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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Every gallon counts

Of the personal and educational lessons from my semester abroad in Melbourne, Australia, the importance of community-wide water conservation stands out the most.

I always remember at our foreign student orientation in March 2009 the staff director telling a room full of mostly American 20-somethings to take quick showers and “don’t wash your hair every day” among other pertinent suggestions. Here was the highest-ranking adult in the room, who viewed her long hair as a point of personal pride, also taking pride in the fact she needed to sacrifice its care every other day to save water.

Yellow-and-green grass was the norm around the city. Rainfall over a millimeter was called out on the news. The reality of the dire situation hit me.

But who knew how relevant those drought lessons would be for me after I graduated college in 2010? Almost every year thereafter in the Golden State. Sadly, 2021 is the same.

All of California is rated as experiencing at least moderate drought, 95.1% is in “severe drought” or worse and a whopping 46.5% (including 99.1% of Alameda County) is at the most problematic level, “exceptional drought.”

Those conditions mean the water supply is down drastically yet again. Zone 7 Water Agency is only getting a 5% allocation from the State Water Project this year, meaning its main supply for 2021 will be water stored locally and in Kern County.

Recall Pleasanton, for example, gets about 80% of its drinking water supply from Zone 7, with the rest from city wells. To help with its supply, the city has focused on addressing well contamination by hazardous PFAS chemicals.

Zone 7 has done its part to work on supply reliability, efforts such as expanding Los Vaqueros Reservoir, pursuing the Sites Reservoir project, and researching regional desalination and potable reuse potential.

I honestly could not believe the Pleasanton City Council in February backed out of contributing to the Tri-Valley potable reuse water study. The primary logic seemed to be hesitance to outright opposition by the 3-2 majority to the concept of recycling water for use as drinking supply.

But it comes off as sorely short-sighted for the “City of Planned Progress” to jump to such a conclusion without first reviewing the latest

scientific evidence.

The so-called “ick factor” is the only argument for Pleasanton’s withdrawal that holds any water in reality. Not the financial. Because though the council diverted its share of the study costs to fund city well improvements, the result of Pleasanton pulling out of the four-agency study was Zone 7 opted to pick up the entire estimated \$1 million tab.

And how is Zone 7 going to recoup that money? Rate and/or fee revenue ultimately paid by the residents and businesses whose providers buy water from Zone 7, like ... the city of Pleasanton.

Of course the other side of the coin is demand.

In response to this drought, the Tri-Valley water retailers have called on all of us to voluntarily reduce our water consumption by 15% compared to last year.

I’m struck by the effectiveness of Zone 7’s new “Water Wise Wendy” awareness campaign.

A spinoff of its Flood Ready Freddy program, Zone 7 places Water Wise Wendy in fun situations and costumes (like as a detective or a wizard) to educate and encourage residents to improve their water habits.

Wendy, like Zone 7 and its retailers including Pleasanton, recommends a range of actions — large and small.

The big one is always irrigation. A leak at just 1/32nd of an inch (the thickness of a dime) can waste 6,300 gallons of drinking water each month, Zone 7 says.

Then there’s that outdated washing machine. An older, less-efficient appliance can use up to 45 gallons of drinking water per load whereas newer ones can get down to 15 gallons. Multiply that 30-gallon gap by the American family average of 300 laundry loads per year, and wow.

Five minutes less shower time can save me 12.5 gallons. Turn off the tap while brushing my teeth or washing my hands for the requisite 30 seconds during the pandemic, and the gallons add up quickly.

Public messaging usually revolves around “every drop counts.” I mean, sure: do anything and everything we can to help. But there’s a difference between having a tissue slip out of my pocket onto the street and dumping a mattress on the side of a county road. Both are littering, but one has a bigger impact while also being more preventable.

We can all reduce by the gallon. It counts more. ■

### About the Cover

Philip Krecyk’s wife Jen Yao, sister Claire, and parents Keith and Marcia, met with Pleasanton city officials on July 28 to discuss the efforts to find the missing runner. A body believed to be Krecyk’s was ultimately found on Aug. 3 in a remote part of Pleasanton Ridge to end the 24-day search. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXII, Number 28

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## What are you finding most interesting about the Tokyo Olympics this summer?



**Mary Hilliard**  
*Administrative assistant*

I love watching the events that are new to the Olympics and being debuted for the very first time, like skateboarding, surfing and karate.



**Christa Greiner**  
*Entrepreneur*

I don't have time to follow the Olympics. My daughter is getting married and I have so much going on in my life. But I'm really happy for other people who have time to enjoy this fabulous event.



**Ben Petitto**  
*Accountant*

I'm fascinated by the signage. Everything says "Tokyo Olympics 2020", but it's 2021! You would think I'd get used to it after seeing it a few times, but every time I see the signs, they remind me of the pandemic and how the Olympics were delayed by a year in a way that ordinarily would never have occurred. It's all just so very historic.



**HL Gioia**  
*Sales*

I've recently learned how hosting an Olympics has negative effects on the host cities and national economies. I had always assumed it was a profitable event, but every event in the last few years has gone over budget by billions. Reading case studies of the pros and cons was a real eyeopener for me.



**Jayakrishnan Iyer**  
*Software engineer*

In this Olympics, it's fascinating to see how the winners come from a variety of countries, not just the big and rich ones. In spite of the conditions in their countries and the pandemic, they show the grit and determination to win. For example, Yulimar Rojas from Venezuela.

— Compiled by Nancy Lewis

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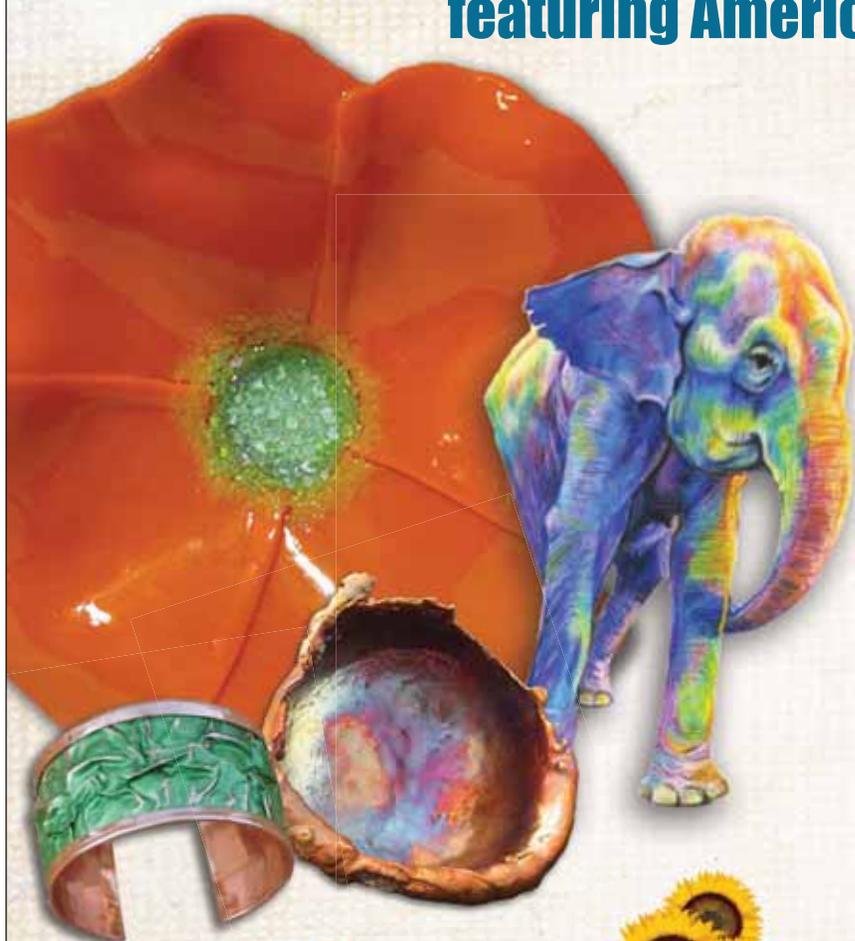
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## DIGEST

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Through Aug. 27, applicants aged 62 years or older (either head of household, co-head, or spouse) who live or work in the city of Pleasanton are invited to apply for the affordable housing program.

Credit, criminal and rental history will be evaluated for each applicant aged 18 or over, plus emancipated minors. Negative credit reports may disqualify applicants. Maximum income limits range up to \$88,800 for a household of five.

Applications are available during regular office hours at the Kottinger Gardens Phase 1 rental office, located at 240 Kottinger Drive. Call 574-1701 or email [kottingergardens@midpen-housing.org](mailto:kottingergardens@midpen-housing.org).

### Kaiser requires vax

Kaiser Permanente officials announced Monday that the health care provider will mandate all of its employees nationwide get vaccinated against COVID-19 by the end of September.

Roughly 78% of Kaiser employees and more than 95% of Kaiser physicians are already fully vaccinated as of July 31, according to Kaiser officials. The health care provider set a deadline of Sept. 30 for all of its employees to get fully vaccinated.

Michelle Gaskill-Hames, Kaiser's senior vice president for hospital and health plan operations in Northern California, said Kaiser has worked with the labor unions representing its employees to craft the vaccine requirement and both sides did so with an emphasis on maintaining employee safety.

"Our health care workers are tired, they are disappointed that we've got a fourth surge and when we look at it, we believe that this was mostly preventable with vaccinations," Gaskill-Hames said.

—*Bay City News Service*

### Fewer mugs on social

Police departments across California will no longer be able to splash mugshots over social media following a big arrest in certain cases, after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a new state law last month clamping down on what cops can publicize about suspects who have only been accused of crimes.

The law, AB 1475, prevents law enforcement agencies from posting mugshots of people arrested for nonviolent crimes on social media platforms to avoid shaming suspects and affixing guilt to the person publicly before they have gone through due process.

Read the full story online at [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com). ■

## Body found on Pleasanton Ridge likely that of Berkeley runner Philip Kreycik

Discovery made off wildlife path Tuesday; unclear if area was targeted in prior searches

By JULIA BAUM

A body was discovered on Pleasanton Ridge, about 250 feet off a game trail beneath a tree, on Tuesday afternoon that authorities believe is likely the remains of Berkeley runner Philip Kreycik, who had been missing in the area since July 10.

Positive identification was still pending, as was a coroner's autopsy to determine cause of death, as of press time Wednesday, but police said at a news conference just before 5 p.m. Tuesday that all signs point to

the body being Kreycik's.

"On behalf of the Pleasanton Police Department, we want to extend our sincere condolences to the Kreycik family as well as offer what support we can to the family and friends," Lt. Erik Silacci said.

A volunteer searching for Kreycik on their own located his body at the



Philip Kreycik

northwest end of what the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department called a "very remote area" of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park at around 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The site was located west of Blessing Drive, about a quarter mile from Kreycik's intended route, and not too far south of Interstate 580.

"It's not a designated trail," said EBRPD Police Capt. Lance Brede, adding the area is not used by the public nor intended for recreation. "It would not be something that someone would come across."

Officials do not know if that area had previously been searched.

Kreycik, 37, was last seen at the Moller Ranch staging area, where the ultramarathon runner parked his car before presumably going for an hour-long run on the Ridge late on the morning of July 10. After not hearing from him, Kreycik's wife, Jen Yao, called the police around 2 p.m. that day.

It was the first of many communications between the Kreycik

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## Indoor mask mandate is back

As COVID cases surge, face coverings required — vaccinated or not

By KEVIN FORESTIERI / MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

Seven Bay Area counties announced Monday that residents will be required to wear masks in nearly all indoor settings, marking the first major step in reversing a statewide rollback of public health restrictions in June.

The mask mandate, which began on Tuesday comes as COVID-19 cases spike across the Bay Area, with some of the highest case rates since February of this year. Public health officials said at a Monday press conference that the delta variant of the virus is far more contagious and now accounts for the vast majority of new cases in the region, requiring protective measures to keep infection rates and COVID-19 hospitalizations under control.

"The delta variant is now the dominant variant in our area," said George Han, Santa Clara County's deputy public health officer. "And because it's more contagious, we need more protection, and that comes in the form of masks as the easiest and best tools that we have."

All of the county public health orders are nearly identical, requiring vaccinated and unvaccinated residents alike to wear face coverings

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COURTESY OF MONARCH

Monarch's current testing site for its fleet of smart tractors is at Wente Vineyards in Livermore.

## Monarch autonomous, electric tractor plants roots in Livermore

Company's founders laud city as center of where tech, ag meet

By CIERRA BAILEY

Livermore-based company Monarch is seeking to innovate the agriculture and farming industry with its new all-electric, data enhanced, autonomous tractor.

Co-founder and president Mark Schwager said that being located in Livermore is essential to its mission as the city is at the intersection between tech and agriculture.

When considering where to build their company, Schwager said he and his fellow co-founders

Praveen Penmetsa, Carlo Mondavi and Zachary Omohundro "thought about straddling three different pieces of California."

"You've got the technology in Silicon Valley, you've got the farms in the Central Valley and Salinas Valley and Napa Valley and so, it's right in the middle of all three of those regions," Schwager said.

"You also have all of the people who work in manufacturing and live in the Central Valley and commute to Silicon Valley. So, if we can pick a site that

really allows everybody to kind of converge, that's Livermore," he added, also noting that Livermore is a great farming community in its own right.

In addition to its company headquarters, Monarch operates a testing site in Livermore at Wente Vineyards. Mondavi — a fourth-generation winegrower and grandson of wine industry mogul Robert Mondavi — initially established the connection between Monarch and Wente,

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## Dublin Unified solidifies new superintendent's cabinet

Chief technology officer appointed last month;  
Wildy moves down I-680 from Martinez USD

By JULIA BAUM

Dublin Unified School District welcomed three key new hires during a special Board of Trustees meeting late last month, and a fourth is expected to come on board in the days ahead.

David Wildy, Sharon Spivack and Sydney Wu were unanimously confirmed as the district's new chief technology officer, senior director of special education and accounting manager, respectively, at the July 20 meeting. The appointment of a new human resources director, Jawan Eldridge, is pending board approval at the upcoming board meeting next week.

First-year Superintendent Chris Funk called DUSD's staff "our No. 1 asset" in a statement on July 28.

"When we reward them, foster their growth and nourish their professional development, they are able to provide our students with the exceptional educational experience they deserve," Funk said. "Hiring the best people is the key to our success, and I believe David, Sharon, Jawan, and Sydney are the right people for this district."

Wildy, who joins DUSD's executive cabinet, comes from Martinez

Unified School District where he served as coordinator of technology services, overseeing daily operations and staff management in addition to network security and other responsibilities. While sheltering in place, Wildy supported tech initiatives to support teachers and students in remote learning.

Prior to working at Martinez Unified, Wildy spent nearly 20 years at California State University East Bay, where he worked in the Department of Student Housing and Residence Life. Wildy has a master's degree in public administration, public management and policy analysis from CSU East Bay.

Spivack has 25 years of experience in education, including special education and site administration. Before signing on as DUSD's new special education senior director, Spivack was the program manager for special education and student services at Cupertino Union School District.

Spivack's resume extends to special education guidance and program management, and "brings a breadth of experience and a commitment to serving students who have needs based on

their socio-economic situation, social/emotional issues, racial diversity, and diagnosed disabilities," DUSD officials said.

In addition to her work at Cupertino Unified, Spivack has also worked in special education leadership roles for the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the San Jose Unified School District. Spivack has a master's degree in special education from the University of New Mexico.

Most recently a client support analyst at the Alameda County Office of Education, Wu is now in charge of troubleshooting and resolving problems for users related to accounting, payroll and software, as well as supporting other needs. Wu has a bachelor's of science degree from the University of California San Diego.

The administrative cabinet "is now filled entirely and the only vacancy we have, outside of the cabinet, is a (Dublin High School) assistant principal position," according to Sarah Lopez, director of communications and community engagement for DUSD. "They are interviewing this week for this role and should have it filled soon." ■

## MONARCH

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Schwager told the Weekly.

One of the company's reasons for starting out in the vineyards is the opportunity to develop careful automation strategies that won't damage valuable crops. The other reason is related to branding and marketing.

"You may know Driscoll's for strawberries but I don't personally know that many (produce) brands that stick out in my mind at the supermarket. But the vineyards have that global brand identity and that brand identity, as the world shifts more toward sustainability, has become bigger and more important," Schwager said.

"If these brands can start pushing that sustainability message and use our technology as a big piece of achieving those goals, then we can create a sustainability brand that can essentially become bigger than even our footprint and that can percolate to other crop types, whether its berries, fruits and vegetables, or even one day commodity crops," he added.

The tractor — which has a base price of \$58,000 — is the first 100% electric compact tractor of its kind, producing zero tailpipe

emissions. The tractor also features data collection that allows farmers to analyze crop health and improve accuracy, among other operational enhancements.

The company received a grant to help develop the tractor from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District as part of CARB's Farming Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) program, which provides funding through local air districts for agricultural harvesting equipment.

In addition to making farming practices more sustainable, the Monarch Tractor is a tool intended to save farmers money and help resolve some industry challenges, including labor shortages.

"The machine is not taking away jobs, it's fulfilling jobs that we can't find people to do," Schwager said.

"What's happening with farmers is that they are now getting squeezed," added Penmetsa, whose professional background is in mechanical engineering but has a family background in farming. "If they don't have labor and labor is one of their biggest expenses, then how are they going to produce? And once they miss a season, that's a farm-threatening situation."

"The other thing is that we want

to get people away from dirty, dangerous and dull jobs. Farming, in many cases — whether it's a spray operation — people being near a tractor is inherently dangerous and we need to take people away from that," Schwager said.

"In the past couple of years we've realized (it's become) even more dangerous. Whether it's wildfire smoke that people have to breathe in or extreme heat, these factors are making the farm even more dangerous and more challenging to find people to work in," he added.

Penmetsa cited his family history as an example of why people often leave the agriculture industry.

"The reason my dad left farming was the same reason that a lot of people leave farming, which is that it's too hard to do on a daily basis and you make too little money for the amount of risk involved, so instead he moved to the city and started doing other jobs," he said, adding that it feels like a full circle moment to now be working in agricultural equipment himself.

"We don't claim to have a solution for farmers; we have a tool for farmers," Penmetsa said. "We want to enable farmers to do things the way they want to do it — profitably and sustainably both for the soil health, for their health and for the planet's health." ■

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# Commission urges 100% active ground-floor uses on Main Street

Recommendation aims to simplify policy language, asks for further discussion about long-term vacancies

By ANNA HSU

The Pleasanton Planning Commission recommended changes to the Downtown Specific Plan last week, proposing city policy require fully “active” business uses in ground-floor units on Main Street in most circumstances.

Commissioners called for simpler and stricter regulations than suggested by city staff, who proposed requiring at least the front 60% of a commercial unit be active retail or restaurant, in expansion of the current policy of 25% depth. Still

up for future debate is potential allowances for properties with tenant vacancies over six months.

“I would like to see this whole multi-use aspect be eliminated from our language. No other city has it, and most of us have realized that there’s very few businesses that have come into play,” Vice Chair Nancy Allen said during the July 28 commission meeting. “When we say active use ground-floor retail, we mean 100% active use retail — clear with the intent, simple and provides direction, and

no ambiguity.”

The City Council had referred the city’s “active ground-floor use overlay” policy for further review by city staff and the commission in the wake of a recent appeal from Iron Horse Real Estate for a multi-use commercial tenant space on Main Street.

The existing Downtown Specific Plan regulation requires the front 25% of the depth of multi-use tenant space to be an “active use” commercial operation, with exceptions for vacancies exceeding six months and purpose-built banking buildings. Active use aims to attract customers and increase foot traffic downtown with establishments such as retail and restaurants.

While the overall direction from the council was to increase the proportion of the requirement of active use in commercial tenant spaces, public sentiment generally opposed raising the ratio, according to city senior planner Shweta Bonn.

The recommendation from city staff was for mandates of 60% depth and 60% of leasable square footage minimum to be an active use.

In a public comment during the July 28 hearing, Erica Jasso, owner of Sculpturations, expressed her concerns with the Downtown Specific Plan as an applicant to be a tenant on the first floor on Main Street.

Jasso said she had already invested more than \$25,000 into her beauty services business and made changes to comply with the 25% requirement, but with her business license and zoning approval denied, the increase in required depth could prevent her

from opening her business.

Zac Grant, executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, also spoke, emphasizing there are only a few number of cases of multi-use spaces. He said PDA officials’ concerns are not of the percentage but that the storefronts are bona fide active-use businesses.

“There’s so much discussion that has occurred around this, it creates a lot of interesting hypotheticals. But honestly with just a couple of cases, I don’t want to see this dividing my membership anymore than it already has. I’d like to move on to other more important issues for the city,” Grant said.

During the discussion, the commissioners took into consideration the concerns from the public comments and echoed Grant’s statement that the percentage of depth of active use should not be the primary issue.

“What I’m leaning towards is not requiring a specific percentage so much as finding other ways to ensure that we have vibrant use,” Planning Commissioner Brandon Pace said.

“Does the mixed-use concept need to be there because we’re forcing it to be there by forcing a percentage to begin with,” Chair Justin Brown added.

With all around support for requiring 100% active use on the ground floor of Main Street, the commissioners brought up concerns with after six months of a vacancy. Originally, after six months of confirmed vacancy, the space would be eligible to full non-active use tenants.

With the pandemic, vacancies lasting up to or more than six months have become more common and commissioners said they worried that after six months, the policy would allow more non-active businesses to locate on Main Street due to the exception.

“Maybe after the six months is when the backup plan of a portion of retail of 25% is required, just so we can steer downtown to where we want it to be,” Planning Commissioner Matt Gaidos said.

“The accommodation that I would look to is that we are expanding the definition of the business that are being permitted after a certain amount of time,” Pace said in support of allowing personal services to be incorporated into the percentage depth required after the six months.

With the debate varied on active-use policy after a six-month vacancy, the commissioners agreed on tabling that subject, recommending future discussion to be agendized.

In addition, the commissioners recommended clarifying the language around when to start the clock on vacancy duration (completion or termination date of the lease) and what types of evidence would qualify to support that (photo of the leasing sign in the window, public real estate listing on a commercial MLS or more subjectively, proactive marketing of the site).

After receiving unanimous support from the commission, the amended proposal will now head to the city council for consideration at a future date. ■



## TAKE US ALONG

**Delivering wheelchairs with care:** Students and chaperones from the Wheelchair Foundation’s school program “From The Heart” deliver wheelchairs in Guayaquil, Ecuador on July 16. Tri-Valley volunteers in photo with recipients are Sarah Schomaker, Alexa Selimos, Camille Cline, Savannah Fried, Abby Fried, Don Routh, Josh Routh, Craig Fryer, Keri Fryer, Kevin Fryer, Brandon Fryer and Cody Chrisman.

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#### Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 11, 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 August 4, when the agenda is posted on the City’s website at: [cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning\\_agenda.asp](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp)

- P20-0596, Spring Music Academy, 4811 Hopyard Rd, Suite G7 Application for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate the following programs in an existing tenant space: 1) to expand the existing year-round music school from 20 to 50 people, from 7:30-10p.m. on weekdays and 8a.m.-10p.m. on Saturdays; 2) to operate a heritage school for 50 people from 2-6:30p.m. on weekdays when school is in session; and 3) to operate a summer choir camp for 50 people form 9a.m.-4p.m. on weekdays.

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# Chabot Credit Union merging with University CU

Members expected to vote by Sept. 14

By JEREMY WALSH

Executives with Chabot Federal Credit Union announced this week that a proposed merger agreement has been reached for the Dublin-based financial services provider to be absorbed by University Credit Union later this year, pending member approval.

The move will allow the local credit union, which primarily serves members from Chabot and Las Positas community colleges and the city of Hayward, to expand its financial offerings to the higher education community

while keeping its staff intact at the soon-to-be-rebranded Chabot Branch of University Credit Union on Donlon Way, officials said in a joint statement Monday.

“We hope to combine our resources with a credit union that mirrors our long history of helping people achieve their financial goals,” Chabot FCU CEO Christine Petro said. “This proposed merger will allow us to maximize our efficiencies, enabling us to enhance products and delivery channels to our members, while retaining our entire team, our programs

and services, and our existing location.”

Petro said she and Chabot FCU board members expect a positive response from local members, who will vote on the proposed merger by Sept. 14. If approved at that time, the deal would be finalized in the fourth quarter of this year.

Founded in 1962 with just 40 members and \$2,716 in total assets, the member-owned financial cooperative has grown to approximately 1,650 members and over \$60 million in total assets serving

Chabot College, Las Positas College, the Chabot Las Positas Community College District, the city of Hayward and several select employers in Dublin.

Chabot FCU began searching for a prospective financial partner last year, with University Credit Union standing out as “an obvious best choice” as an industry leader with a demonstrated track record of serving its members in higher education with a breadth of traditional and electronic services, according to Petro.

“We are proud and excited to

have CFCU join us in this marquis partnership,” said University Credit Union CEO David Tuyo II, DBA. “The combined entity will enable our team to provide more accessibility to a suite of comprehensive financial services for all members, as we unite to ensure that university and college communities are fully supported in all areas of financial concern.”

A federally insured financial cooperative headquartered in Los Angeles, University CU boasts more than 40,000 members in the college community in California. ■

## Family honors late loved one with donation to Livermore Library

Six-figure contribution funds online resources related to business, education, diversity

By CIERRA BAILEY

The family of Yu-Li Pan — a longtime Livermore resident who died in February 2020 — recently donated \$106,130 to the Livermore Library in his honor.

Pan immigrated to the U.S. from China in 1950 and he lived in Livermore from 1970 to 2018. He received a doctorate in physics

from the University of California in 1964 and worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory until his retirement in 1993.

Library officials said in a statement that the donation by Pan's family funds online resources to support investment and business research, cultural diversity and education.

Some of those resources include ValueLine Investment Survey, expanded access to Morningstar's investment service and Proquest U.S. Major Dailies, a newspaper service providing access to the Wall Street Journal as well as four other major national newspapers.

Additionally, Proquest Ethnic NewsWatch, Gale OneFile

— Diversity Studies and Oxford Reference Library expand community access to resources focusing on cultural diversity; while continued access to Tutor.com supports the library's commitment to education, according to library officials.

Anyone with a Livermore Public Library account can access these

resources through the digital library.

While Pan's family chose to remain anonymous, library officials said that the various digital tools are a reflection of what Pan's interests were and were funded by his family's donation in the hope that Pan's life's passions may benefit the library and community that he considered his home. ■

## MASK MANDATE

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indoors in public settings.

In Alameda County, the regulations include a list of exceptions including when working alone in a closed room; indoor dining while patrons are actively eating or drinking; and swimming and showering at the gym. Residents are strongly discouraged from dining indoors and are asked to mask up in crowded outdoor areas, the health officials said.

The mandate will be simultaneously rolled out in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma. These public health orders do not have a sunset date, and come just days after the California Department of Public Health recommended universal masking in public indoor settings statewide.

Alameda County reported an adjusted COVID-19 case rate of 9.3 per 100,000 residents, with a test positivity rate of 5.1% and 179 COVID-19 patients hospitalized of which 48 are in the intensive care unit, as of the most recent data before press time Wednesday.

Sonoma County Health Officer Sundari Mase said the COVID-19 vaccine remains one of the strongest protections against the virus, and that the infection rate among the unvaccinated is six times higher than those who are vaccinated — a stark difference, given that unvaccinated residents make up just a small

minority of the county population. But she said the vaccine alone is not enough to combat the delta variant, which is much more widespread and aggressive opponent.

The California Department of Public Health reported that the delta variant accounts for 84.4% of COVID cases this month, a rapid increase from just 53.1% in June and 5.9% in May. In Sonoma, it accounts for 95% of all new cases.

“It's not the same virus that we were combating last year, or even a few months ago,” Mase said.

Fully vaccinated residents are included in the mask mandate because they, too, can get infected with so-called breakthrough cases, and Los Angeles County health officials reported last week that 20% of all new cases were among those who were vaccinated. Though people who are vaccinated are far less likely to suffer severe illness or end up in the hospital, they may spread the virus in public settings like grocery stores and restaurants.

In a statement following the press conference, Scott Morrow, San Mateo County's health officer, described the mask mandate as a less disruptive public health requirement that can reduce community transmission while still allowing higher-risk activities to take place.

“As San Mateo County joins its neighbors in issuing these orders, the goal is to avoid disrupting businesses and residents' everyday activities,” Morrow said. “We want our communities to stay open while being as safe as possible.”

Like past mask mandates, Han said he recommends people wear a surgical or medical-grade mask and, barring that, a well-fitted cloth mask. Enforcement will largely fall to individual businesses, many of whom made face coverings optional for vaccinated individuals less than two months ago.

Though the new public health orders are even-handed with residents regardless of COVID-19 vaccination

status, public health officers were emphatic in encouraging people to get vaccinated. Broad nationwide trends show that 97% of people ending up in the hospital with severe symptoms are unvaccinated, and local hospital admissions for people with COVID are surging.

In Contra Costa County, the number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients doubled in just the past 10 days, and are up 400% in the

month of July. In Sonoma County, 100% of the ICU patients with COVID were unvaccinated and could have protected themselves from the virus.

“This is really tragic given the widespread availability of vaccines in the area,” Mase said. “It's needed now more than ever.” ■

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## Bernie Billen

October 17, 1948 – August 2, 2021

Bernie Billen, 72, died peacefully on Monday August 2nd, 2021 at her home in Pleasanton, CA, surrounded by her family after a long battle with cancer. She was preceded by her husband, Michael Billen earlier this year.

She was born Bernzetta Ann Johnson in Ellwood City, PA on October 17, 1948, the second of six children to Meredith "Jerry" Johnson and Frances Wimer Johnson. Bernie's family lived in Pittsburgh and Butler before settling in Erie, PA where Bernie graduated from Strong Vincent High School and attended Allegheny College.

Bernie began her career in banking at Marine Bank in Erie, PA while getting married and starting a family with the birth of her son Rob. The young family moved from Erie to Cincinnati, OH, where daughter Kristin was born, and then a brief stay in Atlanta, GA finally settling in Pleasanton, CA in 1979. Bernie's community spirit was inspired when she joined the Newcomers Club shortly after arriving, establishing what would become an amazing group of lifelong friends.

Bernie immersed herself in many organizations and activities, including serving on the Board of Directors for the Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association, the Pleasanton Downtown Association and Hively (formerly Child Care Links). She worked tirelessly on many fundraisers, including the Pleasanton Senior Center. Bernie was a key figure in the City's 1994 Centennial Celebration and served for decades as the coordinator for the Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Parade.

In recognition of her many volunteer efforts, Bernie was awarded the 2006 Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award, the inaugural Chamber of Commerce Carol Bush Award, the Pleasanton Downtown Association Arch Angel Award, and most recently the 2020 Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award.

Along with all her volunteer work, Bernie built a remarkable career centered around empowering others. She re-entered the banking sector at Community First National Bank, spent a few years at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce before eventually retiring as a Sr. Vice President at United Business Bank.

Bernie and Michael loved their many trips with family and friends to Mexico, Hawaii, and Florida. Their passion for boating culminated with their purchase of their dream yacht, the Silver Star, and their membership in the Caliente Island Yacht Club where Bernie served as Commodore in 2020.

She will be dearly missed by her many friends, loving family and by the entire Pleasanton community. She treasured all of the people in her life and was always willing to go above and beyond to help. Bernie never shied away from taking responsibility and always showed great compassion for many who were in need.

Bernie was preceded in death by her loving husband Michael, her parents, and her brother Dennis. Bernie is survived by her siblings Deronda (Jim) Harris, Thomas (Norm) Johnson, Cynthia (Henry) Johnson and Mary Lou (Frank) Difuccia. She is also survived by her children Rob (Janet) Rollinger, Kristin Rollinger, Terry (Angeles) Billen and Mindy Billen; grandchildren Christa, Bobby, Brady, Milo, Blaine, Brittany and Travis along with 4 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and by her many friends whom she always considered family.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Thursday August 12th, 2021 starting at 1pm at Barone's Restaurant & Gardens at 475 St. John St. Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Flowers can be sent to Barone's Restaurant. Donations can also be made to Hope Hospice, Dublin, or American Cancer Society.



## KREYCIK

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family and Pleasanton Police Department, and a relationship that grew to include a web of Pleasanton city officials, first-responders search-and-rescue volunteers and everyday residents.

Last week, Mayor Karla Brown attended a special private meeting with Kreycik's family and PPD to ensure they knew officials were "not walking away from this."

At the time, Kreycik's mother Marcia told the Weekly that nothing about her son's disappearance made any sense.

"He's so focused on his choice of career, he was also focused on guardianship of this earth as well as guardianship of his family and friends," Marcia Kreycik said on July 28. "That's the person he is; he's not just one to go off and leave everything he values behind."

Yao said last week that her husband and father of two was the type of person who "brings people together, whether it's through adventures or something like this."

"He really wants you to look at the world and just really enjoy it and not rush by it, and really to stop and care," Yao said.

Hours after the body presumed to be Kreycik was recovered about 2,000 feet from the running trail, Brown told the Weekly, "I am grateful Philip Kreycik's body has been found and will be returned to his family. I want to express my appreciation to the hundreds of Pleasanton residents, Pleasanton police officers and Alameda County officers that searched relentlessly for him."

A case that has captivated the Tri-Valley — and much of the Bay Area — since Kreycik went missing on a weekend marked by a scorching heat wave, the initial search



MIKE SEDLAK

From left: Philip Kreycik's wife Jen Yao, sister Claire, and parents Keith and Marcia spoke with the Weekly on July 28 at Pleasanton City Hall.

efforts saw 20 teams of law enforcement members and community volunteers search the park on foot, horseback and mountain e-bikes. Canines, drones, fixed-wing aircraft, and heat-detecting technology were also used in some cases.

Local businesses and hundreds of residents lent their time and resources, including food, bottled water and other supplies that were donated for the search effort. A search base camp was also set up at Foothill High School while a group of Donlon Elementary School students used proceeds from their lemonade stand to buy breakfast for search and rescue workers.

Extending down to Sunol, the 50-square-mile multi-agency search lasted about a week, but volunteers continued to search on their own, along with coordinated search-and-rescue efforts on the weekends, until the body was discovered on Tuesday.

It's possible that Kreycik may have mistaken a game trail — a clear path in a forest that's trodden by deer and other wildlife — for one that was man-made, authorities said. "Philip could have thought it was a trail that he was on. It's very easy to get disoriented out there," Brede said.

Sgt. Ray Kelly with the Alameda

County Sheriff's Office concurred: "We roughly estimate based on terrain there that you could continue on straight and not realize you had gone off the trail. The environment out there, it plays tricks on your eyes, with multiple layers of foliage and vegetation."

The county coroner's office will be responsible for official identification and determining the cause of death, but officials said there were no initial signs of foul play. Heat exhaustion or injuries also haven't been ruled out yet as possibilities.

Pleasanton police noted that the body matched Kreycik's description.

EBRPD police will lead a follow-up investigation, with the sheriff's crime lab lending assistance as needed.

"We will treat this case with the utmost investigative integrity. At the end of the day, everybody wants answers as to why and how, and they deserve those answers," Kelly said.

A Harvard graduate and energy analyst for PG&E, Kreycik lived in Berkeley and is survived by his wife Jen, two young children, parents Keith and Marcia, and sister Claire.

Anyone who may have seen Kreycik on July 10 is asked to call Pleasanton police at 925-931-5107. ■

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Driver charged with felony for crash that killed teacher from San Ramon

An Antioch man was charged last week with gross vehicular manslaughter in connection with a daytime crash at the intersection of Crow Canyon and Bollinger Canyon roads that killed San Ramon resident and Arroyo High School teacher Susan Guinee nearly three months ago.



Susan Guinee

After reviewing findings of the San Ramon Police Department investigation, which was completed earlier this month, the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office filed one felony count against 32-year-old Jeffrey Roy Adelmann in superior court on July 27.

Senior deputy district attorney Simon O'Connell told the Weekly last Friday that the fatal collision on May 5 rose to the level of a felony because of especially negligent driving, alleging Adelmann was drowsy and ignored his passenger's pleas to stop driving before he "plowed through a solid red light at a very high speed."

Adelmann surrendered to authorities on July 29 and was released from jail custody on bail, according to San Ramon police Lt. Tami Williams. It was not immediately clear when Adelmann's arraignment will be or whether he is represented by an attorney yet.

Last week was the first time police or prosecutors publicly revealed Adelmann's identity — San Ramon police, like other law enforcement in the Tri-Valley, do not release the names of drivers under investigation for causing a traffic collision unless and until criminal charges are filed, citing privacy reasons.

In the wake of the initial news coverage, the Weekly received emails from two people purporting to have been a witness or knew witnesses to the crash and saying the fault was opposite and Guinee actually ran the red light. When asked at the time, San Ramon police discredited those claims as contrary to the evidence including video footage of the intersection.

Upon further review of those emails, now that the defendant's name has been confirmed, the sender of a May 23 email identified themselves at that time as "Jeff Adelmann." Multiple messages to that email account, including one on Friday, were unanswered to

date.

"The driver of the truck didn't (sic) run a red he in fact had a green can you please correct your post/article. Thank you. There are multiple witnesses that support that. So please correct your article," the emailer identified as Jeff Adelmann wrote. The email did not indicate that the sender was a party to the collision or related to anyone involved.

The nearly 2-1/2-month investigation began on that fateful afternoon on May 5 at the highly traveled intersection on the west side of San Ramon.

A truck driven by Adelmann traveling eastbound on Crow Canyon Road ran a red light going straight at approximately 12:15 p.m., according to San Ramon police.

At that same moment, a car driven by Guinee was attempting to turn westbound onto Crow Canyon Road from Bollinger Canyon Road with the green light when it was struck by the truck, police said.

Guinee, 56, died at the scene. A mom with one son and caregiver for her live-in mother, Guinee worked in the San Lorenzo Unified School District for 31 years, most recently teaching adapted and modified PE for students with special needs at Arroyo High.

Video camera footage at the high-profile intersection captured the collision, showing that the light in Adelmann's direction was red for three to four seconds before he drove through it at 57 mph in the 45 mph zone, according to O'Connell.

But police investigators needed to wait for the results of toxicology testing before forwarding the case to the DA's office for review, a process completed in mid-July.

The prosecutor alleged that Adelmann passed tests for drugs and alcohol but admitted to having smoked marijuana the night before, which authorities think could have been a factor in his reported drowsy driving. "This is not treated as an impairment case, but his recent use may have contributed to him having trouble keeping his eyes open at the wheel," O'Connell said.

O'Connell said the defendant's passenger observed him closing his eyes at the wheel that afternoon and "pleaded with him not to drive," to no avail.

The prosecutor said he expected Adelmann to be arraigned this week, with results pending as of press time Wednesday. His bail was set at \$50,000 when the arrest warrant was issued. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## Jacquelyn L. Mason

August 8, 1940 – July 13, 2021

Mrs. Mason was born and raised in Flint, Michigan, where she was an active member of St. Luke's Catholic Church. She met her one true love, Robert Mason, in the church choir, and they married on August 29, 1969. They raised their two children in Grand Blanc and moved to California in 1997 when the nest was empty after their daughter's graduation from veterinary school.

A lifelong advocate of health and education, Mrs. Mason worked as a medical technologist for over 45 years and was a passionate scholar of Shakespeare, genealogy, and medicine. After retiring, she devoted herself to the happiness and well-being of her grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her extraordinary kindness and her generosity. No matter how awkward, confused or lost we felt, she was always there to lend a sympathetic ear, listen patiently with mercy rather than judgment, and help us find our way. We owe her a lifetime debt of gratitude for the gifts of love and support we received.

She is survived by her daughter Lisa Hoban; son Richard Mason; sisters Francine Vaughn and Kathleen Luer; and brothers Jonathan Lamson, Joseph Lamson, and Michael Lamson. She was preceded in death by husband Robert Mason; brothers David Lamson and Patrick Lamson; and sister Margo McGaffey.

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### July 31

#### Theft

- 3:41 p.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; bicycle theft
- 6:33 p.m. at Willet Way and Canary Drive

#### DUI

- 12:57 a.m. at Peters Avenue and St. Mary Street

#### Assault/battery

- 12:23 a.m. on the 300 block of Main Street

#### Alcohol violation

- 8:23 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Domestic battery

- 6:37 p.m. on Moreno Avenue

### July 30

#### Theft

- 12:16 p.m., 4400 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft

- 8:20 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

#### Warrant arrest

- 3:07 p.m. on the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue
- 3:34 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### July 29

#### Theft

- 1:37 a.m. on the 1800 block of Paseo Del Cajon

#### Warrant arrest

- 5:23 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue
- 7:42 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Vandalism

- 11:05 a.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Drug violation

- 3:35 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
- 9:57 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue

## Robert Allen Thompson

August 21, 1949 – July 20, 2021

Robert "Bob" Thompson passed away unexpectedly at the age of 71. He was a wonderful musician, as well as a skilled athlete and tradesman who loved spending time outdoors. He touched many lives with his generosity and loved to entertain others with his great sense of humor.

Bob was born in Richmond, CA on Aug. 21, 1949. After receiving his pilot's license, he left home to serve in the United States Airforce as an airplane mechanic during the Vietnam war. Upon returning home in 1971, he went on to pursue his bachelor's degree in music at Sonoma State University. Bob maintained a lifelong passion for music. He especially loved practicing with his band members and playing guitar every morning in the music hut that he built.

Bob ultimately settled for a career in telecommunications. He worked for PG&E for 30 years until his retirement in 2011. Bob loved retirement and kept himself busy with new challenges and adventures. In 2014, he embarked on a journey to receive his helicopter pilot's license. He also took up an interest in backpacking and hiked portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and Tahoe Rim Trail. Bob stayed active by taking dance lessons, going on bike rides, and playing in tennis tournaments. He liked to brag that he could outrun a 30-year-old any day on the court.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Gayle Yost-Thompson, who passed away in 2009. He vowed that he would honor her memory by living every day to its fullest and by continuing to be a loving, inspiring, and devoted father. He is survived by his daughter, Erin Yost Thompson; his son, Kevin Yost Thompson; his brothers, Donald and Greg Thompson; his sister, Supriya Kathleen Deas, and his step-sisters, Susan Thompson and Elizabeth Elewski.

Bob's wishes were to be cremated and to have his ashes spread in Yosemite. A celebration of life ceremony will be held in his honor. Donations can be made to the Sierra Club Foundation, the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, or a charity of your choosing.

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## Harvest Festival returns to fairgrounds

Huge indoor arts and crafts show set for Aug. 13-15

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Pleasanton Harvest Festival is returning to the Alameda County Fairgrounds from Aug. 13-15, part of the rebuilding year for many festivals and events. As always, it will feature handmade arts and crafts, a variety of food, strolling entertainers, artist demonstrations and more.

"In 2020, we had a temporary re-brand to the 'Harvest Market,' which allowed us to operate under the same regulations that farmers markets did," said Nancy Glenn, owner of the Harvest Festival Original Art and Craft Show.

"We did unfortunately lose several exhibitors whose businesses went under, and we ourselves had to make the difficult decision to permanently close our San Jose show," she said.

Now, after months of uncertainty, the Pleasanton Harvest Festival is set to open its doors again to artists and crafters, many of whom depend on the show as a platform to sell their products.

"Our show was built on supporting the independent artist and small businessperson, so we are extremely glad to be able to continue that mission," Glenn said.

Exhibitors include Dan Shattuck,

a 1988 graduate from Amador Valley High School, who now lives in Morro Bay and creates works of art and jewelry out of discarded silverware, metal objects and other recycled materials.

Shattuck said he has been exhibiting at shows for 20 years and especially likes the Pleasanton Harvest Festival, which he remembers attending as a kid with his mom.

"It has a great selection of anything from crafts to fine crafts to fine art," Shattuck said. "And I like that they have the roving entertainment. It's a nice atmosphere."

Another feature of the weekend is that attendees are able to directly interact with the artists and watch demonstrations, as well as have gifts personalized. Each exhibitor undergoes a rigid jury process to ensure the show will offer a rich diversity and high quality of products.

The Harvest Festivals are known as one of the West Coast's largest indoor art and craft shows, offering thousands of American handmade crafts, including original art, jewelry, pottery, clothing, specialty foods, home decor, photography, specialty foods, toys and more. Elegant Brie, based out of Pleasanton, is another local exhibitor.

"After being forced to postpone several of our shows last year due to COVID, we couldn't be more excited to be back," Glenn said.

The Harvest Festivals began 49 years ago in San Francisco as a forum for artists and craftspeople to sell their handmade products. Today, the show has grown to encompass eight shows in California and Nevada but continues to only feature arts and crafts handmade in the United States.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the door, and can be used on any day and for re-entry throughout the festival. The festival is following health guidelines set forth by the county, including mask rules. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"All You Need Is Love" by metal artist Dan Shattuck.

### Arts fair is back

**What:** Pleasanton Harvest Festival  
**When:** Aug. 13-15 (10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday)  
**Where:** Alameda County Fairgrounds  
**Tickets:** Adults, \$9; seniors 62 and older, military and youth 13-17, \$4; 12 and under, free.  
 Information and tickets in advance: [www.harvestfestival.com](http://www.harvestfestival.com); call 392-7300



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Handmade jewelry is always part of the Pleasanton Harvest Festival.

## Preschool reading time coming back in person

Families — and staff — have missed playing at museum together

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum on Main is resuming its reading time for preschoolers in-person next week initially outside under a tent, after closing last year due to the pandemic.

"We are just beyond thrilled to be finally bringing the program back to in-person," said education director Sarah Schaefer, who is also the principal story time reader.

The popular program featuring themed reading times and crafts had been held from 10-11 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month since 2010, but moved to the virtual realm in April 2020.

"We were happy we found a way to keep the program going virtually using our Facebook page, but it just wasn't the same," Schaefer noted.

The program, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton Foundation, aims to introduce preschoolers to the world around them and inspire creativity through books, activities and crafts. It also encourages toddlers and their families to become engaged with the museum, its many



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Preschoolers show off their polar bear masks made during an Arctic Adventure Reading Time.

programs and its changing exhibits.

But these goals were hard to accomplish virtually.

"We missed seeing all the preschoolers and their families learning, creating and playing together at the museum," Schaefer said. "We

missed seeing them grow and become more confident in the museum from month to month and from year to year."

The 2021 schedule of dates and themes is as follows:

- Aug. 11: Sailing Away
- Sept. 8: Celebrate Community
- Oct. 13: Boil Boil Toil and Trouble
- Nov. 11: November is for Giving
- Dec. 9: Dance Party

In accordance with federal, state and local recommendations, museum staff asks that all unvaccinated people over the age of 2 wear a mask while attending M.O.M.'s Reading Time. Those who are vaccinated can choose to wear a mask, but it will not be required. Hand sanitizer will be available. Participants are advised to check the website for up-to-date information on COVID protocols.

Admission is free but donations are appreciated. No reservations are required but large groups should call in advance at 462-2766.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. For more information, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org). ■

## Speaker series presenting 'Jacques Cousteau'

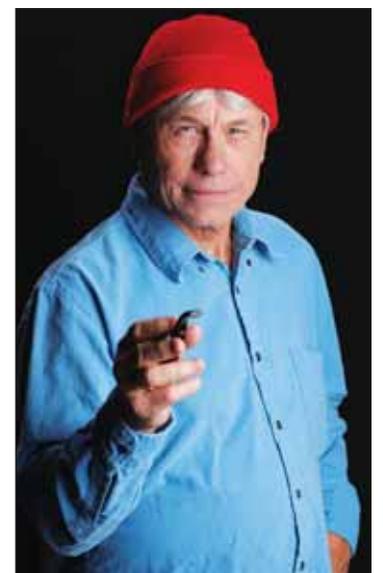
Famed oceanographer will appear virtually Aug. 18

The Museum on Main is welcoming famed ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau to its virtual stage at 2 and 7 p.m. Aug. 18 as part of this year's Ed Kinney Speaker Series.

The Cousteau name is connected today to oceanography and ocean conservation, and the French naval officer, ocean explorer and coinventor of the Aqua-Lung will tell about his extensive undersea investigations and how he brought marine biology to the masses through his TV specials.

The famed marine biologist will be portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Doug Mishler on the webinar platform Big Marker. Links to the virtual performance will be sent to ticket holders through their email one day prior to the performance.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission; \$15, seniors 65-plus and students; and \$10 for museum



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Doug Mishler as Jacques Cousteau.

members. Visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call the museum at 462-2766. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

# Girl Scouts Gold Award for Juliana Gerard

Project SMILE teaches social issues to younger students

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton resident Juliana Gerard has been honored with the Girl Scouts Gold Award, the highest recognition in Girl Scouting.

Her Gold Award project was creating Student Mentoring and Interactive Learning Exchange (SMILE), as a way for high school student volunteers to teach elementary students about social issues while the teens learn lasting leadership skills.

Gerard founded SMILE in 2019 as a club at her school, the Quarry Lane School in Dublin. She obtained approval to operate the club, recruited a team of volunteer mentors and developed curriculum for 28 workshops focused on a range of topics, including environmental awareness, wildlife conservation and mental health.

She served as the club's president,

coordinating with school administrators, training volunteers, and leading the workshops with students split into groups of kindergartners to second-graders and third- to fifth-graders.

In addition to running SMILE, Gerard documented project materials and recruited a team of student leaders to continue operating the club after she graduated in 2020. The new team of student

leaders adapted the program to enable workshops even while students and volunteers engaged remotely during the 2020-21 school year.

Gerard, the daughter of Jack and Carrie Gerard of Pleasanton, was in Girl Scouts for 13 years and volunteers as a counselor at Two Sentinels Girl Scout Camp. She recently completed her first year of college at UCLA. ■



Juliana Gerard



## Singers invited to perform Mozart's 'Requiem'

Valley Concert Chorale featuring sing-along with practices next month

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Valley Concert Chorale is inviting experienced Bay Area singers to join them in performing the Mozart "Requiem" in an October performance. Practices will begin Sept. 13 in Livermore and will continue the next two Monday evenings.

"As we regroup and begin singing together again, we wanted to offer singers throughout the Bay Area the opportunity to share in the power and beauty of Mozart's great choral masterpiece," said Bill Leach, president of Valley Concert Chorale.

"Many choral groups offer sing-alongs, including our annual Sing-It-Yourself 'Messiah' held

every December, but we wanted to take this event to a different level."

Experienced singers who have previously sung the "Requiem" are especially encouraged to participate. Others can easily learn their part in advance at cyberbass.com.

"We are offering a higher quality performance by holding three rehearsals, with the final performance with orchestra as Mozart intended," artistic director John Emory Bush explained.

They are using the edition of the "Requiem" completed by Mozart scholar Robert Levin that includes an added fugue, Bush added. The Levin scores will be

available for \$15 at the rehearsals.

Due to space limitations, the event is limited to 100 singers, and a \$30 fee will be charged to cover the costs. Singers must be fully vaccinated to take part.

Practices will be held at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. The performance is at the same venue, at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2.

The event is a sing-along rather than a public performance but it will be livestreamed for friends, family and "Requiem" fans to enjoy.

For more information or to register to sing, visit [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or call 866-4003. ■



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# LETTERS

## Water conservation in Pleasanton

Dear editor,

As Pleasanton moves forward in growth and development, I propose that an expansion to the current lawn reclamation program in Pleasanton be implemented.

Lawn reclamation, in simple terms, is a practice in which cities buy back the lawns of homeowners in exchange for payment and other financial incentives.

Although Pleasanton currently

offers residents \$0.25 to \$0.50 per square foot for lawn reclamation, other cities have taken more aggressive measures, and we should follow suit. Some cities, like Palm Beach, Fresno and Los Angeles, offer between \$1-\$3 per square foot, which better incentivizes residents to consider lawn removal.

Las Vegas, which has banned the installation of front lawns altogether, has saved 9.2 billion gallons of water through turf removal, according to the general manager of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, Patricia Mulroy. According to the New York Times,

between 2009 and 2013, Los Angeles paid homeowners \$1.4 million to remove enough grass to save 47 million gallons of water annually, saving homeowners thousands in water costs.

Many residents typically have their lawn and water-needy plants die in the summer, making our yards fruitless and unsightly several months of the year. However, such action is needless should Pleasanton residents be further incentivized to install drought-resistant landscapes in their yards in the coming years, because as the past decade suggests, more droughts are on the horizon.

For the sake of a sustainable future, lawns in Pleasanton should be made a thing of the past.

—John Lester

## Vaccinated v. unvaccinated

I wish we lived in a world where people had the freedom of choice to get a disease that likely will not harm them or to get a vaccine. Unfortunately, COVID spreads rapidly enough and hurts enough people that the government is willing to sacrifice the livelihoods, the mental health, and the physical health of everyone because some people decided to get the disease instead

of the 100% safe shot.

We have a solution — the vaccine. People who are not vaccinated are doing serious harm to our society because our government is willing to punish everyone to protect our health care system.

Our office is now requiring everyone to get fully vaccinated or be fired. The deadline is Sept. 30. All businesses should require anyone entering a public place indoors to show vaccination status. No vaccines, no entry. Why should I as a vaccinated person have to walk around the grocery store with the unvaccinated? Or eat at the next table in a restaurant?

We need to send a very strong message to people: Get the vaccine, or go home — literally. Or, we need to change our government's attitude and power play, which is not likely.

To the unvaccinated: you should be ashamed of yourselves. I am tired of hearing your excuses. To the people I do business with: demonstrate your commitment to me, your business and our country — provide a certification that 100% of your employees are vaccinated.

—Steve Toschi



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## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER



ANGELA WOODWARD

The Stingrays and StingraysReUnited in the Pleasanton Adult Sunday Soccer (PASS) league.

## From humble beginning, Pleasanton adult soccer league marking 50 years

Now under Ballistic United umbrella, PASS fall 2021 season gets underway soon

I have long been a believer that many a great thing can come from having a glass of wine with friends and family.

Such was the case for the formation of the Pleasanton Adult Sunday Soccer (PASS) some 50 years ago in 1971.

"We were sitting around in our living room drinking wine on a Saturday after watching our kids play," PASS founder Roy Gillette said. "We were talking about how the kids got all the fun of playing, but we weren't. It was then we decided we needed to start a team."

Initially they started with 15 people from Sunol, with only one having any soccer experience. But who were they going to play?

"There was a group in Fremont that was organized," Gillette explained. "I think we played Fremont like 10 times. At that point we thought, we need to market this."

They got a second team locally when the Pleasanton Spoilers were formed. This group featured coaches from around Pleasanton, some with plenty of soccer experience.

The local teams started to double every six months, and PASS was off and running.

"When we got to 16 teams, we had one or two teams with experienced players," Gillette said. "They were too serious. The Spoilers were

always fun to play because they got what the league was about."

Gillette played for almost 20 years until he hung up his cleats.

"I played until 1990," Gillette said. "I had turned 50, and there was no over-50 league and these kids coming in were too young and fast. By the time they had an over-50 league, I was 60."

PASS has continued throughout the years as wave after wave of former youth players turn the magic age to be eligible to play.

It was five to six years ago when Ballistic United Soccer Club absorbed PASS into its fold with thought of giving their former players, as well as parents of their current players, a chance to play.

The league plays two 12-game seasons each year — a spring season that runs March to June and a fall season from September to December. The focus is on getting players of all abilities out with the emphasis on enjoying the game and meeting new people.

Mixers are held during the off-season for two main purposes: One, being able to help new players to find a team to play on, and two, to help mix up the players from different teams to get to know each other and build up camaraderie between players.

PASS is getting between 16-20

teams each season. Currently the league has 18 teams and about 450 players.

Angela Woodward runs the league and has done a wonderful job.

Woodward said PASS has plenty of male players looking for teams, but more females are needed so new teams can be formed.

There are two divisions in PASS. Here are the parameters for playing:

1. Over-30 Division; three women over 21, with the rest over 25. Three men over 25, with the rest over 30.
2. Over-40 Division; three females over 37, three males over 37.

The new season is set to start Aug. 15 and go through Dec. 12. There will be mixers every Sunday on Field 11 at the Ken Mercer Sports Park. Anyone over 18 is eligible to play in the mixer; you just need your driver's license and fill out a waiver if you have not signed up as a "free agent" on the BUSC website. You need a white shirt and a dark shirt, and shin guards are required.

Registration is now open and everyone should register as a "free agent." If you are on a team, please notify which team in the experience level question. Visit busc.org. ■

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



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**626 NIGHT MARKET** 626 Night Market is back at Alameda County Fairgrounds. The iconic California festival features food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games and entertainment that appeals to all ages. 3-11 p.m., Aug. 6-8. Visit [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com).

**LIFE IS A CABERNET** Life is a Cabernet is an interactive evening of Bingo & The Bard, Award-Winning Wine, Scenes and Songs, outdoors on the grounds of Darcie Kent Vineyards in Livermore. \$30-35 single ticket, \$150 per table (up to 6 guests). 6 p.m., Aug. 12-15. Visit [darciekentvineyards.com](http://darciekentvineyards.com).

**LATINO'S MAKER MARKET** The Latino's Maker Market includes homemade clothing, jewelry, plants, flowers and delicious foods from Latin America. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Aug. 14. St. Bartholomew's Garden, 678 Enos Way, Livermore.

## Movies

**SUMMER MOVIES SERIES AT EMERALD GLEN PARK** Join the City of Dublin for the annual Picnic Flix summer movie series at Emerald Glen Park. Food vendors will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m., movies approximately 8:45 p.m. Aug. 6, Onward. Visit [dublin.ca.gov/1327/Picnic-Flix](http://dublin.ca.gov/1327/Picnic-Flix). 4201 Central Pkwy.

**FAMILY FUN FILM SERIES** With all tickets just \$5, the Bankhead Theater Family Fun Film series offers an inexpensive way for the entire family to enjoy some of the beloved movies of the past decades. The Muppets Movie, 7 p.m., Aug. 11. 2400 First St., Livermore.

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR - TED NEELEY IN PERSON** Vine Cinema and Alehouse in Livermore will host a digitally remastered screening of "Jesus Christ Superstar" with an appearance by the film's lead, Ted Neeley. This dazzling interpretation of the hit Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber rock opera tells the story of Christ's final weeks in a bold and epic production. 7 p.m., Aug. 12. Visit [vinecinema.com/movie/8919/jesus-christ-superstar](http://vinecinema.com/movie/8919/jesus-christ-superstar).

## Concerts

**CELEBRATE THE EARLY YEARS OF ROCK AND ROLL** The Firehouse Arts Center presents Jared Freibur & The Vagabonds featuring songs of Jerry Lee Lewis and more. Enter a time capsule to the golden era of American music featuring an electric lineup of Rock & Roll, Blues, Country and Jazz hits from the 1950's. 8 p.m., Aug. 14. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit [firehousearts.org/events](http://firehousearts.org/events).

## Talks

**MUSEUM ON MAIN WALKING TOUR** "If these Walls Could Talk", exploring Pleasanton downtown's historic homes on Second Street.

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**LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society presents Researching Your Civil War Ancestor. Join Jeff Vaillant as he shares stories and strategies he used in finding his Civil War ancestors. 7-8:30 p.m., Aug. 9. Visit [l-ags.org](http://l-ags.org).

**AUGUST RELIGION CHAT** The topic of Interfaith Interconnect's virtual August Religion Chat is "How does your community provide for those in need of forgiveness?" The speakers are Rabbi Dr. Laurence Milder, Congregation Beth Emek; and Dr. Abdul-Mun'im Sombat Jitmond, Muslim Community Center. 7-8:15 p.m., Aug. 11. Email [interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com](mailto:interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com).

**NORMAL AGING VERSUS SIGNS OF DEMENTIA** In this webinar, Hope Hospice's dementia specialists will offer insight into the normal effects of aging and more serious symptoms that should be evaluated by a doctor. 10-11:30 a.m., August 12. Visit [hopehospice.com/family](http://hopehospice.com/family).

**LIVERMORE LIBRARY HOSTS CONVERSATION ON EMPATHY** The Livermore Public Library will host its first Living Room Conversation, a guided interactive conversation designed to help citizens increase understanding, reveal common ground and seek solutions. Space is limited and registration required. Call 373-5505 for the Zoom link. 7-8:30 p.m., Aug. 31.

## Fundraisers

**WINE FOR WHEELS EVENT** Wine for Wheels provides awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities and collects donations to provide wheelchairs, hope, mobility and freedom to those in need. Join the Wine for Wheels Social Celebration with David and May Behring from 6:30-10 p.m., Aug. 20. For more information visit [wineforwheels.org](http://wineforwheels.org).

## Family

**QUEST SCIENCE CENTER-STOCKMEN'S PARK** Quest Science Center hosts a free summer series in Stockmen's Park in Livermore, featuring hands-on activities, stage

shows, music and more. In the next event, "Science of Music", learn how sound is created and build instruments from household materials. Enjoy a mini concert from Don Lewis, an electronic music inventor and pioneer. 5-8 p.m., Aug. 7. Visit [quest-science.org](http://quest-science.org).

## Outdoor Rec

**WEEKEND RANGER-SUMMER WALK** Join Ranger Vickie for a 2 mile walk through the park on mostly flat and some paved trails. Bring water and wear sturdy walking shoes. Canceled if temperatures are very high. RSVP by calling 960-2400. 2 p.m., Aug. 8, Sycamore Grove Park, Reservable Picnic Area, 5035 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

## Exhibits

**MUSEUM ON MAIN PRESENTS STITCHING CALIFORNIA** Stitching California: Fiber Artists Interpret the State, People, Life, and Land, a new traveling exhibition appearing at Pleasanton's Museum on Main showcases an exciting collection of art quilts that interpret the complexities of the Golden State. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org). Now through Aug. 14. 603 Main St.

## Government

**STATEWIDE TOWN HALL** Elected officials and community advocates are fighting against state housing laws that they argue will destroy single-family neighborhoods, increase costs of housing and worsen climate change. This event will inform participants about the negative consequences of two key housing bills, Senate Bills 9 and 10, which accelerate density and gentrification but fail to provide solutions for increasing the water supply or funding for infrastructure to support density, organizers said. 10-11:30 a.m., Aug. 7. Registration is at: [tinyurl.com/ytnxr64y](http://tinyurl.com/ytnxr64y).

**CITY OF PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION** The Planning Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The next teleconference meeting is 7 p.m., Aug. 11. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

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## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (May 3-14)

**Total sales reported:** 36  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$525,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,898,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,360,000

### Livermore (May 3-14)

**Total sales reported:** 65  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$440,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,545,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,070,384

### Dublin (May 3-14)

**Total sales reported:** 38  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$238,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,041,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,207,894

### San Ramon (June 21-July 2)

**Total sales reported:** 73  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$412,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$3,300,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,261,643

Source: California REsource

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 3-14 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and June 21 to July 2 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

**5610 Belleza Drive** S. & R. Sahu to N. & M. Subramanian for \$820,000  
**7855 Canyon Meadow Circle #B** R. & G. Ludwig to Y. Kuskova for \$662,500  
**29 Colby Court** A. Chen to D. & B. Thulasinathan for \$1,171,000  
**5742 Corte Libre** Veit Family Trust to Mukundh Family Trust for \$1,950,000  
**4181 Creekwood Court** Dotson Living Trust to A. & S. Chandrasekharan for \$2,535,000  
**4282 Croce Court** T. Surber to E. & D. Bahner for \$1,620,000  
**843 Division Street #A** D. Ho to D. Beausoleil for \$525,000  
**1587 Germano Way** N. & J. Benton to S. & P. Singh for \$3,898,000  
**2327 Goldcrest Circle** H. Zhang to G. & R. Vemuri for \$1,180,000  
**5296 Golden Road** H. Yang to S. & T. Lee for \$870,000  
**4357 Mirador Drive** M. & J. Bouchard to S. & V. Narala for \$1,525,000  
**5425 Montalvo Court** Gayle Living Trust to I. & D. Grad for \$1,052,000  
**648 Palomino Drive** K. Ghosh to S. & R. Anand for \$1,100,000  
**3830 Phoebe Court** Dillenburg Family Trust to H. & S. Hicks for \$1,062,500  
**5579 San Antonio Street** A. & B. Dutchover to P. & V. Sankar for \$1,630,000  
**587 San Miguel Court** S. Kannareddy to S. & M. Vellala for \$1,910,000  
**3181 Tonopah Court** L. & C. Hilgers to A. & G. Subramony for \$724,000  
**688 Windmill Lane** Gilpin Trust to F. & J. Gao for \$1,650,000  
**4443 2nd Street** C. Pasut to L. & B. Reyher for \$1,440,000  
**5606 Belleza Drive** R. Jaiswal to R. & S. Basu for \$1,055,000  
**324 Brienne Court** Regal Living Trust to Hiroto Family Trust for \$2,850,000  
**7759 Country Lane** J. Pacheco to K. Rodriguez for \$2,850,000  
**1616 Courtney Avenue** Mahoney Trust to A. & S. Shetty for \$2,455,000  
**4104 Cristobal Way** Dupre Family Trust to Loos Family Trust for \$1,300,000  
**4055 Graham Street** Lambros Trust to M. & I. Ukolov for \$1,385,000

**2715 Huff Drive** Patgaonkar Family Trust to L. & H. Zheng for \$1,690,000  
**7428 Muirwood Court** S. & C. Yeung to D. & R. Veera for \$1,575,000  
**1934 Nicosia Court** Hewitt Family Trust to C. & D. Malik for \$2,350,000  
**3138 Paseo Robles** J. Honea to M. & I. Nautiyal for \$1,650,000  
**6216 Roslin Court** S. & J. Connell to P. & A. Pathak for \$1,400,000  
**3657 Shenandoah Court** M. & E. Benson to A. & N. Jayakumar for \$1,480,000  
**2483 Skylark Way** Y. Lovato to T. & P. Kothari for \$1,515,000  
**4026 Suffolk Way** C. Gorman to K. & D. Lee for \$1,602,000  
**1056 Sycamore Creek Way** Bunton Trust to S. & V. Poornachandran for \$2,910,000  
**1111 Tiffany Lane** James Trust to J. Miller for \$1,025,000  
**4216 Waycross Court** Pashoian Family Trust to L. & V. Duggirala for \$1,490,000

### Livermore

**1755 3rd Street** Fallon Ents Inc to C. & K. Stickney for \$1,165,000  
**732 Alison Circle** D. Colagross to A. & J. Jackson for \$1,300,000  
**1673 Almond Avenue** Hatch Family Trust to 1673 Almond Ave LLC for \$1,700,500  
**1353 Aster Lane** Lester Family Trust to G. & C. Vogen for \$1,203,000  
**108 Barber Street** Blankenship Trust to I. & B. Scott for \$942,000  
**1311 Belfast Court** C. & R. Vernon to Capital Homes Investments LLC for \$1,000,000  
**4302 Bellmawr Drive** Keppel Family Trust to L. & R. Tucker for \$1,400,000  
**4073 Bristlecone Way** L. & K. Manktelow to R. & R. Gupta for \$898,000  
**668 Colusa Way** Hj Home Investments Inc to Y. & H. Huang for \$1,055,000  
**5635 Elder Circle** K. & R. Brandt to K. & J. Montano for \$1,575,000  
**582 Firenza Street** Long Trust to K. & E. Thorsen for \$1,600,000  
**256 Garden Common** Gusha Trust to R. Howe for \$700,000  
**2010 Hall Circle** H. Isaksen to M. & F. Leitz for \$1,600,000  
**110 Heligan Lane #1** B. Lafferty to S. & J. Silva for \$745,000  
**817 Lambaren Avenue** Mascarenas Family Trust to M. Grajeda for \$875,000

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## SEE WHAT MY CLIENTS HAVE DONE IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS!

### FROM THIS Represented Seller



**347 BASSWOOD COMMON, #1, LIVERMORE**  
2 Beds | 2 Baths

**LISTED FOR \$739,000 • SOLD FOR \$785,000**  
6% above list price

### TO THIS Represented Buyer



**421 WAYLAND LOOP, LIVERMORE**  
3 Beds | 2 Baths | 1,610 SF Living

**\$1,225,000**  
My buyers competed with 3 offers.

### FROM THIS Represented Seller



**1616 COURTNEY AVENUE, PLEASANTON**  
4 Beds | 2.5 Baths | 3,211 SF Custom Single Level

**Listed for \$1,998,000 • Sold for \$2,455,000**  
23% above list price. Nine (9) Offers received.

### TO THIS Represented Buyer



**2992 LAGISS DRIVE, LIVERMORE**  
5 Beds | 4.5 Baths | 4,119 SF Living

**\$2,550,000**  
My buyers competed with 8 offers.

### FROM THIS Represented Seller



**191 MIRAMONTE, DRIVE, MORAGA**  
4 Beds | 2 Baths

**Listed for \$830,000 • Sold for \$933,000**  
12% above list price. Five (5) offers received.

### TO THIS Represented Buyer



**4673 CRISTY WAY, CASTRO VALLEY**  
4 Beds | 2 Baths | 2,067 SF Living plus an ADU

**\$1,515,000**  
My buyers competed with 5 offers.

### BUYER'S FIRST HOME Represented Buyer



**130 REFLECTIONS, #15, SAN RAMON**  
2 Beds | 1 Bath | 749 SF Living

**\$507,000**  
My first time buyer competed with 5 offers.

### COMING SOON!



Don't miss this Mohr Park single level home!  
**OPEN HOUSE SAT 8/14 & SUN 8/15, 1-4 PM**

**3504 KAMP DRIVE, PLEASANTON**  
2 Beds | 2 Full Baths

**Listed for \$885,000**  
Updated, recently painted and lovingly maintained.



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## HOME SALES

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**5324 Lenore Avenue** Haigh Family Trust to I. & M. Khokhlienkov for \$985,000

**3004 Lusitana Drive** Coppola Family Trust to Welihinda Family Trust for \$2,320,000

**568 Mayten Drive** R. Cote to Y. & T. Lin for \$1,000,000

**1085 Murrieta Boulevard** J. & L. Simmonds to C. & S. Amaral for \$440,000

**1859 Niagara Drive** M. & W. Impellezzeri to S. & J. Kim for \$555,000

**658 North P Street** N. & K. Mcgrath to Mccoy Living Trust for \$885,000

**490 Persimmon Common #5** A. Stange to R. Vanleer for \$840,000

**3082 Rodeo Lane** Brown Family Trust to Bharti-Sharma Family Trust for \$942,500

**2820 Salvia Common** Donepudi Trust to U. & E. Zhen for \$1,030,000

**6147 Skylinks Court** L. & D. Cach to L. & M. Gomez for \$830,000

**5365 Starflower Way** J. Tognolini to D. Putchala for \$1,100,000

**2194 Terra Bella Court** Abarta Living Trust to D. & P. Neal for \$2,545,000

**535 Thunder Common** Adsure Family Trust to M. & R. Renganathan for \$880,000

**619 Travis Circle** G. & D. Walton to V. & M. Chang for \$1,850,000

**917 Via Granada** R. & H. Bain to K. & A. Mackey for \$1,100,000

**5872 Welch Lane** B. Tsang to C. & S. Roughley for \$1,430,000

**846 Whithorn Court** Krishan Family Trust to H. & S. Edington for \$1,615,500

**865 William Drive** R. Holmes to Veteran Family Trust for \$550,000

**212 Wood Street #1603** S. Bang to A. Asgarinejad for \$740,000

**2914 Worthing Common** J. Gomes to P. & A. Donatucci for \$930,000

**2812 4th Street #301** R. Gradin to F. & J. Goldhawk for \$850,000

**2360 Alsace Court** K. Gilbert-Oneil to M. & T. Qader for \$1,701,000

**6398 Altamar Circle** M. Brodsky to H. & A. Bisht for \$950,000

**234 Amber Way** So Family Trust to S. & K. Hosseini for \$1,095,000

**5433 Arrowhead Court** Vieira Living Trust to A. & A. Gangreddiwar for \$1,250,000

**1969 Buena Vista Avenue** Zaremba Family Trust to Cantu Trust for \$2,050,000

**2424 Calderon Court** Thompson Family Trust to J. & L. Lee for \$2,350,000

**937 Central Avenue** S. & L. Apodaca to S. & S. Chhatre for \$975,000

**4047 Compton Court** Graycar Living Trust to M. & M. Holback for \$1,125,000

**750 Crane Avenue** K. Mccubbln to A. & J. Raya for \$915,000

**760 El Rancho Drive** Lynn Family Trust to C. & P. Lopez for \$910,000

**1627 Feldspar Court** G. & D. Vlassopoulos to Koti Family Trust for \$1,825,000

**5810 Felicia Avenue** Korellis 2002 Family Trust to J. & N. Douma for \$1,426,000

**6472 Forget Me Not** S. Arunachalam to A. & S. Samantaray for \$760,000

**188 Heligan Lane #1** H. Do to K. & A. Rodriguez for \$700,000

**523 Heligan Lane #4** C. & D. Mclaughlin to F. Rahim for \$950,000

**1460 Jayhawk Lane** Morana Family Trust to A. & B. Young for \$1,225,000

**60 Meritage Common #202** A. Johnson to E. Mascarenas for \$450,000

**2176 Normandy Circle** Y. & J. Roller to M. & V. Varadha for \$1,700,000

**6299 Owl Way** M. & S. Walschlager to J. & M. Brown for \$1,275,000

**2811 Quarryhill Avenue #4** C. Callao to R. & K. Gilbert-Oneil for \$975,000

**996 Redondo Way** A. & I. Dollard to S. & B. Johnson for \$1,250,000

**2413 Rees Circle** R. Ontiveros to S. & A. Suri for \$1,560,000

**1956 Regulus Court** M. Huber to T. Vaughn for \$2,500,000

**442 Selby Lane** A. & J. Momaney to C. & H. Cheng for \$1,180,000

**5873 Singing Hills Avenue** Beaudrow Trust to C. Cornell for \$977,000

**2781 Tahoe Drive** D. & R. Beesley to M. & B. Johnson for \$2,100,000

**3631 Thornhill Drive** Long Family Trust to M. & W. Tremble for \$1,380,000

**122 Wildrose Common #1** B. Lew to Jyothiprakash Family Trust for \$630,000

**1310 Windswept Common #2** M. Powell to C. & J. Chan for \$835,000

## Dublin

**7012 Allegheny Drive** H. Jung to Y. Cheuk for \$1,200,000

**5728 Amberglen Street** S. & A. Kant to M. & R. Das for \$1,535,000

**5353 Aspen Street** Staples Family Trust to Sawant Family Trust for \$1,801,000

**5441 Asterwood Drive** Rathjen Family Trust to Y. & Q. Yuan for \$1,691,000

**8627 Beverly Lane** S. Singh to A. & A. Venkatraman for \$860,000

**2389 Capistrello Street** S. & S. Bhaduri to R. & S. Subramaniam for \$1,750,000

**7380 Carneros Lane** N. & R. Abat to J. & C. Song for \$1,550,000

**2781 Castle Drive** M. & R. Beaver to K. & J. Hauer-Laurencin for \$1,300,000

**4628 Central Parkway #30** J. & T. Martinez to V. & A. Gannavarapu for \$920,000

**3977 Clare Street** J. Senmazumdar to M. Salehin for \$1,010,000

**6549 Conestoga Lane #49** M. Hammons to C. & N. Bense for \$559,000

**3260 Cranbrook Place** G. & S. Kumar to N. & A. Singh for \$730,000

**3465 Dublin Boulevard #322** D. Wingard to K. & A. Mohan for \$700,000

**4714 Fawn Way** Norcia Trust to L. & S. Sarraju for \$1,225,000

**7802 Kelly Canyon Drive** L. & J. Dearbaugh to D. & S. Tinneti for \$1,975,000

**7812 Kelly Canyon Drive** Rosinack Family Trust to M. & D. Arora for \$2,041,000

**11829 Kilcullin Court #97** C. James to K. & H. Sivasamy for \$675,000

**6132 Ledgewood Terrace** Washington-Allaway Trust to B. & N. Lalit for \$1,875,000

**11589 Manzanita Lane** G. Villa to V. Yelisetty for \$1,300,000

**5298 Palazzo Drive** Lau Living Trust to S. & A. Kant for \$1,030,000

**6797 Pearl Place** Map International Inc to Julianmore LLC for \$1,015,000

**6946 Pine Court** Lichtenberger Living Trust to M. Rodriguez for \$1,050,000

**3688 Rimini Lane** Bacani Trust to S. & S. Arora for \$1,019,000

**2521 Valentano Drive** Lau Family Trust to N. & S. Janardhanan for \$1,875,000

**4179 Wallis Ranch Drive** F. Abdullah to Radovic Living Trust for \$1,306,000

**3389 Bramante Lane** H. Siledar to M. & A. Kuncham for \$1,200,000

**7350 Carneros Lane** F. & C. Stroobant to S. & J. Sun for \$1,400,000

**7887 Diana Lane** A. Dinh to T. Nguyen for \$238,000

**3245 Dublin Boulevard #330** N. & A. Agarwal to P. Kambalapally for \$710,000

**3275 Dublin Boulevard #107** Owen Trust to R. Gupta for \$711,500

**5500 El Dorado Lane** Y. Chavez to M. Goldau for \$1,200,000

**3738 Ferncroft Court** N. & S. Hartland to S. & J. Mettu for \$1,975,000

Source: California REsource

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**SOLD**  
9472 Blessing Dr, The Preserve  
**Sold at \$4,850,000**  
at \$1000 Per Sq. Ft.



**SOLD**  
2974 Sorano Ct, Ruby Hill  
**Sold at \$3,930,000**  
Sold for \$235,000 Over List Price  
at \$703 Per Sq. Ft.



**SOLD**  
1373 Whispering Oaks Way, Pleasanton  
**Highest Price Per Square Foot in Walnut Hills**  
**Sold at \$1,860,000**  
Sold for \$265,000 Over List Price  
at \$642 Per Sq. Ft.



**Michelle Kroger**  
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**PENDING**  
581 E Angela St, Downtown  
**Offered at \$1,899,000**  
Pending With Multiple Offers  
Over List Price



**SOLD**  
3433 Deer Ridge Dr, Blackhawk  
**Represented Buyer**  
**Sold at \$2,100,000**



**SOLD**  
3926 Fairlands Dr, Pleasanton  
**Represented Buyer**  
**Sold at \$1,665,991**  
Sold for \$366,991 Over List Price  
at \$866 Per Sq. Ft.



**Lisa Desmond**  
DRE #02003981  
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**SOLD**  
1533 Rose Ln, Pleasanton  
**Represented Buyer**  
**Sold at \$2,920,000**  
Sold for \$270,000 Over List Price  
at \$674 Per Sq. Ft.



**SOLD**  
2084 Valley Oak Rd, Golden Eagle  
**Represented Buyer Auction**  
**Sold at \$2,525,000**



**SOLD**  
6871 Calle Altamira, Pleasanton  
**Received Multiple Offers Over List**  
**Sold at \$1,702,000**  
Sold for \$104,000 Over List Price  
at \$652 Per Sq. Ft.



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1034 Germano Way, Pleasanton



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810 Chateli Court, Pleasanton



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1515 Greenwood Road, Pleasanton



446 W Santa Inez Ct, Mountain House



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5120 Crocus Way, Livermore

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This custom home sits on a 1/2 acre private lot with stunning views of the 10th hole. The beautiful entryway features solid oak floors with walnut inlays. The expansive kitchen is an entertainer's dream, featuring two oversized islands, updated stainless steel appliances, three dishwashers, a large butler's pantry and an oversized breakfast nook. The family room boasts coter ceilings with beautiful views of the backyard and pool. The primary bedroom includes a large stone gas fireplace, expansive walk-in closet and a beautiful balcony. Each of the three remaining upstairs bedrooms feature walk-in closets and ensuite bathrooms. The home features both an upstairs and downstairs laundry room. Enjoy the breathtaking backyard which includes a large custom pergola, oversized grass area, and beautiful pool and spa.

885 BRICCO COURT - RUBY HILL | \$2,995,000



4 BEDROOMS | 4.5 BATHROOMS | 4,568 SQFT

This uniquely designed home sits on over 1/2 acre private lot with stunning views of the golf course. This home features a dramatic formal entryway with granite floors and stunning views of the backyard. The kitchen features an open floor plan, includes a large center island, updated stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, and stunning views of the backyard and pool. The kitchen opens up to a beautiful family room with soaring ceilings, perfect for entertaining. All four of the home's four large bedrooms are on the main floor, and are easily accessible. The upstairs loft area is an entertainer's dream, and includes a beautiful balcony, a custom entertainment center, and a beautiful bar area. Enjoy the breathtaking backyard which includes a large custom pavilion, full outdoor kitchen, oversized gas fire pit, large pergola with a full bathroom, and beautiful pool and spa.



SOLD

\$4,825,000

4132 PARMA COURT, RUBY HILL



SOLD

\$3,200,000

1817 SPUMANTE PLACE, RUBY HILL



SOLD

\$3,295,000

3141 PELLARO COURT, RUBY HILL



SOLD

\$2,400,000

2133 POMEZIA COURT, RUBY HILL



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5210 DOOLAN ROAD, LIVERMORE



JUST LISTED | \$985,000  
1248 S TIVOLI LANE, MOUNTAIN HOUSE



PENDING | OFFERED AT \$1,350,000  
3864 W. LAS POSITAS, PLEASANTON



PENDING | OFFERED AT \$1,688,000  
75 TOURMALINE AVENUE, LIVERMORE

## RECENT CLIENT SUCCESS



SOLD \$2,241,200  
683 WINDMILL LANE, PLEASANTON



SOLD \$1,805,000  
2743 SAN MINETE DRIVE, LIVERMORE



SOLD \$1,440,000  
4443 2ND STREET, PLEASANTON



SOLD \$1,775,000  
911 KOTTINGER DRIVE, PLEASANTON



SOLD \$1,830,000  
773 BARLETA LANE, LIVERMORE



REPRESENTED BUYER

SOLD \$3,320,000  
1904 TOYON COURT, PLEASANTON



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PENDING | OFFERED AT \$1,589,000  
RIDGEWOOD ROAD, PLEASANTON



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Now Pending

780 Tranquility Circle #3 3 BD | 2 BA | 1718 SF

Represented Seller

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Both Mari and Peter were incredible partners in the selling of our property. We were initially hesitant to put the property on the market at the end of the year and during the still peaking pandemic. But we quickly realized that Mari and Peter were patient, consultative, and extremely well plugged into the East Bay. Their extended team of painters, stagers, and repair folks were top notch but well priced.

At the end of the day, we received over 20 offers within the first 7 days, sold for over 8% asking, and the entire process was smooth and easy thanks to Mari and team. Not only would not hesitate to work with them again but look forward to doing so if given the chance.

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