to a nearby hospital, where medical staff found he had a punctured liver. The injury is not considered life-threatening.

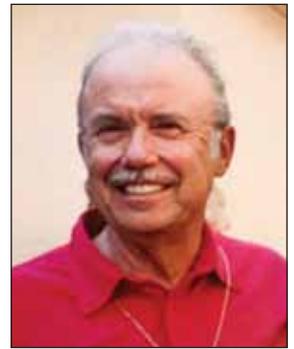
Security personnel and patrons flagged Ferrari as the assailant as he was leaving the bar, with one security guard following him outside heading north toward Space Park Way. He was finally stopped by police just east of Shoreline Boulevard on Space Park Way.

In addition to one felony count of attempt to commit murder, Ferrari faces additional jail time if convicted because the attack caused great bodily injury, and was carried out with a dangerous weapon. The latter can tack on an additional one year to a state prison sentence. ■

—Kevin Forestieri, Mountain View Voice



Catherine Kuo



Nino Pompilio

June 20, 1933 – May 2, 2021

Nino Pompilio passed away on 5/2/21 at the age of 87. Nino was born June 20, 1933 in the Bronx, New York City to parents who had immigrated from Italy. He lived in "Little Italy" and immediately after WWII ended moved to Queens, NYC where he attended Middle School and graduated from Richmond Hill High School. He attended The College of Engineering at NYU in pursuit of a Metallurgical Engineering Degree. After 3 years, he enlisted and served in the Army during the Korean War. While he primarily served Stateside, he attended a multitude of Army Schools where he met his wife-to-be Rose. After he was Honorably discharged from the Army in 1955, he returned to NYU graduating in 1956. He and Rose were married on 9/2/1956. He worked as a Chief Welding Engineer in Nuclear Technology first in the construction of nuclear submarines, culminating with construction of nuclear power plants. He retired in 1993.

Nino and his family moved to Pleasanton in 1968 where he resided for the past 53 years. He was active in the community, particularly in youth sports. He was a coach and served on the boards of PJFL, and Competitive Girls soccer for over a decade. He became a licensed soccer referee and was involved in the formation of girls Softball in Pleasanton.

After his retirement, Nino became a member of the SIRS (Sons in Retirement) organization. He served on both the State and local levels of Branch 34.

Nino is survived by his loving wife Rose of 65 years, his 3 children Terri, Maria, and Chris and their families, their 6 Grandchildren and 8 Great-Grandchildren. His younger sister Virginia and her family live in Florida. He was predeceased by his parents Theresa and Cesare and younger brother Robert.

Memorial Mass will be held 5/21/21 9:30 am St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Pleasanton, Ca.

If you wish to make a donation in his name, the family asks that it be made to Wounded Warriors, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Salvation Army or any charity of your choice.

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 16

Theft

- 12:25 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 1:55 p.m., 4500 block of Shearwater Road; theft from auto
- 8:32 p.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; auto theft

Vandalism

- 7:45 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 8:07 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Secretariat Drive
- 9:53 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road

Burglary

- 12:00 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

Assault/battery

- 3:18 p.m. on the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue

Drug violation

- 10:58 p.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives

May 15

Warrant arrest

- 11:28 a.m. on the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

Theft

- 1:57 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

- 6:58 p.m., 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive; theft from auto

- 7:05 p.m., 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue; auto theft

- 10:15 p.m., 7400 block of Highlands Oak Drive; theft from auto

Fraud

- 6:34 p.m. on the 3600 block of Camelot Court

Drug violation

- 9:36 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

May 14

Theft

- 8:04 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

- 8:44 a.m. on the 3400 block of Gulfstream Street

- 1:39 p.m., 2600 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

- 1:49 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 2:23 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

Domestic battery

- 11:02 a.m. on Hopyard Road

Drug violation

- 3:59 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Warrant arrest

- 11:15 p.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Assault/battery

- 11:55 p.m. at Stanley Boulevard and First Street

May 13

Theft

- 9:15 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

- 9:11 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

Robbery

- 5:47 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Burglary

- 9:43 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

May 12

Theft

- 12:36 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

- 4:48 a.m., Palomino Drive and Concord Place; theft from auto

- 8:05 a.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

- 12:35 p.m. on the 2100 block of Rheem Drive

- 4:35 p.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; bicycle theft

Drug violation

- 6:57 a.m. at Owens and Hacienda drives

FIRE SEASON IS HERE



DRY CONDITIONS, WARM TEMPS HAVE TRI-VALLEY FIRE CREWS ALREADY ON HIGH ALERT

Above: Local firefighters have been preparing in earnest for the hot and dry conditions already visible in this year's fire season. Right: Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Capt. Jared Jamison checks his equipment and rig for duty. Photos by Ryan J. Degan.

By **JULIA BAUM**

An early wildfire season combined with a statewide drought has the Tri-Valley's fire departments ramping up in big ways for even bigger blazes they say are more likely to happen this year — and have the potential to be even more destructive than ever.

California experienced six of its largest and most-damaging fires in history during the 2020 fire season, which saw more than 4 million acres burned statewide (double the previous record from 2008) and also broke "numerous records," according to officials for Cal Fire, the state's fire agency.

Having responded to more than 1,300

wildland fire incidents so far this year, Cal Fire said continued dry conditions and temperatures already "well above normal for this time of year" could make the 2021 wildfire season "as catastrophic and devastating as last year."

It's a dire prediction being heeded locally by officials like Ron Marley, emergency preparedness coordinator for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District with more than 40 years of emergency services experience. Marley told the Weekly that they "don't see much relief in the future years right now; this looks to be a continued trend at the moment."

"Fire season used to be three months, maybe four months statewide," Marley said. "California has a year-round fire season now. Somewhere in

California is burning pretty much every month of the year. That absolutely did not happen 20 years ago."

In addition to an almost never-ending fire season, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Interim Chief Joe Testa said that when he started 25 years ago, "the dryness of the fuels and the weather didn't really come into alignment such that I feared fires coming into town."

The steep tree-studded hillsides and expansive golden fields that are characteristic of the Tri-Valley now also pose a potential threat to residents. Fire can spread from the wildland area just outside Pleasanton and make its way into the city, fueled by dry vegetation and shrubs on the hillsides.

"Pleasanton Ridge and the Foothill Road area corridor are areas of concern because there's homes up in the hills," Testa said. "The hills gradually spread into the city, and the fire becomes more and more dense as it comes down the hill."

Testa added, "The good news is real fire weather tends to bring offshore wind" that can help drive the fire away from the city, back towards more rural areas.

LPFD also commonly puts out fires along the Arroyo Valle and other waterways. Combined with homeless encampments, those areas "tend to have the most" calls for service, as well as the I-580 corridor, though Testa said the latter "hasn't historically been true." The agency also responds frequently to "big fires in the Altamont Pass due to the amount of dry grass."

No significant vegetation fires have happened

yet in LPFD's jurisdiction and have been limited so far to small fires they were able to quickly isolate, but none of the local agencies are taking any chances this year and have amplified their preparation efforts accordingly.

The key factor to getting the SRVFPD through each fire season is having "a well-staffed department, well-trained department," according to Marley.

"Our ability to drop into reserves is pretty high; some departments don't really have an exceptional depth to the fleet," Marley said.

While a fire department can probably bring in extra firefighters, if needed, "there's a limit for many agencies as to how many reserve or secondary engines they have."

"On those really high years, you physically run out of a

platform to put them on and that's not true in San Ramon. You'd probably run out of people first. It's a luxury to be in that position," Marley said. On any given day, SRVFPD has around 60 people on shift at the same time, but that number always increases on a Red Flag Day.

With "rare exceptions," Testa said LPFD doesn't change its staffing model, though they did bring a few extra people on for a day or two during the SCU Lightning Complex fire last year. "But for the most part, as we go into peak wildland season ... what we do is increase our response to our vegetation fires," which have a "tendency to grow into larger incidents," he said.

The fire season also places unique demands on city firefighters, according to Marley: "You start to get to this point where people are working not days in a row ... but sometimes close to weeks

'CALIFORNIA HAS A YEAR-ROUND FIRE SEASON NOW ... THAT ABSOLUTELY DID NOT HAPPEN 20 YEARS AGO.'

**Ron Marley,
SRVFPD**



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Fire officials recommend property owners near wildland areas maintain a defensible space of at least 30 feet between their homes and wilderness like shown here. They say urban dwellers should consider applying similar tactics as well.

in a row.” While it’s not uncommon for hotshot crews to work that way, he said “that’s not the norm for city fighters.”

The fire district’s initial response to a blaze will never adjust down on a Red Flag Day but instead adjust up based on available information.

“If you know that all surrounding fire departments have been sending mutual aid resources to other parts of the state, you’ll bump up the initial response,” Marley said. “What they do, at least for San Ramon Valley, is they bring on additional engines. Depending how severe the Red Flag’s supposed to be, maybe we’ll bring on two extra engines that day.”

Dispatchers for SRVFPD also have the ability to decide what level of dispatch is needed, and Marley said there’s “multiple points within the organization that can increase that level immediately,” including the battalion chief on duty, who can order the dispatch level even higher.

“In winter, something that comes in as a grassfire will get a totally different dispatch than a grassfire in June,” and the response can also differ during the season for Red Flag Days, he said.

Depending on how severe a Red Flag Warning appears, sometimes a shift that’s about to go home that day will be held over, effectively doubling how many engines and firefighters are available. It’s costly and “the residents of San Ramon Valley ... end up absorbing that cost,” but

Marley said “doing the reverse is even costlier, not putting that preparation in place.”

Though the surrounding foothills are a prime source for fire kindling, more populated areas are also mitigating the risk of another disaster like the deadly Camp Fire in Butte County in 2018.

In the Tri-Valley area, Testa said both Pleasanton and Livermore have annual weed abatement programs to assist people that own properties with burnable vegetation. LPFD is not doing controlled burns in the immediate area but does some in unincorporated parts of Alameda County, and has done controlled burns in the past as well at Camp Parks in Dublin.

Shari Jackman, spokeswoman for the city of Dublin, said each year “the City Council adopts a resolution declaring that weeds and combustible debris accumulating on streets, sidewalks, and property within Dublin is a public nuisance and hazard.”

The Alameda County Fire Department, which provides fire service in Dublin, then notifies the property owners and requires “that the conditions be abated without delay.”

“If the abatement is not completed, the city of Dublin will, at the expense of the owner, have the weeds and debris removed,” Jackman said.

With about a third of all the Tri-Valley’s channels and creeks running through its property, the Zone 7 Water Agency’s flood management activities also lower the community’s fire risk.

Spokeswoman Alexandra Bradley told the Weekly that crews are regularly removing downed trees, conducting channel inspections, and “mowing from the top of the bank to approximately 8 to 10 feet into the channel to minimize fire ignition hazards.”

“This channel mowing methodology is considered an effective fire mitigation strategy for the channels by LPFD,” Bradley said.

Bradley added that “the highest potential for ignition on the channel is by trail users. The channel mowing minimizes the amount of fuel

that can be ignited and gives firefighters time to respond and extinguish before larger fuels are ignited.”

When the grass is shorter, Bradley said the fire will not grow into a larger flame and instead just smolder, “which slows down the spread of fire.”

To that end, Zone 7 employs a number of different types of vegetation management, but one method has proven to be very effective — and hugely popular with staff, for other reasons.

“Goat grazing is also used to the same effect as mowing,” Bradley said, and has been recently employed again after a successful pilot program last year.

The goats eat overgrown grass, weeds, bushes and even trees at risk for fire when outside conditions are hot and dry. In addition to getting the job done quickly and saving “intensive personnel hours,” the goats have another bonus: “They are pretty spectacular to watch,” Bradley said.

Livestock aren’t an option for everyone, but there are many ways residents can safeguard their properties.

Property owners in rural or wildland urban interface areas have special considerations like maintaining a defensible space of at least 30 feet between their homes and wilderness, but officials said urban dwellers should consider applying similar tactics.

In particular, Marley said two overlooked aspects of fire safety by urban and rural residents are garbage and recycling containers, and patio furniture, the latter which he called “functionally petroleum that’s been turned into foam.”

“Almost all of us have our trash totes close to the house; it’s convenient,” Marley said, but high wind conditions can blow up the lids of the containers, allowing embers and sparks to get inside and start another fire at a much later date.

Though it may sound small, Marley also said “just having a small pile of pine needles on the roof can be the difference between the home surviving and not surviving.”

If the flammability of anything comes into question, Marley urges erring on the side of caution: “If you think it will burn, it will burn.” ■

**‘IF YOU THINK IT WILL BURN,
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**Ron Marley,
SRVFPD**

5 KEY FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Safety experts recommend evaluating your house and property for fire hazards as soon as the rainy season is over. According to the Diablo Firesafe Council, which aims to reduce and prepare for wildfires in Contra Costa and Alameda counties, residents should take these five precautionary measures every fire season:

1. Sweep your walkways, patios and decks regularly to remove leaves, needles and other combustible materials that may gather against your house. Remove vegetative debris (leaves, pine needles, twigs) from your gutters and roof.

2. Remove combustible materials from under your deck. If you have no other storage option, install non-combustible siding around deck perimeter. Be sure to adequately ventilate the area to minimize chance of rot from water. When it is time to replace deck boards or rebuild your porch choose a product that meets the California Building Code as recommended in the State Fire Marshal’s Office listing of wildland urban interface (WUI) products.

3. Caulk any openings along the top or bottom of wall siding or around windows where gaps could allow embers to enter your home.

4. Store your deck furniture, children’s toys and other combustible items inside if a wildfire threatens. Embers coming in contact with flammable materials is the major reason why homes are destroyed during wildfires.

5. Screen your vents under eaves and at the foundation. Cover them with 1/8 mesh metal screens. Finer mesh will require more maintenance to keep free of debris. Remember to keep air flowing freely to manage moisture in attic or under your house. Vents are vulnerable entry points for embers and flames.

RESOURCES

Tri-Valley fire officials said there’s many great resources online for fire safety tips and advice. These websites cover everything from defensible space to evacuation plans:

- www.disastersafety.org/wildfire
- www.ready.gov
- www.readyforwildfire.org
- www.diablofiresafe.org



ACFD

Alameda County Fire Department crews successfully knocked down this outdoor fire in Castro Valley on April 29. Such small fires can quickly grow out of control during wildfire season.



ZONE 7

Goats are being used again to clear dry vegetation on Zone 7 Water Agency’s property during fire season, following a successful pilot program last year.

Amador grad publishes 'One Among the Duggle Tree'

Pandemic proves good time to finish sci-fi mystery novel

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Zach Perry begins his book, "One Among the Duggle Tree," with a dramatic scene of a 6-year-old boy awakening to find his bedroom engulfed by fire.

Perry took this occurrence from his own life, although he was 16, a student at Amador Valley High, when his Pleasanton home burned down due to a faulty appliance that exploded.

"I muscled my way through the heat and smoke — I can hear and smell the fire," Perry said. "Teachers were always saying to use real life experiences, then you know first-hand how it feels. The house fire actually became inspiration for my character."

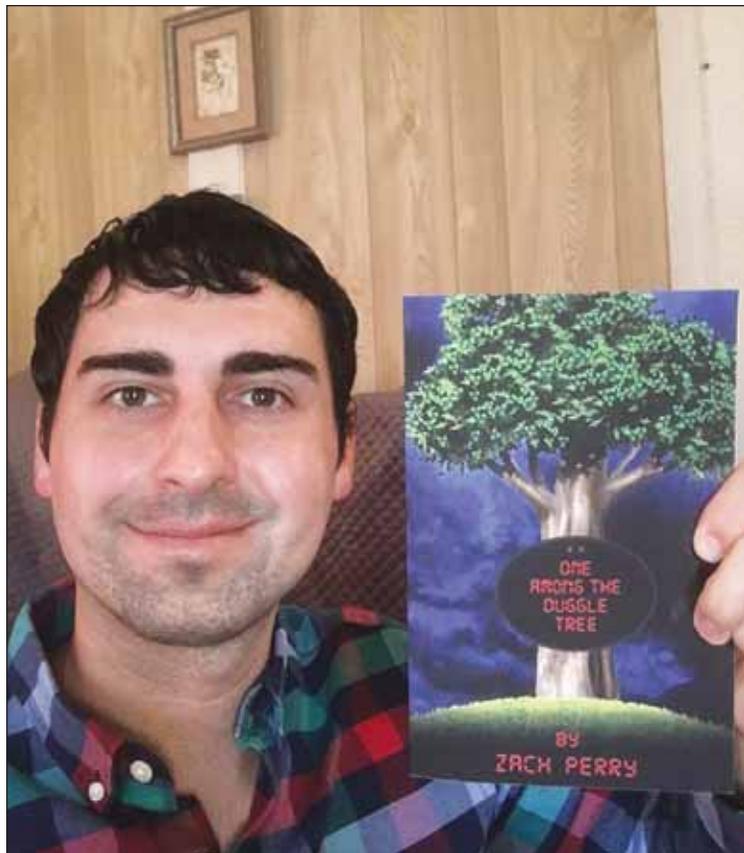
"One Among the Duggle Tree" fast forwards to the year 2058, when the boy is an adult, manmade fires cloud a dark landscape, and cities are a wasteland of outdated mechanical junk.

The book combines sci-fi and mystery — with a touch of romance.

"There's a strong connection between this detective and this bartender lady who befriends him, and they become an item," Perry explained.

When Perry graduated from University of Oregon in 2013 with a degree in cinema studies, he headed right to Los Angeles.

"I was trying to get my writing



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Zach Perry and his recently published book, "One Among the Duggle Tree."

career off the ground but that was one of the hardest departments to get into," he said.

He took whatever jobs in the field came up, sometimes as an extra with a few lines, and as a

production assistant for the show, "Life in Pieces." When a music video called for rappers to get on board a bus that starts to move, he was one of the mechanics.

"I was trying to become a jack of

all trades," Perry said.

He was helping with rewrites for a movie and reported for work as usual in Burbank on March 15, 2020.

"They told us the production was shutting down, everything needed to be quickly packed up," he recalled.

When it became clear the hiatus would last awhile, Perry headed back to Pleasanton to finish writing the book he had begun while taking a summer class at Las Positas College on writing a novel in one month.

Novel writing always fascinated him, he said, even as he attended Walnut Grove Elementary and Harvest Park Middle.

"I always marveled at the fact that these guys and ladies had put a complete package together," he said. "I thought, if I can do something like that in my lifetime, that would be great."

While sheltering in place, he worked through draft after draft of the book, then hired a copy editor from New York City, Shaina Clingempeel, who had edited other sci-fi novels and came highly recommended.

Perry hired a graphic designer to create the cover image, which was inspired by a tree that was once in the cul-de-sac of Perry's Pleasanton street.

"There is a little island that has grass, and once it had a huge fluffy tree," he remembered. "Unfortunately it died about 20 years ago, but that was our childhood tree."

After sending query letters to publishers, Perry decided to self-publish through Amazon, and "One Among the Duggle Tree" came out last month. Copies in hand, he visited Towne Center Books, where he gave owner Judy Wheeler a brief synopsis, and she agreed to give it a try.

"If the 10 copies are sold in 30 days, I can bring 50 more to her," Perry said.

Although Perry plans to continue "Duggle Tree" in a series, he is currently working on a time travel story.

"It's a change of pace," he said. "I've been doing research on the physics of it."

Perry, a member of the Amador varsity cross-country team that went to the East Bay Athletic League championships in 2007, can be seen running around Pleasanton, including downtown. Years ago he put his love of running into some of his first writing.

"In third grade I entered a short story into the Berkeley youth writers competition called, 'Day at the Races,'" he said. "I got an honorable mention." ■

Library kicks off summer reading next week

Program to feature virtual performances, game nights and more

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton Library and Recreation Department will kick off its annual free Summer Reading Program next Saturday (May 29) as school summer vacation begins. The program will continue the successful virtual elements of last summer and add special new features for all ages.

This year's theme, "Reading Colors your World," provides a context for exploring humanity, nature, culture and science, as well as programs that demonstrate how libraries and reading can expand one's world through kindness, growth and community.

New elements of the program encourage participants to find beauty in diversity, including reading books by Black authors like Octavia Butler, Maya Angelou and Ta-Nehisi Coates, or learning about



the Ohlone and completing an activity badge by visiting Alviso Adobe Community Park.

Children will be able to earn rewards and virtual badges by tracking their reading throughout the summer, and teens and adults can also turn their reading hours into a chance to win prizes, sponsored by the Friends of the Pleasanton Library. Drawings of favorite book covers will be featured on the Library and Recreation Department's social media platforms.

The Pleasanton Library reopened in March for select grab-and-go services, and all ages are invited to visit to discover new books and materials as well as pick up a printed reading log. The library also will host a variety of virtual events, including craft and game nights, as well as special performances.

The summer reading program runs through Aug. 8. For more information, visit pleasantonlibrary.org. ■

Shankar earns Gold Award

Project addresses educational needs in Southern India

Keerthana Ravi Shankar, a member of Girl Scout Troop 30821, recently earned her Gold Award after launching a project and creating a website called "Enrichment in Education" to spread awareness about the needs of underprivileged schools in Southern India.



Keerthana Ravi Shankar

During the summer of 2019, Shankar took part in an internship with the nonprofit Tamil Nadu Foundation. It brought her to the Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School in Chennai where she assisted students, which led to wanting to improve their educational experience.

"The main concern of this project,

Enrichment In Education, is education which provides resources and directs policy to ensure that children enter school healthy and learn about/practice a healthy lifestyle, while being in an environment that is physically safe for students and adults," she states on the website.

Shankar, a junior at Foothill High School, has been in Girl Scouts since kindergarten. She has been involved in camping, archery, crafts, cookie and nuts sales, volunteering and Leader In Action.

She has also earned the Community Service Bar and the Torch Award, and received her silver award for being on a team that conducted a Fire Safety Awareness Workshop in downtown Pleasanton.

She is the daughter of Preethi and Ravi Shankar of Pleasanton. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Las Positas College theater students Logan Schluntz (left) and Matt Bessiere rehearse for “The Training Mission,” which will include audience participation via digital streaming this weekend.

LPC presenting interactive space odyssey

‘The Training Mission’ ideal for ages 6-11

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Las Positas College Theater Arts Department is presenting a live production of “The Training Mission” online this weekend. The experience will take place via digital livestreaming in real time with audience participation.

Audience members will work with the actors as astronauts directing their mission in space and discovering new adventures in the solar system. The experience is ideal for ages 6-11, according to organizers.

“I wanted to create a piece that took the audience outside of the confines of our screens but didn’t ignore technology in the storytelling, and so placing the action in outer space seemed like the most exciting setting,” said playwright

Stephanie Neuerburg, a former student of producer Titian Lish.

“Space exploration is the perfect mix of science and magic — the setting provides ample opportunities for kids to learn about space but also stretch their imaginations.”

The production will take place at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. this Saturday and Sunday (May 22-23). Tickets are \$15 per event, available at www.showtix4u.com/events/LPCTheaterArts.

Puppet Shakespeare

Join the Las Positas College Theater Arts Department for on-demand productions of a 15-minute puppet play, “Medea (A Parody)” and “Hamlet (In a Nutshell),” all next week. These two

quick romps through the classics feature puppets, aerobics wear and classic ‘80s tunes.

In “Medea,” a sketch co-authored by Christopher Durang and Wendy Wasserstein, Medea and her chorus of women try to figure out if it’s appropriate to kill your children to punish your husband. Jason shows up; so does a messenger with news of Lady Teazle; and a Deus ex Machina comes down from the sky to cheer everybody up.

The production is being billed as perfect for those who need some culture but don’t have a lot of time. Shows take place at 7 p.m. nightly from May 22-28; tickets are \$15 for a combo pack of both events at the showtix website. ■

Beatles for seniors

Shukla-Parekh’s Eagle Project has musical touch

Anand Shukla-Parekh, a Scout in Pleasanton’s Troop 908, recently completed his Eagle Award Service Project — a virtual Beatles concert for Pleasanton seniors.

Shukla-Parekh deconstructed seven Beatles classics, rearranged their instrumental parts, and led nine of his bandmates from school to record their parts separately. He then digitally reassembled the parts, mixing and editing them, then added visual elements to each song including scenes from downtown Pleasanton.

He chose this project to bring “Peace and Love” to patrons of the Pleasanton Senior Center, in response to the difficult times they faced during the pandemic. He expressed appreciation to his music teachers, Dennis Aquilina at Hart Middle School and Erik Nishimori and Efrain Hinojosa at Foothill High, saying they have been

“instrumental” in his growth as a musician.

Shukla-Parekh, a sophomore at Foothill, hopes to complete his Eagle Rank this summer. He has been a Boy Scout for five years, and has served his troop as chaplain’s aide, patrol leader and senior patrol leader, and led a camp-out at historic Fort Ross.

He became senior patrol leader as the pandemic began so helped transition troop meetings to a virtual, Zoom-based setting. He also organized a camp-in-your-backyard event for the troop because members could not camp together.

Shukla-Parekh is the son of Raj Parekh and Pratima Shukla of Pleasanton.

To view the 23-minute Beatles video, search for Beatles Concert for Pleasanton Senior Center on YouTube. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



Anand Shukla-Parekh



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Backpacks for college

Assistance League of Amador Valley assembled backpacks with basic essentials for graduating high school foster youths who will be attending college in the fall. These students have benefited from the services of the Gathering Place in Pleasanton, which provides a visitation center for families with foster children where they can cook together, do homework, play games, read together and care for one another in a safe environment.

Tri-Valley Conservancy

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Occasio Winery
Malvasia Bianca, 2020, 96 points

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Occasio Winery, Malvasia Bianca, 2020
Double Gold, 96 points

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Double Gold, 93 Points

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Double Gold & Best of Class, 95 Points

Best Chardonnay (\$35 or less)
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Occasio Winery, 2019
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Steven Kent
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LETTERS

Downtown weekends

Dear Editor,

Unfortunate to see in the Streetwise section that the question for last week (“How are the weekend closures of Main Street to car traffic impacting your downtown business?”) was answered entirely by restaurant owners and a flower shop owner.

Jamie Bridal will probably close, and the gas station is down 80%-90%.

In addition, the extra “parking” provided by the city is constantly abused by the residents’ high-school children in their 4WD vehicles spewing rocks onto neighboring property. Multiple people use various places near downtown for urination.

Maybe the Weekly would like to report on the property damage, lewd acts, drug use and weekend late-night shouting matches that happen, but it will defer from the glowing report on Pleasanton’s

residents I get every week.

As long as the Weekly continues to publish issues from a one-sided perspective, a practice that goes back to Jeb Bing’s unfortunately long tenure, I will continue to see the Weekly as the promotional arm of the city.
—Nick Caraballo

Stoneridge Drive fatality

Mark Fiala was tragically struck down recently in the crosswalk on Stoneridge Drive at Newton Way after the city of Pleasanton recently raised speed limits from 35 mph to 40 mph via a consent calendar agenda item. This is despite a previous City Council unanimously adopting “Ordinance 1882” designating it 35 mph.

In Ordinance 1882, “Road Conditions Not Readily Apparent to the Driver” includes the proximity of an unfenced neighborhood park, a private elementary school and streets that serve a public elementary school (Mohr) that generate considerable pedestrian and bicyclist traffic.

In the recently adopted report, not only is Kamp Drive mislabeled as Kamp Way, but there is no mention of an unfenced neighborhood park nor streets that serve a public elementary school (Mohr). Instead, this flawed report only states that Quarry Lane School, a school that has never existed on Stoneridge Drive, is present. On the map, this location is shown as a home-based family daycare.

Given the errors, you would have to wonder if anyone from the city actually has ever driven down Stoneridge Drive. By increasing speed limits as a “consent” item, the public and school board were not notified of the proposed change.

Along with City Manager Nelson Fialho, the City Council must place the traffic engineer on administrative leave while they thoroughly investigate compromised pedestrian safety on Stoneridge Drive. And this time, they need to involve the public and school board.

—Anne Fox

work to rebalance the Senate from entrenched minority control — another vestige of white supremacy in our government.

In 2019, for the first time ever, House Democrats passed H.R. 51, the D.C. statehood bill, a first in our nation’s history. In this new Congress, Democrats have the opportunity to continue this work and pass it in both chambers of Congress.

Democrats won their federal trifecta last fall due in part to the historic turnout by Black and brown voters. After campaigning on a promise to “Build Back Better,” Democrats now have an obligation to deliver.

—Ward Kanowsky

We need real housing solutions

I want to applaud the commissioners and council members in Livermore who spoke out against Planning Commissioner John Stein’s comments regarding the affordable housing development in the Livermore downtown area.

Affordable housing is something a community should be proud of having, not something to be denigrated and stereotyped. Providing 130 affordable homes in Livermore is one step in ensuring we build a solid foundation for community health.

I hear countless stories of people who grew up in the Tri-Valley area and want to stay near parents, grandparents, their work and faith community, but are priced out. This means long commutes, parents unable to make it home in time to help kids with homework, or people unable to stay home from work when they are exposed to COVID because there is immense pressure to make rent for the month.

I strongly support this project and challenge Pleasanton leaders to take this example to lead the charge for affordable housing in our city.

—Monith Ilavarasan

Make democracy a priority with DC statehood

On Jan. 6, at the direction of Donald Trump, right-wing extremists attacked the Capitol and turned the District of Columbia into a war zone. The nation watched as the city was near powerless to defend itself because it lacked the authorities and powers of a state.

This is just the most recent example of the vast inequities that exist for the District’s 700,000 residents — who have no voting representation in either the House of Representatives or the Senate.

The issue of statehood for D.C. is about more than safety and security — it’s about the promise of our democracy. It is also about racial justice.

The population of the District is majority Black and people of color. Their ongoing disenfranchisement stems from our nation’s shameful history of denying Black and brown people political power.

If D.C. is granted statehood, it would be the only state with a plurality of Black residents. In addition, two new Senators would

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

Joint - Civic Arts and Library Commission
Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Approve the Appointment of Nikita Jayaprakash as The Pleasanton Teen Poet Laureate For the 2021/2022 School Year
- Review and comment on Collaborative Library and Civic Arts Grants Program, “Youth Arts Over a Virtual Summer”
- Review and discuss Library and Civic Arts Reopening Plans

Planning Commission
Wednesday, May 26, 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 May 19, when the agenda is posted on the City’s website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

- PUD-139, 10x Genomics, 1701 Springdale Avenue Applications for: (1) a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning to rezone the subject parcel from C-R (p) (Regional Commercial - peripheral sites) District to PUD-C-O (Planned Unit Development Commercial-Office) District; (2) a PUD Development Plan to construct up to three new multi-story research and development, office and laboratory buildings totaling approximately 381,000 square feet, a parking structure, and related site improvements over multiple phases; and (3) a Development Agreement to vest the entitlements for the PUD Rezoning and Development Plan.

City Council
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

- Review background and provide policy direction on the Active Ground Floor Use Overlay in the Downtown Specific Plan

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PUBLIC NOTICE

T-Mobile West LLC is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on an existing building located near 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, Alameda County, CA 94566 (37 39 38.9 N, 121 53 02.4 W). Modifications include replacing existing antennas and equipment at a top height of approximately 64 feet above ground level on the 50-foot, one-inch-tall building. Support equipment within the existing ground-level equipment area will also be upgraded. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6121001036 - MPH EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, mhouston@ebiconsulting.com or via telephone at (504) 458-4444.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Another busy week for Tri-Valley sports

Highlights from basketball, tennis, soccer, lacrosse and hockey

Rivalry week took center court last week in basketball as Amador Valley and Foothill met that Friday and Saturday night as the boys and girls teams met.

The schools came out with 2-2 records as the Foothill boys took both games, as did the Amador girls.

On the boys side, the Falcons took game one of the weekend 52-42 behind 14 from Joshua Valentine and 13 from Adith Swarup, including four 3-pointers. Jackson Cash had 12 points to lead Amador.

In game two, the Falcons walked out with a 46-39 win. Nick High had 17 for the Falcons, with Valentine adding nine points. DJ Miranda had 11 for the Dons and Trevor Cheng adding 8.

For the Amador girls, it was the Isabella Mauricio show in their two wins.

Friday night saw Mauricio knock down 27, with Gianna Ghio adding 22 in a 71-64 win. Foothill, playing with only six players, hung tight with five players scoring in double figures: Beti Terpstra (15), Kylie Yu (14), Riley Young (13), Savannah Montini (12) and Payton King (10).

On Saturday, Mauricio scored 20 and Ghio added 12 in a 53-32 Amador win. Montini finished with 13 and Young added 10 for Foothill.

Amador tennis

The East Bay Athletic League teams were unable to hold an official EBAL tournament, so the teams got together and improvised.



ELLIE MILLER

Montana Parkinson-Lubold took the unofficial EBAL tennis singles title for Amador Valley.

Each school had the opportunity to send two singles players and two doubles teams to an event.

Amador fared well in the event with Montana Parkinson-Lubold taking the girls singles title while the doubles team of Sonali Carumbaya-Parna Praveen finished third.

The JV doubles team of Maryam Suratwala-Neha Reddy earned first and Hannah You-Megha Reddy took third.

On the boys side, Brett Miller beat teammate Bryan Park in the finals as the Dons finished first and second.

In the consolation doubles, the team of Aditya Nair and Atul Nair took first.

Amador girls soccer

Amador hosted Granada on May 12 and came away with a big 6-0 victory.

Penny Murphy opened the scoring, finding the back of the net off an assist from Maddie Benson. Kennedy Mayo scored the first of her three goals by knocking in a loose ball at close range just before halftime.

In the second half, the Dons offense never relented. Leah Alari and Leila Lyons scored while Mayo completed her hat trick with two more goals. Murphy, Mayo and Emma Fuller all provided assists.

The stellar Don defense grabbed the shutout with great play from

goalies Elizabeth Fineberg and Sydney Head.

Foothill boys lacrosse

The Falcons played well but dropped their opening EBAL game, falling 12-11 to Livermore.

Foothill got off to a slow start, trailing 4-1 at the end of the first quarter, with Tyler Hayes getting the lone goal. But Foothill cut the gap to 6-4 at halftime with Darragh Kennedy, Jake Morgan, Wyatt Lam scoring for the Falcons.

Thanks to three goals from Hayes and one from Kennedy, Foothill held an 8-7 lead at the end of three quarters. Livermore rallied back and led 11-10 before Shane Burke scored with two seconds left to send it into overtime. Kennedy scored the other two Foothill goals in the quarter.

Livermore got the game-winner in overtime.

Foothill got good defensive play from goalie Ian Kapsalis (3 saves), with Luke Barbera, Bennett Zander, Graham Zander and Anthony Carodoza turning in big efforts.

Foothill soccer

The Foothill JV girls started off the season with a pair of wins, beating Livermore and Granada.

In the 5-2 win over Livermore, Samaan Beliakoff opened the scoring and the Falcons rolled from there. A 2-1 win over Granada saw Emma Harbourne score both goals.

Foothill's varsity boys opened the season going 1-1-1 in their first three games.

They opened the season with a 0-0 draw with Livermore as Adam Harbourne went the distance in the goal.

Game two saw Anthony Tahir score off a Kolden Thompson assist in the last two minutes to beat Granada 1-0. Adam Harbourne recorded his second shutout of the season. Game three saw a 2-1 loss to Cal High. Arvid Bell scored the only goal of the game for Foothill, with the assist going to Ben Harbourne.



AMBROSIOUS STUDIOS

The Tri-Valley Blue Devils 18AA team finished third at nationals in Wisconsin.

Tri-Valley Blue Devils at nationals

The Tri-Valley Blue Devils entered the 18 AA Nationals in Wisconsin as the No. 12 team in the country, but with a solid tournament, the team exited as the No. 3 team nationally.

The Blue Devils won quarterfinal game 3-2 in overtime against the McKinney, Texas North Stars, with Matt Ivanov (San Ramon) getting the goal, assisted by Wyatt Moore (Walnut Creek).

In the semifinals against the Janesville Jets from Wisconsin, the Devils narrowly lost to the Jets (5-4 with shots even at 32) who went on to win the national championship.

The Blue Devils team is comprised of 16-, 17- and 18-year old boys. Many are from the Tri-Valley area and have been playing together at Dublin Iceland since they were in elementary school.

Goalie Brendan Klim (Lafayette) played well in Wisconsin, as did Matthew Lim (South San Francisco), Trieu Tran (San Francisco), Cade Llewellyn (San Ramon), Tyler Love (San Ramon), and Lucas Bellig (Danville). ■

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Art

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Comedy

LIVE COMEDY RETURNS TO THE BANKHEAD Tickets on sale now for three rescheduled comedy shows at the Bankhead Theater in August. Alonzo Bodden, Paula Poundstone and Ryan Niemiller. Visit livermorearts.org.

Theater

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE PRESENTS ON-DEMAND PRODUCTIONS Join the Las Positas College Theater Arts Department for On-Demand productions of Medea (A Parody) & Hamlet (In a Nutshell) a 15 minute puppet play. Two quick romps through the classics featuring puppets, aerobics wear and classic 80s tunes. \$15 for combo pack, May 22-28. Visit laspositascollege.edu/theater.

Film

TRAVEL WITHOUT LEAVING TOWN The Bankhead Presents Tintoretto: A Rebel in Venice. This film fully immerses audiences in the life of the last great artist of the Italian Renaissance. Visit places that evoke and preserve the memory of the painter. 3 p.m., May 30. Visit livermorearts.org.

Concerts

ENCORE DRIVE-IN NIGHTS - ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Florida Georgia Line with special guests Nelly & Chase Rice will air at outdoor venues across the United States, Canada and Ireland one night only. The never before seen show was recorded live, exclusively for this event. 8:30 p.m., June 12. Tickets on sale now. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

LIVE CONCERTS RETURNING TO BANKHEAD THEATER Tickets on sale now for upcoming performances including Jake Shimabukuro, Plain White Ts, Luna Fish, AJ Croce and Life in the Fast Lane: A Tribute to the Eagles. Visit livermorearts.org.

Exhibits

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MUSEUM ON MAIN UNVEILS SHOW OF MYSTERY OBJECTS The Museum on Main exhibit "What in the World?" is currently on display. This interactive exhibit challenges visitors to determine the functions of over twenty obscure and/or obsolete items that the Museum has collected over the past five decades. Now through June 19. Visit museumonmain.org.

Fundraisers

FUNDRAISER BENEFITING SUNFLOWER HILL The Sunflower Showcase, a visual and performing arts fundraising event at the Bankhead Theater, will provide vital funds to support the mission and vision of Sunflower Hill. The event will be emceed by local comedian Regina Stoops and feature a performance by America's Got Talent Season 14 Winner, Kodi Lee. Tickets on sale May 20 for the July 23 event. Visit sunflowerhill.org.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER VIRTUAL 5K Join Lynwood Methodist Church in the Rise Against Hunger's "Rise and Stride" Virtual 5k. Registration is free with promo code "LYNNEWOODUMC." May 21-23. Register at lynwood.org/events.

Talks

BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR This virtual tour visits 25 homes in Alameda and Contra Costa counties with gardens designed with plants native to California that thrive

without amendments, fertilizers or pesticides. May 23. The tours are free but registration is required. Visit Bringingbackthenatives.net.

BEEKEEPING 101 & BEE-FRIENDLY GARDENS In this free Sustainability Live event, an expert from the Mt. Diablo Beekeepers' Association teaches bee ecology, why they are so important, and the basic equipment and steps needed to get started. There will be time to answer questions. 7-8:30 p.m., May 26. Visit sustainablecoco.org/tv.

ED KINNEY LECTURE SERIES-VIRTUAL WEBINAR The Museum on Main presents An Afternoon or Evening with Che Guevara. Che's story is complex and driven by an unwavering commitment to economic and educational equality. 7 p.m., May 26. Visit museumonmain.org.

LIVERMORE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL The next event in Livermore Shakespeare Festival's Life SPARC: The Victory of Spirit series is Becoming Othello: A Black Girl's Journey with Debra Ann Byrd. 5 p.m., May 29. Visit livermoreshakes.org.

Scholarship

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Blood Drive

CITY OF DUBLIN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Join the City of Dublin in supporting the American Red Cross at a Community Blood Drive on Friday, June 4, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Successful blood donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Visit dublin.ca.gov.

Outdoor Recreation

WEEKEND RANGER PROGRAM-FABULOUS FLIERS Spring has sprung and the park is filled with color and life. Join Ranger Dawn to talk about some of the small but showy flying creatures like dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies and mayflies. Pre-registration is required by calling the Ranger Office at 960-2400. 10 a.m., May 22. Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

Kind Keira

A foster-to-adopt home is needed Keira, our fun and active, young girl. She has been professionally trained and has learned many basic commands. She is a 9-month-old, female Labrador Retriever/Pit Bull mix. She weighs approximately 40 pounds and is still growing. Keira bonds nicely with people and she is cute, smart, eager to train with treats, crate trained, and rides well in the car. She will need a person or family who is experienced with large, active dogs. Because of her size and exuberance, a home without young children is recommended. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue at tvar.org.

Seniors

THE PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY GROUP (PTUG) PTUG is for all computer enthusiasts and includes discussions, lectures, demonstrations and a questions/answer period. PTUG meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. The next meeting is May 27. Email pleaseniorgmail.com.

KUDOS FOR MOM DRIVE-THRU FOR SENIORS Pick up a useful list of resources and information about local senior services, plus a swag bag filled with goodies for all hard-working moms and grandmothers. 12:30-1:15 p.m., May 27. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd.

Business

TO TRI-VALLEY WITH LOVE Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and the Town of Danville have partnered with Visit Tri-Valley to launch an unprecedented regional campaign to drive spending in local businesses. Dubbed "To Tri-Valley with Love," the campaign asks residents and visitors alike to spend at least \$25 per week at local businesses instead of online and in big-box stores. A "Promise Pass" incentivizes spending at nearly 100 local businesses throughout the region. Visit totri-valleywithlove.com.

TRI-VALLEY CHAMBER VIRTUAL SPEED NETWORKING Join the Tri-Valley Chambers for a virtual speed networking event held quarterly throughout 2021. Make business connections from home, meet one-on-one to connect with others, exchange information and promote business easily and effectively. Register in advance for this free event. Visit pleasanton.org.

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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 May 26. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., May 24. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

DUBLIN PLANNING COMMISSION The Dublin Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., May 25. Visit dublin.ca.gov.

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Feb. 22-26)
Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$655,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,800,000
Average sales reported: \$1,488,000

Livermore (Feb. 22-26)
Total sales reported: 34
Lowest sale reported: \$475,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,425,000
Average sales reported: \$927,500

Dublin (Feb. 22-26)
Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$550,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,225,000
Average sales reported: \$1,053,000

San Ramon (April 12-16)
Total sales reported: 36
Lowest sale reported: \$422,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,900,000
Average sales reported: \$1,400,000

Source: California RSource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 22-26 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and April 12-16 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 238 Birch Creek Drive** Molinaro Qtip Trust to C. & T. Do for \$665,000
- 839 Bonde Court** Hamilton Family Trust to A. & T. Titus for \$1,490,000
- 3020 Briggs Court** C. & L. Payne to Gulati Family Trust for \$2,270,000
- 1485 Calle Enrique** B. Lin to A. & D. Tim for \$715,000
- 7765 Canyon Meadow Circle #H** Tsui Trust to B. & C. Hung for \$720,000
- 2827 Cedrus Court** L. & C. Krause to Madan Trust for \$1,401,000
- 5994 Corte Arboles** H. Lee to K. & S. Singh for \$1,215,000
- 5548 Corte Del Cajon** S. Thompson to Y. & W. Guo for \$1,690,000
- 7011 Corte Del Mar** K. & A. Verduzco to D. Lum for \$1,580,000
- 1452 Freeman Lane** J. & J. Thompson to S. & C. Kung for \$1,450,000
- 324 Kottinger Drive** S. & P. Fitz to E. & J. Chiu for \$1,750,000
- 306 Mission Drive** H. & J. Suk to J. & S. Park for \$1,446,000
- 3278 Omega Circle** Demera Family Trust to S. & S. Hanif for \$1,540,000
- 2410 Pomino Way** Stevenson-Gottenborg Family Trust to A. & A. Juneja for \$2,460,000
- 245 Rachael Place** M. Lambert to T. Liao for \$655,000
- 6275 Roslin Court** M. & R. Nath to S. & J. Konduru for \$1,330,000
- 5660 Selena Court** Berson Family Trust to T. & G. Chu for \$2,800,000
- 6809 Siesta Court** R. & P. Jones to K. & N. Kang for \$1,200,000
- 3745 Vineyard Avenue** Nepil Family Trust to J. & E. Omidian for \$1,315,000

1279 Vintner Way National Residential to M. & S. Ozturk for \$1,552,000

Livermore

- 1821 Almond Avenue** A. & M. Flores to B. & N. Vasquez for \$1,460,000
- 2866 Alwick Avenue #1** Vallar Trust to E. Palacio for \$652,000
- 3131 Arcadia Common #1602** J. Duffy to X. & K. Zhu for \$655,000
- 2574 Bess Avenue** D. & M. Gravestock to O. & S. Anand for \$1,700,000
- 1552 Carmelian Lane** M. Lukes to Huang Family Trust for \$1,600,000
- 1876 Cartier Drive** J. Rovere to J. & J. Santi for \$475,000
- 1722 Catalina Court** S. & M. Bass to A. & P. Wani for \$825,000
- 5270 Charlotte Way** Nolan Trust to V. & G. Jones for \$860,000
- 1324 Chateau Common #208** K. & J. Ashworth to P. & G. Aigeldinger for \$545,000
- 747 Cottonwood Court** A. & C. Wilson to A. Sharma for \$1,305,000
- 34 Daisyfield Drive** Maestri Family Trust to H. & K. Nagarajan for \$1,120,000
- 946 Elaine Avenue** N. & A. Kozlow to T. & A. Franklin for \$930,000
- 3541 Germaine Way** A. & A. Tedder to A. & R. Garza for \$850,000
- 1446 Heather Lane** Alvernaz Partners to M. & S. Sivanesan for \$800,000
- 2875 Hoya Common** Mmd Investment LLC to R. & N. Toshniwal for \$910,000

Source: California REsource

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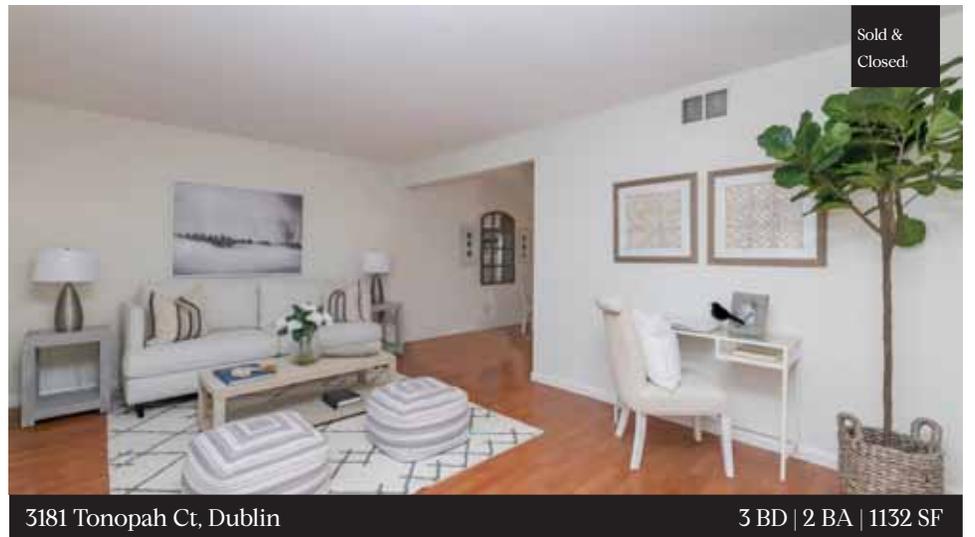
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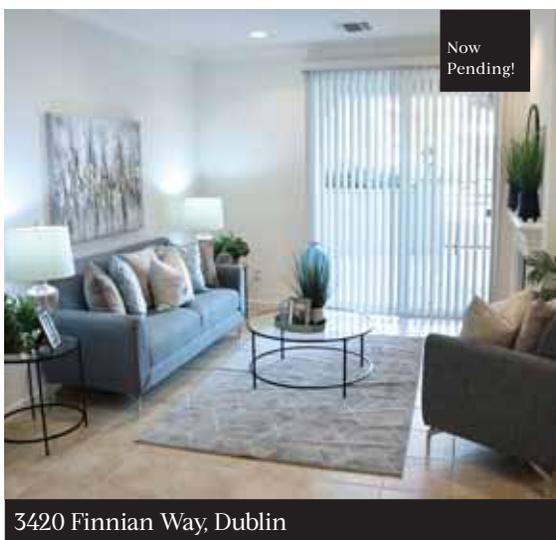
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