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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

To mask, or not to mask

Our editor emeritus Jeb Bing suggested on more than one occasion this spring, in our weekly Zoom staff meetings, that I take on the topic of face coverings.

I balked. The timing didn't seem right with the state's June 15 "reopening" date nearing and it appeared more and more likely we'd be saying goodbye to masks in most situations for good.

Or at least that's what I told myself. With some truth, sure, but holding off was also a calculated decision with probably a hint of cowardice. My words have weight (and repercussions) in this role, and it's daunting to have to deal with discussions so unnecessarily politicized.

There's no avoiding it now.

Masks are back, with local health officers requiring people to wear them in public indoor settings and urging them in crowded outdoor settings, amid the delta variant and rising COVID-19 hospitalizations almost exclusively among unvaccinated residents.

I'm not here to convince anybody. Just sharing my perspective, as one example, like we might ask you to do if we were interviewing you for a story.

I support mask guidelines in concept. I wear masks in public settings, indoors and often outdoors.

Basically, I view masking as something I can do to help. I well know the masks I most commonly use only serve to limit the spread of my respiratory droplets to others as opposed to protecting me from strangers. Although if they're masked too, I'm in better shape.

It boils down to me internalizing responsibility (to a fault, sometimes). I just don't want to face a reality where I didn't do everything I could before unknowingly exposing a loved one, a colleague or a bystander to COVID-19.

That's the way it was pre-vaccination, and now with the delta variant, such transmission seems back in play.

So masking makes sense to me.

I do hesitate at the term "mandate." Not because the government is defining something as mandatory, which sure just sounds like their charge to me, but because unenforced and unfunded mandates are pet peeves of mine.

I get it. There was probably no practical way to enforce mask mandates in 2020. Police making misdemeanor arrests amid the social justice

reform movement or agencies issuing fine-based citations to residents en masse in the middle of a pandemic would have been nonsensical.

But if we're going with "mandates" again, we need conversations on effective enforcement soon.

And to be fair, as useful a tool as they may be, masks would rank lowest on my top-3 list for ending the pandemic, limiting the variants and eradicating COVID-19 for good.

First is clearly the innovative inoculation we're fortunate enough to have. I'm on-record there: Pfizer double-tap for me.

No. 2, and not talked about nearly enough in public discourse, is staying home and isolating if you feel sick. And not just for a confirmed COVID-19 case; with any symptoms likely contagious.

I was among the worst offenders there before the pandemic, going to work with cold or flu-like symptoms. I think I'm being selfless sitting at my desk and "doing my job" when I'm not feeling well. I'm not. It's honestly more selfish, likely done out of personal pride or self-importance. I should not expose people to illness germs, and I'm probably not working at best anyway.

I also get a kick out of the current opposition to schools requiring students and staff to don masks. They regulate what kids wear every day in the dress code. And those rules exist, for what, uniformity reasons? Masks are a question of communal health, and individual health.

The same logic applies to businesses, for employees as a uniform or health requirement.

Customers too though. I respect the letter and spirit of "No shirt, No service" rules — even though I think those primarily have to do with public decency standards, not actual health impacts like face coverings in the age of COVID. You know though, come to think of it, I've never really been a big fan of wearing shirts...

In the end, a sign I read outside a Pleasanton grocery store Tuesday pretty well sums up my approach to masking in public this summer:

"Wearing a mask shows we're all in this together. Spread kindness, not the virus."

Editor's note: Jeremy Walsh has been the editor of the Pleasanton Weekly since February 2017. His "What a Week" column runs on the first and third Fridays of the month.

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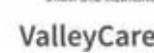
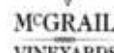
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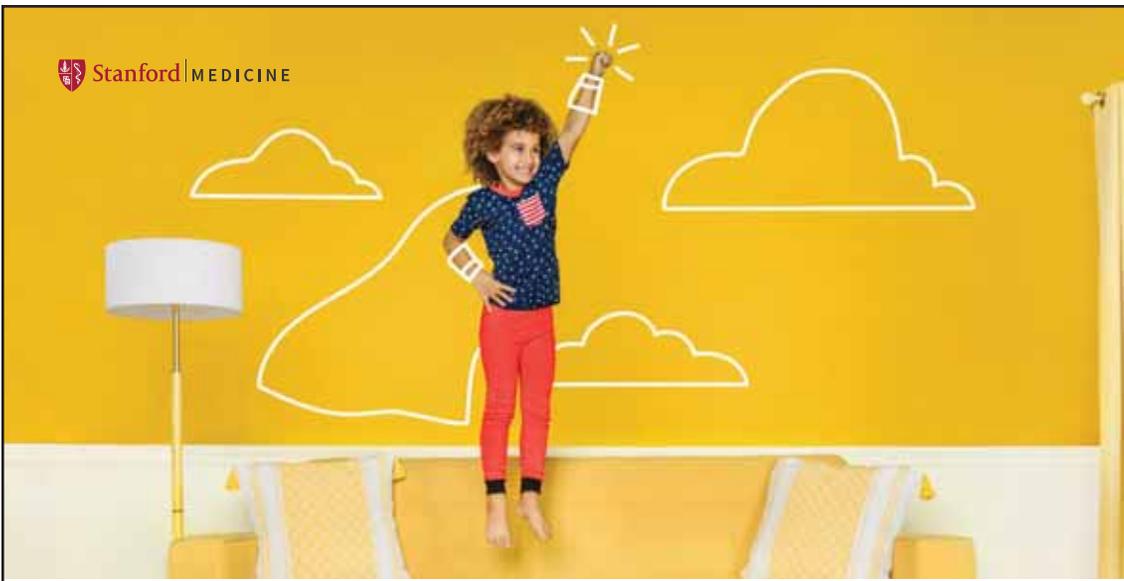
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Streetwise

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How do you typically respond when a stranger approaches you and tries to engage you in conversation?



Joanne Lind
Retired

It's very situational for me. As long as I feel comfortable with the situation and the person, I love to engage with strangers. I've actually made many new friends that way.



Scott Lind
Retired

I'm a quiet person and don't typically approach strangers myself. But if a stranger approaches me, I will happily engage with them.



Carol Jones
Event planner

I am pretty cautious about conversing with a total stranger and usually won't engage with one who approaches me unless I feel totally comfortable with my surroundings or am surrounded by friends and family and therefore feel very safe and protected.



Joe Jones
Home remodeling

It depends on the situation. Most of the time I feel pretty comfortable when approached by a stranger. So I will usually acknowledge and listen to them and respond back if a response would be appropriate.



Brittany Jones
Account executive

If someone is suspicious looking, I won't engage with them but will instead walk away. But if someone seems more genuinely interested in just talking to me in a way that I don't feel threatened or afraid, I will take a few minutes to talk with them. I've actually learned a lot from strangers.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

SCS Property vision

Dublin city officials are hosting a virtual meeting next week as a first visioning session on the future land-use and preferred development for the SCS Property, located between Tassajara Road and Brannigan Street.

The 77-acre site has been the subject of local debate for some time, including with the ultimately rejected At Dublin project concept.

The city has contracted with a design team, led by ELS Architecture and Urban Field Studio, to conduct the outreach efforts and develop ideas for a feasible plan with community support. This first of three meetings will cover background on the site along with an interactive brainstorming session.

The session is set for Wednesday (Aug. 25) at 7 p.m. Visit <https://courbanize.com/scsproperty>.

Meet with Swalwell

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore), whose district includes much of the Tri-Valley, is holding a town hall meeting for his District 15 constituents next Saturday (Aug. 28) from 9-10:30 a.m. in Castro Valley.

"It's been too long since we were able to gather and talk about what's happening in Washington, DC, across the nation, and right here at home," Swalwell said in a statement. "In order to be as safe as possible from COVID-19, we'll hold this meeting outdoors, with distanced seating, and with masks required. I look forward to providing my friends and neighbors with an update and taking their questions."

Masks will be required. Attendees should dress for outdoor conditions. The town hall will take place at the Castro Valley High School football stadium at 19400 Santa Maria Ave.

New distribution site

Open Heart Kitchen is relocating its site for distributing grocery care packages from the Alameda County Fairgrounds to the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard effective on Tuesday (Aug. 24).

The fairgrounds, which has served as the home of the OHK food distribution operation in partnership with the Alameda County Community Food Bank and Tri-Valley Haven since last November, needs free up space due to increased number of outdoor events, including the upcoming 2021 county fair.

The free groceries will be available at the Senior Center via drive-thru curbside pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn more at openheartkitchen.org. ■

Council confirms Weekend on Main to end downtown on Labor Day

Parking, traffic, retailer concerns among reasons; program could return in some form next year

By JULIA BAUM

Weekend on Main will come to a close at the end of Labor Day weekend after the Pleasanton City Council unanimously agreed on Tuesday to make way for other events and activities downtown like Concerts in the Park and holiday shopping in the not-too-distant future.

"Shop small, shop local, shop

Pleasanton Main Street and our entire downtown, and let's keep these businesses alive and thriving, year after year," Mayor Karla Brown said before voting.

The Weekend on Main season is scheduled to conclude on Sept. 6, while last month the council extended a separate parklet program in downtown through the end of the year.

Feedback from the community

has been "really incredibly positive for this event," particularly the "appreciation for the experience and the vibrancy," deputy city manager Pamela Ott told the council, but she said city staff also grappled with a number of "other considerations" for potentially extending the street closures which prompted their recommendation that the council confirm the originally planned Sept. 6 end date.

"Some of those are traffic and circulation; we're now seeing increased commute and personal travel," Ott said. "Some of our key intersections are now nearing their pre-COVID volumes ... and traffic is getting heavier. That is a consideration as we think about keeping Main Street closed every single weekend."

Deliveries started being rerouted

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GOODGUYS

Goodguys car shows are back at the Pleasanton fairgrounds from Aug. 27-29 for the 34th West Coast Nationals, also known as the association's "crown jewel" event.

Goodguys returning next weekend

34th West Coast Nationals is first show in Pleasanton in nearly two years amid pandemic impacts

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Goodguys Rod and Custom Association car show is returning to the Alameda County Fairgrounds this month for the first time in nearly two years since the group's Autumn Get-Together before the COVID-19 pandemic in November 2019.

Goodguys COO Andrew Ebel told the Weekly that the team is looking forward to bringing events back to Pleasanton, where they are headquartered.

"We were founded here many, many years ago, so we're just excited to be back in our hometown and to be able to put on shows for our community," Ebel said. "We have traditionally had

a very strong hot-rodding following here."

The family-friendly show returns next Friday through Sunday (Aug. 27-29) for the 34th West Coast Nationals, also known as Goodguys' "crown jewel" event. The show will feature a number of exhibits and activities including, the hot rod display, an autocross racing competition, a burnout competition, a swap meet and "Cars 4 Sale Corral" and a Kids Zone with free arts and crafts, games and prizes. There will also be automotive and food vendors on site.

"We'll probably have close to 3,500 cars," Ebel said. "Our pre-registration on cars is doing

really well; we're way over where our numbers were at the same time for our 2019 event, and that's a good indication that the car enthusiast community is ready to come on out. And we're hearing a lot of great things, too, from the local spectator community."

Ebel said that Goodguys and the Alameda County Fairgrounds will be prioritizing safety and following health officials' guidelines for the event.

"The cool part about our event — and why I think people get so excited about it — is that maybe 95% of the footprint is all

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Teacher contract talks stall

PUSD, APT negotiators head for mediation amid recent impasse

By JULIA BAUM

After finalizing a contract with their classified staff bargaining unit several weeks ago, Pleasanton Unified School District negotiators are now scheduled to try to hash out an agreement with the Association of Pleasanton Teachers at a mediation session right before Labor Day weekend.

The Public Employment Relations Board "determined the existence of an impasse" between APT and PUSD several weeks ago, and a mediator has been assigned for a Sept. 1 meeting date, according to APT President Michelle VerKuillen.

District spokesman Patrick Gannon told the Weekly, "We are at an impasse with APT but eager to continue our conversations to reach a resolution."

Besides scheduled increases from movement in the salary schedule, no pay adjustments have been made yet for APT, which represents the district's certificated staff, including teachers.

"The Association of Pleasanton Teachers believes that Pleasanton students deserve the best," VerKuillen said in a statement. "The social-emotional well-being of our students is our priority, as well as having highly qualified, fully staffed schools providing support to ensure our students thrive."

VerKuillen added that APT held an all-member meeting on Aug. 9 "where a supermajority of our membership attended to support our students." ■

KaiserAir granted new deadline to apply for move to Livermore

Pleasanton council debates noise complaints amid airport expansion plans in neighbor city

By CIERRA BAILEY

The city of Livermore approved an agreement that gives KaiserAir until July 2022 to submit a formal application to develop air facilities that could accommodate Boeing 737s at the Livermore Municipal Airport.

According to city staff, the Oakland-based charter airliner initially submitted a letter of interest (LOI) and \$1,000 deposit to propose a fixed-base operator (FBO) development at Livermore Airport in January 2020. The first LOI was set to expire after one year but in September 2020, KaiserAir received an extension that pushed the deadline to July 2021.

Last month — just before the extension deadline — the company submitted a new LOI along with the required \$1,000 to reserve development rights on the same parcel, which was approved by interim airport manager Sean Moran and public works director Scott Lanphier, giving KaiserAir until next July to complete their application.

City staff said that KaiserAir did not provide a detailed explanation for requesting additional time but lingering pandemic impacts have played a role in slowing overall progress.

The proposed development is planned for a 45-acre vacant parcel north of West Jack London Boulevard and south of Taxiway Lima. In addition to the FBO facility, the project includes offices, aircraft maintenance facilities, fuel farm, self-service aircraft fueling facility, corporate hangars, parking spaces and box t-hangars.

The proposal received an initial stamp of approval from the Airport Commission back in February, and if the forthcoming application makes it past the Planning Commission, the City Council would ultimately make the decision to approve or deny the 45-year lease.

If approved, the project would house KaiserAir's corporate offices and provide space for approximately six KaiserAir corporate aircraft, including one or more of the company's Boeing 737 aircraft.

There has been some debate surrounding the proposed expansion as residents of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin who live near the airport have expressed concern about noise impacts, safety and the possibility of diminished property values.

At its regular meeting Tuesday night, the Pleasanton City Council received a status update regarding

the Livermore Airport, including recent findings of the first phase of noise studies.

In his report, assistant city manager Brian Dolan said the city had received 85 emails from 57 different people with concerns and complaints about airport noise. They also received a petition with 6,100 signatures from residents affected by airport noise. Additionally, 10 speakers addressed inconveniences associated with airport noise during public comment at the council meeting.

"This is really a quality of life issue for the residents and I live on the west side and I can tell you that every now and then we are awakened by a noisy, what I believe to be more of a single engine plane as opposed to a jet, and it's not a lot of fun," said Councilmember Kathy Narum.

In addition to noise impacts, Mayor Karla Brown addressed a concern about contamination from aircraft that use leaded fuel flying over the community.

The council recommended that city staff identify and track how to remove leaded fuel from the airport. Council also directed staff to draft and send a letter to Livermore officials requesting to resurrect a

joint resolution adopted in 2010 to pursue various avenues to resolve airport noise issues, including a commitment to quarterly meetings of the Livermore-Pleasanton Liaison Committee.

"We're not done with this," Brown said. "This is one of many numerous meetings that we will have, including with the city of Livermore," she continued, adding that she had an individual conversation with Livermore Mayor Bob Woerner on the topic and will continue those discussions until they

reach a solution that they think residents can feel comfortable with.

During his first State of the City address in June, Woerner briefly addressed the noise issue by highlighting that although no changes in operations have occurred at the airport, noise complaints have largely increased in the midst of conversations about possible expansion.

"Physically, nothing has changed but the perception — just because we're talking about the airport — has increased complaints by a factor of 10," he said. ■

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outdoors, so it's a very safe environment for people to come out to," he said.

He added, "We're excited about being able to provide an atmosphere and an environment where people can really spread out if they want to but still yet come together as an automotive community."

In addition to being outside, Ebel said organizers and staff will be encouraging social distancing and requiring face coverings for all indoor exhibits during the three-day event. There will also be several

hand-washing and sanitizing stations placed throughout the fairgrounds and staff will be making sure that bathrooms and other communal areas are cleaned frequently.

This will be Goodguys' first show in California this year and although Ebel said he's unsure what to expect from the spectator turnout, he is very optimistic as recent shows held in other states have had strong attendance.

"I think our tagline says it all. It's all about getting back to cool cars, cool people and good times," he said.

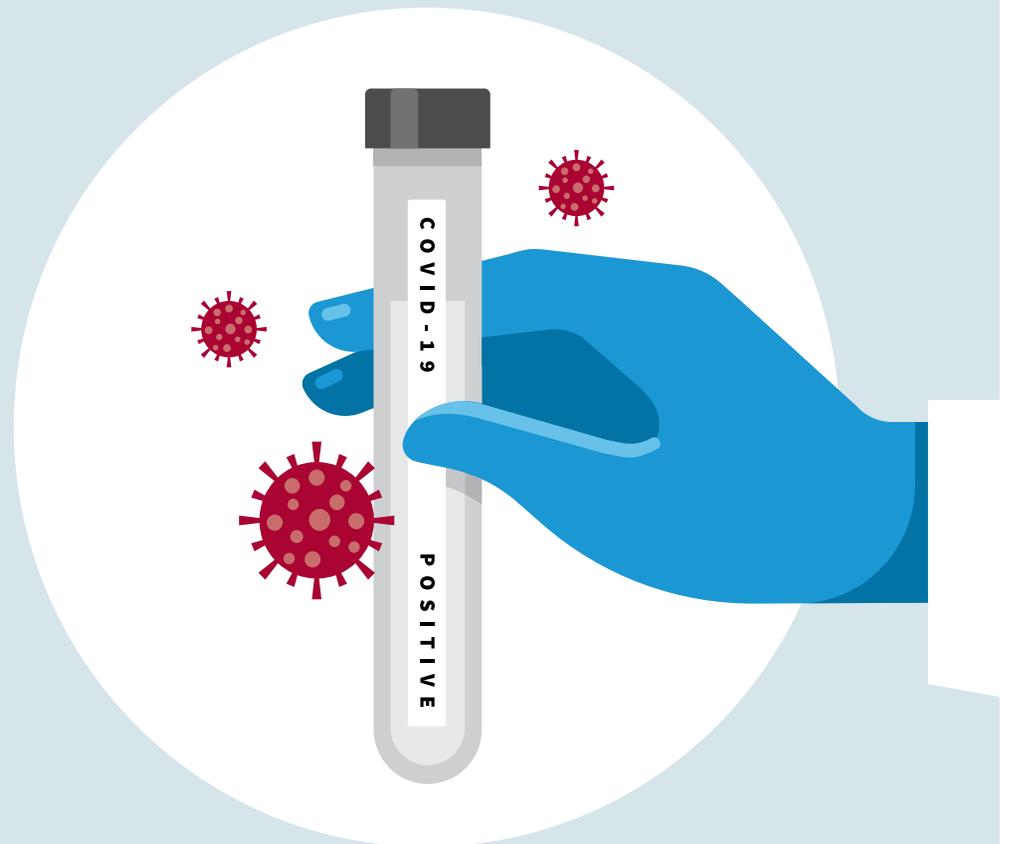
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Lab scientists find heat can decontaminate N95 masks for reuse

Livermore research began in response to mask shortage in health care industry

By CIERRA BAILEY

Researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory have discovered a method to decontaminate N95 respirator masks without compromising their facial fit and ability to filter airborne particles.

The scientists determined that heating the N95 respirators up to 75 degrees Celsius (167 degrees Fahrenheit) for 30 minutes deactivates a surrogate coronavirus, lab officials said in a statement.

According to the lab, this temperature can be easily achieved in hospitals and field settings, allowing for the N95s to be reused once decontaminated. The heat treatment can be applied at least 10 times on an N95 respirator without degrading its fit.

“These results suggest that thermal inactivation of coronaviruses is a potentially rapid and widely deployable method to reuse N95 respirators in emergency situations where reusing the respirators is necessary and sterilization is unavailable,” said LLNL electrical engineer Travis Massey, who is the lead author of the *Annals of Works Exposures and Health* where the research appears.

N95 respirators are protective devices that filter airborne particles. The “N95” designation means that the respirator blocks at least 95% of very small (0.3 micrometers or larger) test particles, according to the lab.

They are typically used a single time in health care settings because the respirators can be contaminated when treating infected patients, thereby posing a risk to caregivers who continue wearing a contaminated device, as well as other patients treated by the provider.

“In March of 2020 the world turned upside down,” said LLNL material scientist Sal Baxamusa, a senior author on the paper. He added that at that time, lab researchers began discussing and exploring how they could help.

“I think we clearly recognized that health care workers were going to be on the frontlines and the question was whether there was any technology development that could be done to help support them,” he said.

After a team formed and started getting together virtually to brainstorm, Baxamusa said they identified a knowledge gap about N95 respirators and recognized that at the height of the pandemic, there was going to be a shortage of them in the health care environment, largely because they are designed to be used only once.

Other studies have determined



Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientist Kyle Fuhrer prepares an N95 mask for a fit test post-decontamination.

that most viruses can be inactivated with some modest temperature (about 70-75 degrees Celsius), but according to Baxamusa, what other people had not looked at was whether that temperature could kill viruses that had been deposited onto a filter, like with N95 respirators.

In the testing experiment, the team used a mouse coronavirus that does not cause disease in humans as a surrogate for SARS-CoV-2 (the novel coronavirus).

The team enlisted two volunteers who were briefly fitted a new, unused N95 to their faces and noses to simulate a first-time use. The 3M Model 8210 N95s were used for all the heat treatment tests. The model is one of the most widely recognizable, is used in the industry and is available in one size as it was designed to seal effectively against most human faces, lab officials said.

“By checking the viral activity before and after temperature treatment, we found that, yes, the virus is inactivated even when it’s dried on a filter as opposed to sitting in a vial — which is what most other studies had done up to that point,” Baxamusa said.

“The other thing we found was that at those temperatures and those times, 75 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes, the mask can be re-worn and it still fits properly. It seems like a little thing but, incredibly, nobody really knew the answer to that,” he added.

“It was exciting for me that this team sort of formed organically amongst staff at the laboratory and everybody sort of rallied together in the very early days of the pandemic — which seems like a lifetime ago now — but I think back to the uncertainty and the fear that was going on at the time and it was pretty remarkable that folks were able to rally around and get this project done,” Baxamusa said. ■



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Seahawks coach reprimanded for conduct at swim meet

Statement comes after video of coach throwing cone at swimmer makes waves on social media

By JULIA BAUM

A year after being criticized in multiple news reports for alleged behavior on the job, a nationally renowned swimming coach from Pleasanton is back in hot water again.

Earlier this month, Pacific Swimming publicly reprimanded Steve Morsilli, the longtime head coach for the Pleasanton Seahawks club, after video footage surfaced depicting Morsilli throwing a plastic cone toward an underage competitor in the pool during a recent meet.

The competitor's father recorded video of the incident, which took place at a May 21 meet in Concord between the Seahawks (PLS),

Concord Terrapins (TERA) and Livermore Aquacowboys (LAC).

After the video posted by anonymous accounts made the rounds on social media starting in late-July, Pacific Swimming — one of USA Swimming's 59 regional associations across the country — issued a statement on Aug. 6 addressing the incident and acknowledging it opposed the behavior while Morsilli had apologized for his actions.

"Pacific Swimming does not condone the behavior of the coach in this instance and the coach should have worked with the Meet Referee to resolve the issue instead of the action he took," officials said.

According to officials, Morsilli threw a plastic cone at a competitor during the meet and "interfered with the meet operation in order to stop a swimmer from participating during an event."

Officials added, "This behavior was an unacceptable interaction between an adult coach and an athlete and violates the (Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies) MAAPP policy of USA-Swimming."

When the coach initially failed to get the swimmer's attention after "assuming the swimmer was trying to cheat the restricted team entry criteria of the meet," he then "threw a plastic lane marker cone at the

swimmer in the water to get his attention," according to officials.

Video footage of the incident appears to corroborate Pacific Swimming's narrative of the event. The cone landed close to the swimmer as he approached the pool wall; it was unclear in the video whether the cone made contact with the boy.

In a statement, Morsilli said he was under the impression that the swimmer — a former Seahawks member now with the Terrapins — had "illegally" entered the race.

"As it turns out, this was not the case, but I was unaware of the background at that time," Morsilli said.

Prior to the beginning of the meet,

coaches downloaded their entries from the FastSwims platform and received heat sheets from the Terrapins, with both data sources had the swimmer in question listed incorrectly under "PLS." Morsilli said he knew the swimmer had not been on the Seahawks "for a while" and was told by team members that the boy was currently on a different team.

"The registration check from Pacific Swim came in noting that one of our other swimmers (who scratched) was not registered" but did not mention the Terrapins swimmer, according to Morsilli.

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Lambda COVID variant is in California: 5 things to know

No evidence so far that it's as infectious as now-dominant delta variant

By BARBARA FEDER OSTROV / CALMATTERS

A new COVID-19 variant — named lambda — has arrived in California.

The emerging lambda variant has been popping up in the news as it spreads rapidly throughout South America. In California, at least 152 cases have been reported, the first as early as September 2020, according to state public health officials.

Experts say lambda could be more infectious and resistant to vaccines than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus. But there is no evidence, at least so far, that it's as infectious as the delta variant that now dominates California.

So do Californians need to worry about this new variant? Not just yet, infectious disease specialists say. Here's what you need to know.

What is the lambda variant?

The lambda variant — also known as "C.37" — was first reported in Peru a year ago and it's now spreading across South America, according to the World Health Organization. Researchers say its unique new gene deletions and mutations signal that lambda may be more infectious than the original "wild type" coronavirus and may be potentially resistant to current vaccines, although more studies are needed.

Because of those new genetic markers, the WHO in mid-June declared lambda a "variant of interest." The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has not yet done the same, in part because so few cases have been reported nationwide.

The delta variant dominating U.S. COVID-19 cases is considered a

"variant of concern" by both WHO and CDC, in part because it's much more infectious than the original virus.

Why am I hearing about lambda now?

Lambda sparked headlines this summer after the WHO noted its rapid spread in South American countries, including Peru, Ecuador, Argentina and Brazil. It's since been detected in 29 countries, according to the WHO, including Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

While WHO considers lambda a "variant of interest," the CDC and California's public health agency have not followed suit.

In late July, Houston Methodist Hospital reported its first lambda case. Japan this month announced its

first case, from a woman who arrived from Peru on July 20.

More recently, two highly publicized laboratory studies from Japan and Chile — both in preprint and not yet peer-reviewed — have suggested that lambda may be more infectious and less susceptible to current vaccines than the original coronavirus. The Japanese researchers suggested that WHO's current "variant of interest" designation for lambda may underplay its potential threat.

Is lambda here in California? What about other states?

Yes and yes. Since September 2020, the lambda variant has accounted for 152 genetically sequenced COVID-19 cases in California, according to the state Department of Public Health. The first case was found in September, with another 10 in March, 88 in April, 43 in May, eight in June and, most recently, two cases in July.

The state agency declined to identify the counties where the cases occurred.

Commercial and government laboratories test for variants by sequencing the genome of the coronavirus that caused a particular COVID-19 case and looking for mutations and changes in the virus' characteristic spike protein.

Still, not every COVID-19 case is genetically sequenced to determine whether it was caused by a variant, so the number of lambda-caused cases could be higher. Nationwide only about 15 of every 1,000 cases are sequenced.

At least 1,311 sequenced lambda cases have been reported in at least 40 states since the start of the pandemic, with 18 cases identified in the past four weeks, according to the public virus genetic sequence database GISAID. Just one-tenth of 1% of the cases that are genetically sequenced involve lambda, according to GISAID.

How does the lambda variant compare to other known variants?

Scientists believe lambda is less infectious than the delta variant but more infectious than the original "wild-type" virus — at least in laboratory tests.

But they don't yet know how lambda's different genetic profile will affect community transmission, severity of symptoms or vaccine resistance around the world. Some early clues are emerging.

The Chilean researchers tested lambda against antibodies from health care workers who received the Chinese-made Sinovac vaccine, finding that the vaccine failed to work as well as it did with the original virus.

Also, New York University researchers tested lambda against the vaccines authorized in the United States and found that the Johnson and Johnson one-dose vaccine was less effective against it and the delta variant compared to the Pfizer and Moderna two-dose vaccines.

Again, these are studies in test tubes that have not been peer reviewed, scientists caution.

Just because vaccines appear less effective when pitted against lambda in a test tube doesn't mean they won't protect against severe illness, said Dr. Peter Chin-Hong, a University of California, San Francisco infectious disease specialist. Nearly all hospitalizations and deaths in California and nationwide have occurred in unvaccinated people.

Do I need to worry?

Not for now, Chin-Hong said. Lambda has been around for months, yet it hasn't gained a foothold in California and other states so that should be reassuring, he said.

"Delta's aggressive all over the world and lambda hasn't really taken off," Chin-Hong said. "At the end of the day, it's survival of the fittest." ■



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last year, and “when that street is closed, it means many of those delivery trucks that are bringing the supplies to our businesses, particularly for weekends, can’t get downtown,” Ott said. “They struggle to do that, so they either can’t get here and they can’t make their deliveries or they’re being rerouted onto side streets that were never intended to accommodate delivery trucks.”

The return of Concerts in the Park and other planned events also presented various challenges to extending Weekend on Main.

“To be able to do that alongside or at the same time as Weekend on Main puts incredible pressure on the downtown, and not just the downtown but on the residential areas that surround the downtown that would have to accommodate all of that additional parking and traffic,” Ott said.

This year’s Weekend on Main season generated approximately \$125,384 in direct expenses for the city, according to Ott. Barricade rentals, staff time, and cleaning and event management were among the expenses, with each additional weekend of closure costing approximately \$7,000. The city estimated that it “would incur similar costs per weekend in 2022.”

Vice Mayor Julie Testa supported the closures “reluctantly,” but asked if it would “really be that hard to find a ‘win-win’” by modifying the event to take up less space.

“What happens if we start to shrink the footprint of Weekend on Main is we create businesses that get left out of the opportunity to participate,” Ott replied. “When we created Weekend on Main, we were really thoughtful and wanted to make sure that everybody could participate equally.”

Ott added, “Could you change the

footprint, yes, but it gets away from the theory that we were trying to be equitable to all of the merchants that we thought wanted to participate in the event, and that’s why we haven’t changed that footprint yet.”

While local restaurants benefited from the weekly event during the pandemic, one retail merchant during public comment said they were “not comfortable with the closure of Main Street” and “do not see the vibrancy you’re all mentioning, and our customers are frustrated, they cannot get to us.”

Another business owner said their customers who are unable to visit on weekdays cannot do curbside pickup when Weekend on Main is happening. Complaints about people vandalizing property, throwing trash and urinating in alleyways during the event were also mentioned.

Particularly, retailers voiced concerns that the closures would affect them during the holiday season, potentially ruining a prime opportunity to recover revenue lost during the pandemic.

Marketing and promotion efforts on behalf of the city and Pleasanton Downtown Association have boosted support and visibility for downtown businesses, but staff said the effects aren’t enough to counter the weekly street closures.

“Is it fair to say these retail shops ... this is a make or break time for them, they need those holidays to do those sales?” Brown asked.

Ott replied, “Yes; when I’ve talked to some of our retailers, they have shared with me how important this fall and holiday season is, which is one of the factors that influenced PDA’s recommendation to end the season on Sept. 6, because this is a significant time for them.”

Councilmember Valerie Arkin agreed the closures have “really helped out our restaurants,” but said

“the retailers have suffered more negative impacts because of it” and that ending on Sept. 6 is “the right thing to do.”

“With holiday shopping coming up, inclement weather coming up — hopefully, anyhow — and the fact that we did give our word that we were finishing this on Labor Day, I’m in favor of staff’s recommendation,” Arkin said.

Councilmember Kathy Narum also said it’s imperative that the city “support the retailers as they go into the fourth quarter, which is their busiest season, and they’re competing with internet sales and we need to do everything we can to support them.”

Between more parklets occupying downtown streets and reduced parking due to the railroad corridor improvements, Councilmember Jack Balch said “our businesses and residents have done an outstanding job trying to be polite and adjust to the realities on the ground.”

“It does not go past me that we need to look for parking immediately,” Balch said. “I think that we understand that we enjoy promenading down Main Street in a safe way and that our popups are assisting our restaurants further.”

After hearing local merchants “loud and clear,” Brown said ending the Weekend on Main season on Sept. 6 is “something I could easily support.”

“That fourth quarter — 50% of your business,” Brown said. “And that’s tremendous when you think that these are our small businesses, these are our residents that live here, they own a home and they need to continue to support their families.”

The council also voted to incorporate next year’s Weekend on Main season into the Pleasanton Downtown Association’s annual events programming. ■

USA Swimming, officials said, “USA Swimming did not recommend that Pacific Swimming take any further action at that time.”

Morsilli acknowledged that he “clearly frightened (the boy) and angered his father and his coaches and I am sincerely sorry for that.”

“I offered at the time to pay for his entry fees, and I am still willing to do that,” Morsilli said. “Other than that, all I can offer is a heartfelt apology.”

The swimmer’s father contacted the Weekly prior to the publication of this story but declined to speak publicly about the incident.

The viral video of the cone-throwing incident came almost exactly one year after Morsilli was cast in the spotlight in 2020 for past actions — from a prominent ex-club swimmer alleging physical and emotional abuse while she was in the Seahawks program as well as from a group of abuse survivors who allege Morsilli did not properly report complaints of sexual abuse made against another coach. Morsilli has denied allegations of wrongdoing in both instances. ■

Feeling “offended and victimized that a swimmer would illegally enter my team name to gain entry to a closed meet in which he did not belong,” Morsilli said he approached officials about the matter “but they were busy counting.”

At that point, Morsilli walked toward the boy’s lane and then threw the orange plastic lane marker in the water toward the boy. The coach said he “interrupted his swim and challenged him as to why he was in the meet representing my team.”

Coaches from the Terrapins then came over and informed Morsilli that the boy had transferred to TERA and “was actually UN, not PLS as the heat sheets stated.”

Officials said the incident was “immediately addressed and resolved by the meet referee, coaches from the host team (TERA) and the PLS coach following the incident” and that Pacific Swimming “took immediate and appropriate actions.”

After reporting the incident to the Safe Sport contact person of

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Morsilli said he’s “since learned that the Fastswims coordinator changed his entry from UN-CROW to PLS,” adding he didn’t know why the coordinator did so. “UN” refers to the designation “unattached.”

“Since we have had problems in some of our intrasquad meets with former swimmers entering our meets to get a chance to swim even though they are no longer with us, I was concerned that the system was once again being abused,” Morsilli said.

After notifying the meet entry person via email that the swimmer “had entered as part of my team but was not a member and should be scratched from all events because this was a closed meet for PLS, TERA and LAC only,” Morsilli said he “presumed that this had been done.”

After noticing two Seahawks swimmers were listed “in the heat according to the heat sheet I had received” from the Terrapins, Morsilli then saw the boy “was not wearing a

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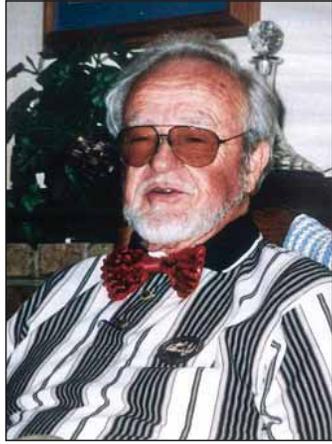
July 2, 1933 – August 15, 2021

Max Arlen Allison passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 15, in his sleep. He touched many lives with his positive outlook and his words of wisdom.

Some of his favorite pass times were music, Dixie Land Bands, dancing, golfing, and partying with his friends and family. He started every morning with his cup of coffee and a Cryptopiquip.

Max is survived by his wife Linda; daughters Eve Dulay, Vicki Hallett, Priscilla McRae; son Greg Allison; nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, one great great grandchild and many friends. Preceded in death; daughters Paula Blackwell and Pam Gallatin. He will be missed by all.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a future date.



PAID OBITUARY

Gary Purnell

May 15, 1942 – August 14, 2021

Gary Jay Purnell passed away Saturday, August 14 after a long battle with Interstitial Lung Disease. Gary loved his family, the outdoors, and sports, especially running track and playing basketball. He was a good cook and an avid gardener. For over 50 years he made yearly trips to Pinecrest Lake and shared his love of the area with his family.

Gary was born in Oakland, California and graduated from Fremont High School. Gary started out as a Groceryman at independent grocery stores Sid's and the Co-Op. He also served as a member of the National Guard for 5 years. Following his service, he found what would be his calling and was hired by the City of Alameda Fire Department in 1971. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1978, and to Captain in 1989. He retired from the Fire Service in 1998 after a 26-year-long career.

Gary continued his service to others through volunteer work. He was a regular at the City of Alameda Fire Department's Food Bank, Annual Pancake Breakfast, and Toys for Tots. At age 65 he became a regular on the soccer field for BUSC when his grandsons started playing. He helped coach and referee and continued on even after his grandsons were no longer playing as he enjoyed being part of the local soccer community and staying active.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Peggy; devoted son Mark, daughter-in-law Audrey, grandsons Riley and Mason, and sister Cheryl Lacombe.

He will have a private service, and his ashes will be scattered in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

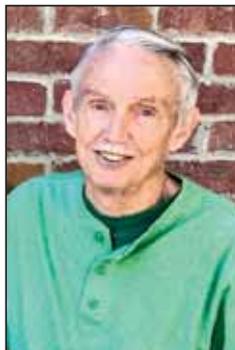
In lieu of flowers, we believe that Gary would want you to volunteer for or donate to a charity that you care about.

"For the rest of our lives, whenever we fall down, we get back up.

Whenever we are hurt, we drive on.

Whenever we are brought low, we rise.

That is not because we are virtuous, strong, resilient, it is simply because (Gary) was."



PAID OBITUARY

POLICE BULLETIN

No charges pursued in February crash that killed man in roadway

The Pleasanton Police Department closed the books earlier this summer on the investigation into a February fatal traffic collision without seeking criminal charges after determining the Dublin man who died was at fault for walking unsafely in the roadway, the Weekly has learned.

In a series of interviews in recent days, police officials confirmed the conclusion of their nearly four-month probe into the crash on Johnson Drive that killed pedestrian Michael B. Watson on the night of Feb. 19.

"No charges were filed against the driver. The investigation determined Watson was found to be at fault in the collision," Sgt. Marty Billdt told the Weekly.

The circumstances of why 53-year-old Watson was in the roadway not near a crosswalk remained unsolved due to a lack of witnesses and video footage, but the evidence warranted clearing the driver of any criminal wrongdoing, Lt. Erik Silacci said.

The investigation concluded in June without police forwarding to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for review because of a lack of probable cause given the

evidence in the case, according to Silacci.

The department did not immediately release the driver's name when asked on Tuesday, citing policy for privacy in situations with no criminal charges. "We don't necessarily volunteer the name when charges are not filed. It's obviously traumatic for all of those involved," said Silacci, who did confirm the driver was a woman with a valid license.

The crash occurred around 7:40 p.m. Feb. 19 when a sedan traveling southbound on Johnson Drive, near the traffic light intersection at Owens Drive, collided with a pedestrian who was walking in the roadway, police said.

The pedestrian — later identified as Watson — was treated by paramedics and then transported to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, where he died from his injuries, according to police.

The driver immediately called 9-1-1 to report the collision, remained at the scene and fully cooperated with investigators, police said at the time. The collision occurred in nighttime visibility, with streetlights functional in the area.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

• Four pet supply retailers will pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in settlements with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and

22 other DA's offices in California after allegations its plastic waste bags and other products were misleadingly marketed as biodegradable and environmentally friendly.

Target Corp., Chewy Inc., PetSmart LLC, Petco Animal Supplies Inc. agreed to monetary settlements and took steps to prohibit future sales of the products with "greenwashing" marketing, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley announced last week.

"Dog lovers who care about the environment are often targeted by deceptive advertising about the environmental benefits of certain single-use plastic bags," O'Malley said in a statement. "These settlements are a win for California consumers who want accurate information about the environmental impact of the plastic bags and other plastic products they buy."

Plastic dog-waste bags are marketed as being biodegradable yet are disposed of in landfills where biodegradation does not occur, according to the DA's office. Moreover, dog-waste bags cannot be composted as dog waste can contain harmful contaminants such as E.coli or other harmful bacteria or viruses. In other cases, the bags have also been marketed as being 'plastic-free' yet are composed of plastic.

With increased consumer concern and awareness of the environmental impact of buying a product, false advertising deceives consumers to spend more with the belief that their purchased products are more environmentally friendly, the DA's office said.

All four companies will pay a monetary settlement: \$600,000 for Chewy, \$500,000 for PetSmart, \$375,000 for Petco and \$300,000 for Target — for a combined total of nearly \$1.8 million. ■

—Anna Hsu

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 10

Domestic battery

- 8:17 a.m. on Camino Del Lago
- 1:55 p.m. on Owens Drive

Theft

- 8:30 a.m., 6100 block of Via De Los Cerros; theft from auto
- 8:35 a.m., 7500 block of Trotter Way; auto theft
- 1:08 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fraud

- 11:17 a.m. on the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive

Drug violation

- 7:08 p.m. at Sonoma Drive and Sunol Boulevard

Assault/battery

- 10:21 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Aug. 9

Theft

- 6:42 a.m., 2200 block of Segundo Court; theft from auto
- 1:14 p.m., 6200 block of Franklin Drive; auto theft
- 3:47 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 5:16 p.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

Doris Jean Selby

May 20, 1933 – August 4, 2021



Our dear mother, Grammy, Great Grammy died peacefully, surrounded by her entire loving family on August 4, 2021 after a brief and sudden illness. Her incredible wisdom, insightfulness, intelligence, thoughtfulness, generosity, integrity, business sense, and compassion touched any who crossed her path. After a childhood in Washington, Colorado, New Mexico and California she settled in Hayward, then San Leandro where she was wife to Pete Seymon (Fabric Lane) and raised her three children. She worked at Bancroft Junior High School and Chabot College before joining her father, Eirwin F. Selby, to run their real estate business on Jackson Avenue in Hayward. She later moved to Pleasanton, retired, and shared a household for her last 20 years with her two daughters. Here she consumed herself with quilting, gardening, cooking (amazing soups!), reading, playing Scrabble (especially with her son with disabilities), enjoying grand and great grandchildren, and promoting her daughters' teaching careers, all with her graceful energy. She is survived by her three children: David Seymon (Mary Jo Seymon), Leni Seymon, Gail Myers, three grandchildren: George Myers (Julie Myers), Gwen Anaya (Jason Anaya), Conrad Myers (Katelynn Myers), and seven great grandchildren: Ivy Myers, Austin Myers, Olivia Myers, Cruz Anaya, Ruby Anaya, Grayson Myers, and Harper Myers. At her request, no services will be held, but she will be honored and remembered forever in our hearts.

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■ 9:22 p.m. on the 4400 block of Sutter Creek Avenue

Burglary

■ 1:19 p.m. on the 3100 block of Valley Avenue

Warrant arrest

■ 3:13 p.m. on the 4300 block of First Street

Vandalism

■ 4:27 p.m. on the 4700 block of Chabot Drive

Fraud

■ 10:51 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

DUI

■ 11:05 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Clorox Way

Aug. 8

Burglary

■ 8:03 a.m. on the 4100 block of Mohr Avenue

Verbal threats

■ 3:19 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

Drug violation

■ 9:51 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

Aug. 7

Drug violation

■ 1:22 a.m. on the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

Fire

■ 1:50 a.m. at Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue

Vandalism

■ 4:18 a.m. on the 3900 block of McKinley Court

Theft

■ 9:38 a.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

■ 4:04 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 5:02 p.m., 4800 block of Owens Drive; bicycle theft

■ 10:32 p.m., 5200 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting

Burglary

■ 5:34 p.m. on the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue

Domestic battery

■ 11:58 p.m. on Pleasanton Avenue

Aug. 6

Theft from auto

■ 4:34 a.m. on the 6200 block of Inglewood Drive

■ 10:42 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

■ 5:23 a.m. on the 4000 block of Page Court

Verbal threats

■ 11:41 a.m. on the 4600 block of Willow Road

Stolen property

■ 2:46 p.m. on the 4400 block of Mohr Avenue

Aug. 5

Burglary

■ 7:47 a.m. on the 6100 block of Stoneridge Drive

Theft

■ 10:18 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 1:58 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

■ 3:38 p.m. on the 7500 block of Homewood Court

■ 4:34 p.m., 3400 block of Old Foothill Road; theft from auto

■ 7:44 p.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto

Sex offenses

■ 11:54 a.m. on Churchill Drive

Vandalism

■ 4:59 p.m. on the 200 block of Main Street

Warrant arrest

■ 5:47 p.m. at Stoneridge and Gibraltar drives

Stolen property

■ 10:57 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Aug. 4

Warrant arrest

■ 8:09 a.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft

■ 10:30 a.m. on the 1400 block of Calle Enrique

Robbery

■ 4:43 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Mary Valeria Barsotti

September 5, 1925 – August 11, 2021

Mary Valeria Cerro was born on September 5, 1925 in Redding, CA to Agnes and Joseph Cerro, immigrants from Italy. Over the next five years she became a big sister to Aurora, Alfred and Lena. Her family shared a ranch with Mary's uncle and his family. She grew up with her five cousins, Louie, Pete, Charlie, Gemma and Amelia, who she thought of as siblings. After graduating with honors from high school, she got a job in the steno pool at McClellan Field in Sacramento during World War II. In May 1945, she took a job at the Bank of America in Redding as the bank manager's secretary. Eventually she transferred to the Bank of America in Burlingame, CA where she enjoyed her job very much. In 1954 she met Leo Barsotti at a Young Italian Catholics dance in San Francisco. On January 29, 1955 they were married. Within a few years their family expanded to five with the births of Cathy, Peggy and Jim.



As a fulltime mother and homemaker (era una buona cuoca Italiana!), her kind and giving character was evident also outside of their home. She loved welcoming her children's many friends into their family. Together with other early volunteers, she helped families in Pleasanton who needed hospice services. This small volunteer organization grew into what today is Hope Hospice (which provided wonderful care for Mary, and Leo in their last days). A member of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, St. Augustine Church, for 56 years, she often attended daily mass.

Throughout the years, she traveled with Leo to many places near and far. She was an avid walker, especially in local parks where she enjoyed greeting every dog or young child she came across. She also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially her donut shop buddies and Spanish Club ladies. Family was a priority to her, especially her granddaughters, who were amongst some of her greatest joys in life.

Mary was predeceased by her loving husband Leo, her beloved parents, her three wonderful siblings and Redding cousins. She is survived by her children Catherine (Robert Johnston), Peggy (Marty McCaslin), James (Carme Barsotti); four granddaughters Rachel Seymour (Kaleb Seymour), Ruth Barsotti, Rebecca Barsotti and Faith Barsotti; brother-in-law, Frank Venturelli; and many nephews and nieces. She also leaves behind some very dear friends that she kept in contact with until the end and the many nurses and caretakers she befriended in her retirement community. While mom will be greatly missed, we celebrate that she is reunited with dad and her big Italian family she has missed so dearly.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:00am on August 20, 2021 at St. Augustine's Church, 3999 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton, CA, followed by interment at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, CA.

The family has asked that memorial donations be made to Hope Hospice or a charity of your choice.

PAID OBITUARY

Harry Franklin Miller, Jr.

August 4, 1935 – August 10, 2021

Harry Miller was born to coach young people. And coach he did.

He coached football at Salesian High in Richmond and started the Pop Warner football program in Contra Costa County. He also coached football at Cal State Hayward (now East Bay) and Whitworth College in Spokane, WA. Turning to youth sports, he coached soccer, Little League baseball, Babe Ruth baseball, CYO baseball, and Police Athletic League basketball.

But he is best known as the co-founder of Ballistic United Soccer Club of Pleasanton and the coach of its Under-12 soccer team. It was with the Ballistic United Under-12 team that he built both the soccer program and his reputation.

He coached the team to multiple state titles, Western Regional titles and international tournament titles. He was named state Coach of the Year. He was honored with the Ed Kinney Patriot Award in Pleasanton.

Miller has been inducted in three soccer Hall of Fames. After being in ill health for a few years, he died Aug. 10, 2021 in his Pleasanton home. He was 86.

Miller coached the Ballistic United Under-12 soccer team for more than 25 years and took them all over California to play. His teams often played more than 100 games during their seasons that routinely included four games over a weekend. He was known for his signature black nylon coaching shorts, which he wore regardless of the weather. During one dinner celebrating his accomplishments, the dress was tuxedo shirt, black bow tie and black coaching shorts.

He was laid to rest in the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery wearing his favorite coaching shorts, a coaching shirt and his coaching jacket.

Miller worked professionally as a medical malpractice investigator, a job that freed him up in the afternoons to coach.

Kevin Crow, Ballistic's executive technical director of playing and coaching development and an alum of the program and Miller's team as well as Amador Valley High, wrote in an email, "Ballistic United and Cal North (youth soccer) just lost one of the most important individuals that helped shape both organizations and the youth soccer landscape in Northern California."

"He was a pioneer and led the way for over 25 years dominating the U12 landscape. Opposing

coaches got so tired losing to Mr. Miller that they would spend time with him to learn about his methods. In the end, Mr. Miller's teams built the brand and reputation of Ballistic, within California, the U.S. and Internationally in Canada and Mexico.

"His team simply won everywhere they traveled! He left his imprint on the game, the club, and the many players that were fortunate and proud to have played for him. His winning record has stood the test of time and his players will remember the positive impact he had on their lives forever!"

With the rigorous travel weekend travel schedule, Miller also mastered the art of ensuring that the parents both had a good time on those trips and supported the team.

Miller was born in Pittsburg, California to Harry and Hilda Miller. He played football and graduated from Mt. Diablo High School. He

attended Chico State University and later graduated from Cal State Hayward (now East Bay). He married Georgianne Miller in Reno in 1960 and they had two children, Dennis and Pam.

He enjoyed traveling with his wife, fishing with his son, Dennis and watching Pam play soccer. Several times he took Dennis along on business trips to Alaska where they would fill a cooler with frozen salmon and halibut steaks. He and Georgianne enjoyed a midweek trip to Cache Creek Casino Resort for many years in retirement. A regular treat was a good cigar.

Miller is survived by his wife of 61 years Georgianne; his son Dennis (Coni) Miller of Pleasanton and daughter Pam (Chuck) Rasbold of Livermore; his grandchildren Brian Bennett, Brad Bennett, Emily Bennett, Paisley Miller, Kevin Miller, Josh Miller, Montana Branco and Calvin Rasbold; and great grandchildren Aubrey Carroll, Savannah McLean, Hunter McLean, and Zachary Branco; his brother Ed Miller of Boise, Id, and sister Karen Clayton of Pittsburg.

Internment will be private.

Friends are welcome at a viewing from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 at Graham Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. A celebration of his life will be scheduled later in the fall.

The family prefers contributions in his memory to the Harry Miller Coaching Endowment at Ballistic United. Please contact Ballistic President Scott McMillin at scottmcmillin@busc.org

PAID OBITUARY

School is in session

Students return to campus for full-time learning at Pleasanton Unified



COURTESY OF PUSD

This was the scene on the playground at Walnut Grove Elementary School on Aug. 11, the first day of classes for Pleasanton Unified students in the 2020-21 school year.

By JULIA BAUM

Though perhaps more anticipated than previous years, it was a mostly normal scene when students came back last week for the first day of school at Pleasanton Unified School District, where in-person learning is now in full swing for the 2021-22 school year.

Parents walked with their youngest children to elementary school while older students biked, drove or took public transit, and trails of traffic into parking lots signaled the return of students to full-time instruction on campus starting Aug. 11.

PUSD Trustee Steve Maher told the Weekly that it was an overall average return to school, “and of course there’s always a couple kindergartners crying.”

“For many kindergartners, it was their first time on campus so they were wide-eyed, taking everything in,” Maher said. “It was kind of cute, really; they were excited about school.”

One thing was not so common this year, however, according to Maher. “I had more parents than normal smile and say, ‘We’re glad to be back,’” Maher said. “They were just

grinning and happy, and the kids got out of the car in a hurry.”

Families were also in a hurry when PUSD reopened for hybrid learning five months ago, albeit with limited face-to-face interaction in the classroom and strict social distancing protocols in place at the tail end of the 2020-21 academic year. Last week marked the first time any of the 15 district sites have been fully occupied since closing at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.

Superintendent David Haglund said, “Across the board, parents, students and teachers are happy to be back and into their normal routines. Teachers were engaged, students were engaged ... and the general feeling was so glad to be back.”

The energy at Pleasanton schools on Aug. 11 was “even more accelerated” than reopening in spring, Trustee Kelly Mokashi said, and teachers “seemed more at ease, more comfortable in the newfound environment we’re faced with.”

The first-year trustee also called the interaction she saw between teachers and students on the first day back to class “seamless, back to the good old days — except for mask wearing.”

“The positive synergy from the parents, students, teachers and administrative staff was overwhelming,” Mokashi said. “The excitement and enthusiasm I observed in many many classrooms were a true testament to the benefits of the start of this school year.”

Social distancing among students or staff is no longer required in California public schools, but plenty of other guidelines for the ongoing pandemic are still in effect. The most visible reminder on Aug. 11 was face coverings, which state law requires be worn by students and staff at all times except when actively eating or drinking.

Students wore masks on their way to campus or donned theirs in the parking lot before stepping into the classroom. Some parent liaisons and staff members at Amador Valley High also showed off their school spirit with masks bearing the Amador logo and colors.

Mask mandates have been controversial in other states, but Maher, who made the rounds at several PUSD sites on the first day of class, told the Weekly, “I had three (students) come up to me and say ‘I forgot my mask, where can I get one.’ Other than that, they were all

very compliant; I think very happy to see their friends and be back in school.”

“I only had one parent email me regarding masks that thought it was too strict, only one so far,” Maher added. “I didn’t see any pickets at schools, and the parent that asked about it was very cordial. We’d like to (eventually) do away with the masks.”

According to district spokesperson Patrick Gannon, “We’re hyper focused on both masks, of course, as well as sanitizing and disinfecting surfaces” — with particular attention on high-touch surfaces — but PUSD is also using technology to screen for COVID symptoms this year.

In addition to masking up, all staff members and students must complete a daily health screening by using their smartphone before stepping onto campus. The notification system for the screening can be used as a screening tool and allows administrators to pull reports and see if anyone recently came into contact with a COVID-positive individual.

Prior to the vaccine mandate issued by Gov. Gavin Newsom for all public school employees last week, Maher estimated “a good portion of

our staff are already vaccinated ... I'd say a good 80-90%, that's a guesstimate."

Haglund confirmed over 88% of students ages 12 to 17 have received at least one COVID vaccine dose and about 73% are fully vaccinated. "That keeps increasing, and that's a good thing, especially for our secondary campuses," Haglund said.

Certain immunizations are required for all PUSD students, with "very few" exemptions given for those with a documented medical reason, according to Gannon. The COVID vaccine is not on the list of vaccines required by the state, but the district is encouraging parents to have their students 12 and older that are eligible be vaccinated.

"We have a pretty high rate in our community, but it's really, really important that we get those teenagers 12 to 17 that are eligible to get vaccinated," Mokashi said.

"The transition back to school will be a positive process so long as we're all continuing to also consider our health, safety and practices for being safe, and that includes masking up," Mokashi added.

According to Haglund, "one of the most important risk mitigation factors is if your child is sick, keep them home."

"If everyone could just be very, very conservative in their approach to illness right now, it would keep everybody safer," Haglund said.

With the delta and lambda variants now circulating throughout the country, Maher said "there's always the concern" of another lockdown, adding that "it's the time we're living in now until we get this thing beat."

"Certainly there are some parents that are apprehensive; those parents are certainly apprehensive or have students that are compromised in some way," Maher said.

For families on the fence about returning to in-person instruction, the district has Pleasanton Virtual Academy as an alternative option. About 200 are currently enrolled in Pleasanton Virtual Academy, according to Gannon.

"The superintendent and board spent much time advocating Assembly Bill 130, which includes requirements for independent study," Gannon said. "In California, their focus has been getting kids back in the classroom. We advocated for a bit more flexibility in that law, and to provide more opportunities through Virtual Academy."

"What will be interesting in a couple of months is maybe some of (the Virtual Academy kids) might want to come back," Maher said.

By state law, if students ever wish to rejoin their peers in a traditional classroom, PUSD has five days by law to place them in a classroom, though it may not be the school of their choice, if no room is available.

Principal Josh Butterfield told the Weekly

that students at Amador Valley High School have been eager to get back in the classroom.

"We have all students coming back so the volume of in-person students is better; our staff is excited," Butterfield said.

But with the influx of additional students and elimination of physical distancing since last spring, Butterfield said teachers are striving to "re-establish routines for students" and "make this a warm place to return" during their first week of learning in-person.

"The focus is on the soft skills, making this a soft place to land," Butterfield said.

Mokashi called the school year ahead "a process, road to recovery, and time for healing."

"It's not just the academics the schools are providing, it's the engagement with peers, socialization, face-to-face interaction with their teachers and peers that is just as important as the academics," Mokashi added.

Maier said that staff were asked "to get to know your kids again, even if they're not new. Get them acclimatized to school again and enjoy school, what it's like to be back. Don't worry so much that they have to have 10 pages of homework by Friday."

"That expectation will come but now get the kids back in softly — and that will be the same for staff, too," he added.

A parent of three children currently enrolled in PUSD, Mokashi said a lot of students spent time the first day in class "doing fun games to get to know each other, different efforts with teachers — just really hands on."

On a personal level, Mokashi said her son has already made a new friend in middle school. "That never would've happened during remote learning," Mokashi said. "Now kids have the opportunity to actually engage with their peers."

Mokashi added, "From my observation, the kids are adapting really, really well, and it speaks volumes to the smiles I'm seeing."

Helping teachers and students reconnect is a major focus for administrators this year, Haglund said, as well as "restoration in cases of families that have suffered issues during the pandemic, helping them connect up with social workers to get access to resources."

"The teachers are also beginning to bring in some of the new strategies they learned during remote instruction into their classrooms — we're seeing a bit of a shift in that instruction," Haglund said.

Despite a few hiccups, Maher declared the first week back to full-time learning at PUSD an overall success: "It's a good thing; it's just a happy time, what else can I say? It's good to be back." ■



MIKE SEDLAK

Fairlands Elementary teacher Kylie Bower leads a lesson for her third-grade students last Friday.



COURTESY OF PUSD

Vintage Hills Elementary transitional kindergarten teacher Jill Weber assists with student pickup on the first day of school Aug. 11.



MIKE SEDLAK

Families drop off their children at Mohr Elementary School on Friday morning during the first week of school.

Lauryn Marie releases new collection of songs

Lyrics capture memories of freshman year in Nashville

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Lauryn Marie Hedges, 19, is known around Pleasanton as the young songstress who regaled everyone with “Our Home,” a song she wrote and performed as the city celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2019.

“What a place to live — In Pleasanton,” she sang at anniversary gatherings and in a video made for the occasion.

Since then, she has graduated from high school and gone off to college, singing and composing all the way.

“I’ve been singing pretty much my whole life,” said Lauryn Marie, who performs under this name. “I started piano in the second grade, and wrote my first song when I was 11.”

“I moved around a lot growing up and moved here from Indiana in middle school — I went to Harvest Park for only a semester, then went to high school at Amador,” she recalled.

Soon after moving to Pleasanton, she released her first song, “Lemon Tree,” and began posting songs on her YouTube channel.

“I started in the eighth grade

with one nice microphone and have done research and found what things help me create better,” Lauryn Marie said. “I bought a pair of nice speakers for my last recording.”

She joined Pleasanton’s High School Music Collaborative and through that worked in a range of musical programs at the Firehouse Arts Center.

“That was where I met people with the same interests as me,” she said. “I feel like a lot of us songwriters and singers sit alone in our bedroom. It’s great to get everybody out and together and have everybody share that.”

Lauryn Marie left last fall to attend Belmont University in Nashville, where she is majoring in songwriting and minoring in music business. About half of the classes were online, she said, but she was thrilled to be there and living in a dorm.

“I’ve met so many other singers and songwriters who are so creative and so encouraging,” she said. “It’s amazing to get to bounce ideas off each other.”

“High School Musical Collaborative was helpful because Nashville is so focused on



SAMANTHA GRANT

Lauryn Marie has released her second EP, “Lifetime,” songs written during her freshman year at college in Nashville, where she majors in songwriting.

collaborating, with an advanced understanding of how to do that,” she added.

Lauryn Marie has just released her second EP, “Lifetime,” a collection of five songs she wrote in her freshman year of college.

“It includes stories of memories that won’t go away, toxic relationships, walking alone at night, spider-like people and imaginary lifetimes, set to the sound of muted guitars, lo-fi synths, and beautiful strings played by my friend and fellow artist Elizabeth Piper,” she explained.

“They’re all very personal to me,” she said. “With a lot of my music, I want to let people know they are not alone in having these difficult feelings. Even when I sing about something difficult, in the last chorus I try to give people a little bit of hope.”

One song on her new EP, “Daisy,” was inspired by the old

beloved “Bicycle Built for Two.”

“I started thinking, ‘What if the guy singing was kind of crazy, not good for this girl?’” she said with a laugh.

At the beginning of the summer, Lauryn Marie performed in the Courtyard Concert Series at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

“The live audience was fun, and my family and friends came,” she said, but noted it was weird having everyone in masks that hid their expressions.

“I would love to play live more but with the pandemic I’ve done a lot of livestreaming on my YouTube channel,” she said.

Lauryn Marie said she considers herself a writer and storyteller first.

“When I was really little, I wanted to be an author,” she remembered. “Then I learned I could put music to it. I always liked to write lots of different things and put a purpose and a

meaning behind it.

“I love seeing people enjoy my songs and how they tell me their own stories and relate to my journey. It’s crazy how thoughtful people can be.”

Lauryn Marie said she might have liked the music industry more before the days of social media since she does not enjoy having to promote herself on Instagram and other platforms.

“But,” she added, “it’s so easy to make music on a computer — I love getting to record and build a song, adding different instruments and seeing it come to life.”

Lauryn Marie is grateful when people give her songs a chance.

“It’s amazing,” she said. “I appreciate even if one person takes the time to listen.”

Lauryn Marie’s releases are available at <https://lnkfi.re/lifetime>. “Our Home: Pleasanton’s 125th Anniversary Music Video” is on YouTube. ■



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Lauryn Marie performs her original song, “Our Home,” during the City Council ceremony celebrating Pleasanton’s 125th anniversary in 2019.

Bankhead presenting lively ‘Cruzando Fronteras’

Show is the first sponsored by Kenison Fund for diversity of offerings

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The lively sounds of Jarabe Mexicano will join the visual excitement of Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles in “Cruzando Fronteras (Border Crossings)” at the Bankhead Theater at 7 p.m. this Sunday.

The two Southern California-based groups will take audiences on a joyride through a mix of authentic Mexican folk, Latin rock and Tex-Mex songs in this first event to be sponsored by the Kenison Fund, founded to expand the diversity of entertainment offered by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. To encourage families to attend, a special discounted package offers two adult and two student tickets for \$120; use the code “4FAMILY.”

The Kenison Fund was initiated in 2017 as part of the Producer’s Circle and renamed in early 2020 for former executive director Scott Kenison to honor his achievements broadening the scope of the organization’s events.



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Jarabe Mexicano performs on traditional Mariachi instruments with harmonized vocals in Spanish and English.

Also this season, the Kenison Fund will sponsor a holiday show, “Joy to the World,” on Dec. 5, featuring young composer and band leader Damien Sneed; and “Pia! The Show,” a celebration of the life and music of the famed 1940s

French chanteuse on Feb. 14.

The Kenison Fund is made up of designated gifts of \$5,000 or more to help minimize the financial impact of more artistically adventurous choices, according to current Executive Director Chris Carter.

“We strive to bring a diverse range of shows to our stage, and the Kenison Fund allows us to consider shows we might not



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles has built a reputation for creativity and innovation.

otherwise be able to due to high artist fees, staging or marketing expenses,” Carter said. “Underwriting these three shows is particularly meaningful since Scott was instrumental in their choice before his retirement.”

Livermore Arts has seen strong sales for the upcoming “Bankhead Presents 2021-2022 Season,” with

the two July performances selling out, plus there has been a notable increase in membership since the Bankhead Theater reopened for films in May.

Tickets for “Cruzando Fronteras” are \$20-\$95. Visit LivermoreArts.org or call 373-6800. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St. in Livermore. ■

Artists can apply to be on county registry

Prequalified artists to be listed for public art opportunities

The Alameda County Arts Commission invites visual artists to submit an application to the new Alameda County Artist Registry to be prequalified for upcoming public art opportunities managed by the Alameda County Arts Commission.

These opportunities will include outdoor and indoor projects with a range of budgets and will be appropriate for artists working in a variety of materials and styles, and artists interested in participating during the next three to four years should apply.

The Artist Registry, which will include more than 200 artists, will be

used primarily to commission visual artists to create new artwork, however, there may be opportunities to purchase or license existing artwork.

The registry is open to professional artists who live, are permanently employed, or rent/own an artist’s studio in one of the following 14 counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Sacramento, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus and Yolo.

Applications must be submitted online by Sept. 15. To learn more, visit www.acgov.org/arts. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

TAKE US ALONG



Troop 916 at camp: Boys from Pleasanton Troop 916 took the Weekly along on their trip to summer camp last month at Camp Emerald Bay in Santa Catalina Island. Pictured (from left) are Kevin Tippit, Nolan Perry, Tristan Meyer, Benjamin Zhuge, Adam Bernhard, Kyle Tippit, Shawn Bawa and Gavin Schoenweiler.

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LETTERS

Save Leadership Pleasanton as is

Dear Editor,

Why change an effective program? Leadership Pleasanton is a perfect model of collaboration between the city of Pleasanton and Chamber of Commerce, and provides a “balanced” program. It has an excellent reputation. If one organization presents, the point of view is narrow and “unbalanced.”

My husband and I took the Leadership Pleasanton in 2012. We signed up in 2011 and waited for space.

Participants were diverse in age, occupation and experience, and were not of one political position or “elitist.” A major goal of Leadership Pleasanton was to form support

groups amongst participants. Most often field trips occurred to see the presenter’s environment, at a hospital, at Santa Rita Jail, at a school, etc. We’d drive our own vehicles, often carpooling or ride on a bus, allowing participants to build camaraderie.

Leadership Pleasanton is a unique program. Collaboration sends a strong message about the importance of working together. Participants are diverse and bond as they proceed through the class.

Sessions are interesting/informative, held in actual locations so participants can see how organizations work. In several instances we participated in a real activity, like wearing a fireman’s outfit handling the hose, or in a “virtual” activity at the police department.

This is an outstanding program for anyone wanting to learn about its city. Both Joyce Shapiro, prior to her retirement, and Kate D’Or, have done an exemplary job of pulling this program together annually. Maintain Leadership Pleasanton as it is!

—Nancy Harrington

Welcome improvement at Pleasanton Golf Course

Though we had been enjoying the nostalgia of using the honk-and-drive method while crossing the underground tunnel that leads to the Pleasanton Golf Course, at times we had felt the pain when we had to backup when its too late for vehicle coming head on to back up. It used a pain-pleasure experience.

Recently a month or so ago, they installed a light signal at the two ends of the tunnel and you can enter only when there is green. This is a an awesome and welcome change that we all love! Thank you to Pleasanton Golf Course and the city for making this happen, and more importantly for making this happen in a humble manner without any pomp or loud announcements.

Though we miss the nostalgia part, the signal change is a much-needed change for safety of all, especially when we drive our kids to classes to this course. Thanks a lot again.

—Sangeetha Krishnamoorthy

Please vote to keep Gov. Newsom in office

For the well-being of all Californians, please keep our Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom in office.

2020 was a horrible year for him, as well as for all Californians. He dealt with a new out of control pandemic that resulted in lockdowns and restrictions that saved our lives pre-vaccine, out of control fires that destroyed homes, businesses and lives, toxic air from the fires, unemployment due to the pandemic, political opponents who cared only for themselves, and now in 2021 a recall election spawned by Republican pro-Trump supporters who have donated money to try to get him out of office.

Gov. Newsom knew what to do in all of these situations, took charge, worked with health departments, fire departments, businesses and is helping us and our economy recover. Look at the states with Republican governors in the Midwest and South — look at the messes they have created in their states. Do you want the same for the people of California?

Wake up and smell what the Republicans are trying to do here in California. God forbid we should ever have a Republican governor in California!

—Ramona Krausnick

Irritated comments

Re: “Setting the Record Straight on Leadership Pleasanton” (online comments):

Matt Sullivan misrepresents the facts, writes commentary that is not true, tries to enhance his claims with more of the same misinformation.

Re: “Costco build” approved by Pleasanton City council and majority of Pleasanton voters:

Matt Sullivan is easily irritated. His compulsive behavior displayed on Town Square topics provides insight into his mindset. Matt Sullivan is in a constant state of rage, his commentary displays envy, hatred and anger. All of which portrays his poor self-image.

—Michael Austin

Feinstein, Padilla must push for elections bill

Senator Dianne Feinstein must do whatever it takes to get the “For the People Act” passed in the Senate and signed into law.

The House has passed the For the People Act (HR1/S1), which represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen our democracy by putting more power in the hands of everyday people by strengthening our voting, elections, campaign finance and ethics laws.

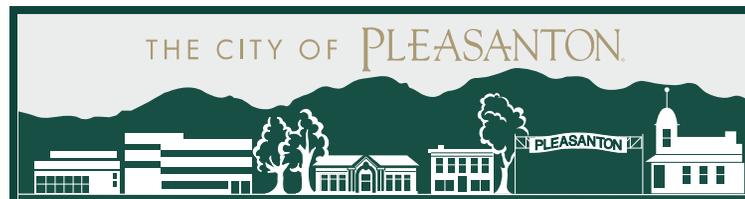
There are now 50 votes in the Senate to put this game-changing bill on President Joe Biden’s desk — and senators must do everything in their power to pass this bill through Mitch McConnell’s filibuster.

The For the People Act has overwhelming support from a bipartisan majority of voters because it contains tried and tested reforms that are working for voters across the country.

Passing this bill is our best chance to stop the wave of voter suppression and anti-democracy state laws we’re seeing across the country. Every senator must take bold action right now — which means speaking up and doing whatever it takes to pass this bill.

Call on our U.S. Senators: Feinstein and Alex Padilla (Padilla already does so thank him) and ask them to publicly endorse the For the People Act — and to do everything in their power, including calling for an end to the filibuster, to pass it into law.

—Debra LeClair



HIGHLIGHTS

Housing Commission Special Meeting
Tuesday, August 24, 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 after August 18, when the agenda is posted on the City’s website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/resident/housing/housing_commission.asp

- Housing Element Update
Review and provide a recommendation for the draft housing sites selection criteria for the 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Housing Element Update

Planning Commission
Wednesday, August 25, 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 after August 18, when the agenda is posted on the City’s website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

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One Vacancy
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BY DENNIS MILLER

Remembering my dad, Harry Miller

‘What he taught all of us will live on in every one of us he touched’

BY DENNIS MILLER

It's hard to believe a person like myself can be at a loss for words, but that is exactly where I found myself at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 10.

It was at that time my father Harry passed, and for the first time in as long as I remember, I had no words.

As I sit here writing this, I am still stuck looking for words to describe my feelings. The obvious words like saddened, devastated, heartbroken and crushed certainly apply, but there is a feeling lingering that I do not know how to describe.

Since as long as I can remember, my dad was larger than life to me and it wasn't just me that felt that way. Boil — as he was known to my friends and I (think of the 1970s animated TV show “Wait Till Your Father Gets Home” where the lead character's name was Harry Boyle) — was a central figure in many a kid's life in Pleasanton.

He was one of four founding fathers of the Ballistic United Soccer

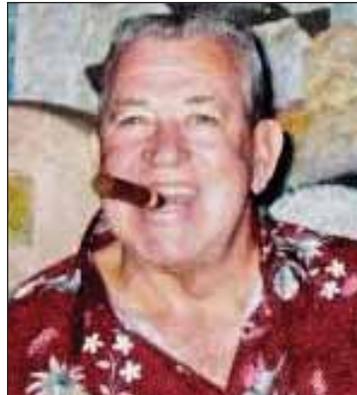
Club in 1968. Here was a man that had no idea what soccer was other than what we saw when we went to an Oakland Clippers game earlier that year.

He was a former college and high school football coach, and now he was getting involved in some weird sport called soccer. But like everything else he encountered in life, he took it and ran with it.

By the time he was done coaching he had won multiple state championships, saw his team win tournaments across the country, as well as North America, and finally earn induction to multiple soccer halls of fame.

In the last week, I've spent time communicating with many former players, and there was one constant thread — he helped his players on their journey to be respected men.

His coaching methods would not fly in this day. For starters, he held his players accountable, something sorely missing today. His teams played over 100 games a year, practiced four



Harry Miller

days a week, and soccer took precedent over all other sports.

He took everything he learned coaching football and applied it to this sport called soccer. Cleats had to be polished or you didn't play.

You needed to attend every practice each week or you didn't start. It didn't matter if you were the best player or it was a state championship: miss a practice and you were on the bench.

Being on one of his teams took an incredible commitment of time, but he was determined not to let it affect the players academic life. He regularly sent grade checks to each player's teachers and if they came back substandard, then the player was suspended from the team until their grades were acceptable.

The team traveled a lot, and he had the players write a report about where they went, talking about the history of the area.

Imagine that today.

He instilled the idea to his players that with hard work and discipline,

Hope 100 Golf Marathon returning to Pleasanton

Daylong golf fundraiser benefits hospice nonprofit

BY JEREMY WALSH

The Hope 100 Golf Marathon will be back at Pleasanton's Castlewood Country Club next month after the annual fundraiser took a one-year hiatus in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Registration for participants and financial sponsors is underway for the Sept. 13 event that will see golfers play 100 holes in one day at the Valley Course, a fundraiser for Tri-Valley-based nonprofit Hope Hospice designed as a strenuous outing to symbolize the challenges patients and families face at the end of life.

“We're thrilled to bring this event back after such a long period of pandemic-related closures and activity cancellations,” Marc Rovetti, Hope's director of philanthropy and event chairperson, said in a statement. “What better way to spend a gorgeous fall day than outdoors playing golf for a great cause. The money that this event raises makes a huge

impact in our own community.”

Originally founded in 2015 in honor of former Castlewood golf pro Piper Wagner, who died from cancer and received end-of-life care from Hope Hospice.

This year's installment will also pay tribute to the late Steve Thompson, a Bay Area native, co-founder of Jerry Thompson and Sons Painting and player in the original Hope 100.

“Steve had a big heart and quietly led by example for the causes he cared about. He participated in the inaugural Hope 100 Golf Marathon, and Hope Hospice is grateful for his legacy in making this event what it is today,” Hope officials said.

The annual event is typically well-attended, which left Hope Hospice short more than \$80,000 in anticipated revenue last year with the event's pandemic cancellation in 2020. Community donations came through to help Hope care for 776 patients with a life-limiting illness

and provide grief support and family caregiver education to 1,369 people last year, officials said.

With roughly three weeks left in the registration window, the 2021 Hope 100 has generated \$36,355 in donations and 22 players to date. The fundraiser is limited to 36 players due to the quick-paced nature of the golf marathon.

Participants, who agree to raise at least \$2,500 themselves, will play 18 holes every two hours as a single or in twosomes. Although score is not the primary goal, prizes are awarded related to the final posted scores.

New this year will be a hole-in-one competition sponsored by FH Dailey Chevrolet, offering a prize of \$75,000 to be used toward the winner's choice of vehicle from the dealership in San Leandro.

To learn more about the Hope 100 fundraiser, visit www.hopehospice.com or <https://p2p.onecause.com/hope100golf>. ■

great things can be accomplished. I have heard from countless former players over the years that they have passed on those virtues to their own children or teams they have coached.

But while my sister Pam and I had to share our dad each year with 18 new siblings, we still were blessed with an incredible father. We didn't mind sharing because we realized what the payoff would be for his players.

He made sure I had a basket out in front of our house as I loved basketball. When it was baseball season, I remember watching him count off the distance from what would be the plate to the mound, then spend hours crouched as a catcher while I pitched to him.

Then there were all the trips where he took childhood friend Mitch Pereira and me down to the batting cages in Milpitas to work on our hitting.

The regular fishing trips that extended into my adult years and included trips to Alaska to catch halibut and salmon are always going to be in the forefront of my mind and will always be remembered with a smile.

While I watched the body be taken out of the house following his passing, I had a moment of clarity. That wasn't my dad, but rather the vessel that his indomitable spirit had occupied for 86 years.

My dad will never be gone in our hearts or minds. What he taught all of us will live on in every one of us he touched.

He had been bedridden for three years and it was tough to see such a strong man diminish, but that I got to say good night every night and good morning each new day is something I will always cherish.

Don't worry about mom; Pam and I have got that covered, dad. My sister and I are blessed to have our incredible spouses, and we are thankful every day for Chuck and Coni.

The only way I can think to end this column is with the words I said every night when I stopped at his bed before heading back to our room.

I love you dad. ■

Editor's note: Ballistic United has established the Harry Miller Coaching Endowment. For more information, contact BUSC President Scott McMillin at scottmcmillin@busc.org.

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Music

CRUZANDO FRONTERAS, A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AND DANCE The lively sounds of Jarabe Mexicano will join the visual excitement of Ballet Folklórico de Los Angeles at the Bankhead Theater. A family-friendly, joyous and colorful celebration of musical traditions from both sides of the border. 7 p.m., Aug. 22. Tickets \$20-\$95. Visit LivermoreArts.org.

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. August 19-22. \$30-35 single ticket, \$150 per table (up to 6 guests) Darcie Kent Vineyards, 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Visit darciekentvineyards.com.

LUNAFISH AT THE BANKHEAD A local favorite, Livermore-based band LunaFish brings their authentic psychedelic rock sound of the late sixties and early seventies, music from what is arguably the most innovative period of rock and roll. 8 p.m., Aug. 21. Visit livermorearts.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY PRELUDE PARTY The Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild begins the season with a Prelude Party with the Livermore School of Dance providing entertainment with sparkling dance routines followed by light refreshments.

This free event is 4 p.m., Sept. 9, at the Springtown Homeowners' Clubhouse. For more information visit livermoreamadorsymphony.org.

Museums

GHOST WALK TICKETS ON SALE Meet the ghosts of Pleasanton's past in this uniquely spooky annual event held by Museum on Main. Ghost Walk is a two hour guided walking tour of Pleasanton's most haunted sites along Main Street in the downtown area. Tickets \$15-\$20. Visit museumonmain.org/ghost-walk.html.

HARRINGTON GALLERY NEW EXHIBIT The new exhibit "Women Artists Show and Tell" is on display at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center. The exhibit represents the work of women artists in the Bay Area and features work in a variety of media including oil painting, mosaic, photography and colored pencil and sculpture. Now through Aug. 28. Visit firehousearts.org.

Car Shows

GOODGUYS WEST COAST NATIONALS The Goodguys West Coast Nationals features over 3,000 hot rods, customs, muscle cars, trucks and classics. Live entertainment, vintage train exhibition and more. Aug. 27-29. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

ALTAMONT CRUISERS CAR SHOW The Altamont Cruisers Nostalgia Day Car Show is seeking makers, vendors and sponsors. This show boasts 500 cars on display throughout downtown Livermore and over 10,000 enthusiasts attend to check out the classics. To register visit altamontcruisers.org/ndcs. Event 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 26.

Festivals

626 NIGHT MARKET 626 Night Market is back at Alameda County Fairgrounds. The iconic Californian festival features hundreds of food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music and entertainment. 3-11 p.m., Aug. 20-22. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Talks

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-VIRTUAL TOWN MEETING The speakers for this Town Hall Meeting are David Haubert, Alameda County District 1 supervisor, and Monique Berlanga, Centro Legal, tenants' rights directing attorney. 6:30-8 p.m., Aug. 23. Zoom link: [zoom.us/j/92623444332#success](https://us/j/92623444332#success).

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY WEBINAR PRESENTATION Presented by Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare, and brought to you by the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, join a discussion on the latest updates of the health system including the stroke program, cardiovascular services, updates in technology and imaging services and a discussion

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on the the Delta variant and the COVID-19 vaccine. Register at sanramon.chambermaster.com. 10-11 a.m., Aug. 26.

PRESENTATION ON GUN SAFETY Be Smart for Kids, Livermore Valley Chapter, presents a virtual presentation about what parents can do to keep children safe from gun incidents and proven methods to reduce unintentional child gun deaths. After the brief presentation, participants are welcome to ask questions and share stories and concerns. 7-8 p.m., Aug. 26. Zoom link bit.ly/37Czrdt or call 980-8021.

SWALWELL TO HOLD 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TOWN HALL Rep. Eric Swalwell will hold a town hall meeting for 15th Congressional District constituents on Aug. 28, 9-10:30 a.m. at the Castro Valley High School Football Stadium, 19400 Santa Maria Ave., Castro Valley. Masks are required.

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.

WRITING A SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY The Livermore Civic Center Library invites local high school seniors to attend a presentation and workshop on "Writing a Successful College Application Essay". This free event will be offered in-person and via zoom. For more information call 373-5576. 6:30 p.m., Sept. 1.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS CONFERENCE The Tri-Valley Writers 2021 Conference is a full day event on the art and business of writing. It features three tracks, Craft, Marketing and Self-Publishing with New York Times bestselling author Rhys Bowen as the keynote speaker. Early bird registration is now open. Visit trivalleywriters.org. Four Points by Sheraton, Oct. 16.

Business

TRI-VALLEY CHAMBER VIRTUAL SPEED NETWORKING Join the Tri-Valley Chambers for a virtual speed

networking event held quarterly throughout 2021. Make business connections in less time from the comfort of home. Register in advance for this free event at pleasanton.org. 2-3 p.m., Aug. 26.

CULINARY EXECUTIVE MASTERMINDS WORKSHOP Join this zoom State of the Restaurant Industry Workshop with Chefs Christian J. Fischer and Joe Rodrigues. This workshop is free and available to all restaurants and caterers in the Livermore Valley. 2-3:30, Aug. 30. RSVP to: events@livermoredowntown.com.

Family

FAMILY CYCLING WORKSHOP The Livermore Public Library and Bike East Bay will host a free outdoor Family Cycling Workshop where instructors will provide a day of fun games, safety drills, skills building and a neighborhood ride. This free workshop is for children who are able to ride a bike and ready to take paths and roadways with their parents. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 18. Visit tinyurl.com/377mm4ka.

Seniors

SENIOR CLIPPER CARDS A BART representative will be at the Pleasanton Senior Center to assist with processing applications to receive a discount clipper card. For more detailed information call 931-5385. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 20. 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Government

PLEASANTON PLANNING COMMISSION The Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The next teleconference meeting is 7 p.m., Aug. 25. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular Board of Trustees meetings of the Pleasanton Unified School are scheduled the second and fourth Thursdays of each month and are open to the public. Meetings of the Board will be virtual via Zoom until further notice. The next meeting is 6-10 p.m., Aug 26. Visit pleasantonusd.net.

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Muevete Chingona FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 580922 The following person(s) doing business as: Muevete Chingona, 39 California Ave., Suite 205, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owners: Nelia Soares, 1223 Marguerite St., Livermore, CA 94550; Rocio Sofia Ordonez, 8031 Arroyo Dr., Apt. 1, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Nelia Soares & Rocio Sofia Ordonez, a General Partnership. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein June 1, 2021. Signature of Registrant: Rocio Sofia Ordonez, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2021. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 2021.) Renew & Restore FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 580845 The following person doing business as Renew & Restore, 928 Kolln St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby

registered by the following owner: Leah Lyons, 928 Kolln St., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Leah Lyons, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Leah Lyons, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 19, 2021. (Pleasanton Weekly, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021.)

436 Auto Group, LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 581313

The following person doing business as: 436 Auto Group, LLC, 11844 Dublin Blvd., Suite C, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: 436 Auto Group, LLC, 11844 Dublin Blvd., Suite C, Dublin, CA 94568, CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by 436 Auto Group, LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Christopher Moore, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 6, 2021. (Pleasanton Weekly, August 13, 20, 27, September 3, 2021.)

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 24-28 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and July 13-16 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 2110 Arroyo Court #2** C. Lentz to S. Estrada for \$515,000
- 3595 Brent Court** S. & P. Clarke to N. & N. Balan for \$1,150,000
- 6474 Calle Esperanza** Ramirez Living Trust to Kang-Hur Trust for \$2,050,000
- 2119 Camino Brazos** Foley Trust to Y. & X. Zhou for \$1,567,000
- 2166 Camino Brazos** M. & R. Gastineau to J. & S. Pujji for \$1,715,000
- 5475 Corte Paloma** Avriett 2016 Family Trust to M. & A. Jain for \$2,000,000
- 6160 Crater Lake Court** M. Szymczak to M. & A. Mondal for \$1,500,000
- 802 Crellin Road** H. & R. Carlson to M. & K. Sadras for \$1,675,000
- 16 Deer Oaks Drive** P. & M. Dennis to J. & J. Shi for \$2,800,000
- 7705 Driftwood Way** Kennedy Trust to Heiss Family Trust for \$1,295,000
- 4933 Drywood Street** Ceremony Family Trust to Rjs Real Estate Corp for \$1,385,000
- 7352 Elmwood Circle** Menchini Trust to G. & S. Feng for \$1,368,000
- 1742 Equestrian Drive** Frawley Family Trust to T. & S. Short for \$2,785,000
- 7980 Foothill Knolls Drive** S. & M. Srivas to A. & D. Ramachandran for \$2,500,000
- 1563 East Gate Way** K. Liu to S. & J. Angle for \$1,665,000
- 2244 Goldcrest Circle** S. & S. Callison to X. & X. Ge for \$1,020,000

3515 Helen Drive Fung OfWu Trust to Y. & F. Wang for \$1,388,000

1674 West Lagoon Road D. & A. Sloane to Mohamed Trust for \$2,325,000

2974 Liberty Drive Brown Family Trust to J. & G. Liu for \$950,000

2902 Liberty Drive Morrison Living Trust to E. & A. Utov for \$1,250,000

5396 Mallard Drive Mclean Family Trust to B. & B. Arumugam for \$1,675,000

8250 Moller Ranch Drive Asplund Family Trust to Chan Trust for \$2,110,000

5183 Oakdale Court H. Vakharia to Patel Family Trust for \$1,091,000

2133 Pomezia Court S. Wang to Y. & D. Feldmeier for \$2,400,000

4019 Pons Court P. Keshishian to Ross Trust for \$2,655,000

6217 Robin Court Fanaswalla Real Estate Co LLC to A. & R. Arekatla for \$1,275,000

4340 West Ruby Hill Drive Koska Family Trust to Adhikari Trust for \$2,400,000

4050 San Giorgio Court A. Varadarajan to D. & P. Chandrasekharan for \$937,000

4157 School Street J. Treadway to H. & R. Kumar for \$1,360,000

3498 Serra Circle C. Chu to H. & H. Lee for \$1,380,000

3773 Thistle Way A. & J. Pfaff to S. Lieu for \$675,000

3583 Touriga Drive Blue Fire Investments LLC to Y. & A. Patel for \$1,400,000

7384 Tulipwood Circle Mary Living Trust to N. & H. Sarbishaei for \$1,300,000

2468 Via De Los Milagros E. & C. Jones to V. & R. Chandrasekar for \$2,500,000

1853 Via Di Salerno Kirimli Trust to Lingareddy Family Trust for \$4,850,000

3669 Virgin Islands Court M. Cota to A. & A. Wadhawan for \$1,370,000

Livermore

4250 Azores Court E. & E. Cremata to J. & H. Shan for \$1,500,000

637 Bethal Place Gemignani Trust to 5 Star Housing LLC for \$850,000

2434 Bettona Street Hagen Family Trust to V. Bakhtiari for \$1,800,000

1137 Big Basin Road P. Boutte to M. & K. Basavaraju for \$1,010,000

3859 California Way Foreverhome Properties LLC to A. & M. Alas for \$900,000

337 Chris Common #103 G. Daura to E. & E. Navarro for \$400,000

2657 Crater Road G. & J. Solorzano to J. & R. Zeck for \$1,620,000

4265 Davis Way Weinhalten Living Trust to B. & J. Villafuerte for \$1,200,000

426 Falcon Way Crisologo Trust to 4Sight Trust for \$780,000

2157 Farmington Place Volpe Trust to Park Avenue Investments LLC for \$1,100,000

436 Fontonett Avenue Granger Trust to C. Castillo for \$1,050,000

6534 Forget Me Not H. Kim to R. Farzad for \$650,000

743 Geraldine Street E. Tiedemann to C. & G. Picco for \$1,110,000

544 Huntington Way N. Ranalli to C. Patel for \$1,002,000

4838 Kimberley Common D. Dodge to Y. & N. Manirko for \$1,007,000

1622 Knoll Way D. Smith to T. & J. Zizileuskas for \$1,315,000

4547 Lee Ann Circle H. & R. Ackad to D. Davari for \$1,422,500

5239 Lilac Avenue M. Larsen to M. & H. Jadiya for \$840,000

494 North M Street Mohr Family Trust to K & M Properties Inc for \$690,000

3882 Macgregor Common C. Munro to M. & G. Peppier for \$915,000

3357 Madeira Way D. Sharp to G. Singh for \$860,000

642 Mojave Avenue M. Heinze to M. & N. Solase for \$1,025,000

1087 Murrieta Boulevard #137 N. Thomas to J. Agness for \$380,000

1001 Murrieta Boulevard #26 C. Case to L. Lal for \$400,000

1835 Paseo Laguna Seco #32 D. & I. Sheyman to B. & E. Bacaltos for \$600,000

1157 Pesaro Way Tully Family Trust to R. & A. Antony for \$1,775,000

3901 Portola Common #2 R. & C. Barr to A. Joshi for \$800,000

3872 Princeton Way Apodaca Family Trust to C. & G. Fenske for \$940,000

1190 Rincon Avenue L. & B. Bell to J. & A. Rost for \$875,000

2262 Ryan Street Thournir Trust to M. & R. Garcia for \$1,815,000

827 Seminole Drive A. & J. Brown to D. & K. Chan for \$805,000

664 Silver Sage Court Stauffer-Hyman Family Trust to S. & A. Mestry for \$2,380,000

622 Sonoma Court J. & K. Messina to M. & R. Balasubramanian for \$1,000,000

631 Splitrail Court James Family Trust to Rosario Family Trust for \$980,000

5450 Stockton Loop E. Klinkatsis to A. & T. Hoover for \$2,050,000

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- 421 Wayland Loop, Livermore • \$1,225,000
- 2992 Lagiss Drive, Livermore • \$2,550,000
- 191 Miramonte Drive, Moraga • \$933,000
- 4673 Cristy Way, Castro Valley • \$1,515,000
- 130 Reflections #15, San Ramon • \$507,000



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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (May 24-28)

Total sales reported: 36
Lowest sale reported: \$515,000
Highest sale reported: \$4,850,000
Average sales reported: \$1,450,000

Livermore (May 24-28)

Total sales reported: 44
Lowest sale reported: \$380,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,380,000
Average sales reported: \$1,004,500

Dublin (May 24-28)

Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$493,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,150,000
Average sales reported: \$1,172,500

San Ramon (July 13-16)

Total sales reported: 29
Lowest sale reported: \$615,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,720,000
Average sales reported: \$1,498,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

Continued from Page 19

- 2230 Stonebridge Road** P. & D. Silvas to K. & V. Mouloukov for \$1,610,000
- 892 Turino Street** Santos Family Trust to E. & D. Managan for \$1,620,000
- 2776 Vernazza Drive** D. & M. Gunderman to M. & R. Nandyala for \$1,641,000
- 2094 Vintage Lane** Lacroix Family Trust to M. & H. Ahn for \$2,050,000
- 1233 Wagoner Drive** K. & J. Morrissey to L. Flores for \$1,000,000
- 2422 Wellingham Drive** M. Harvey to C. & R. Tervelt for \$1,175,000
- 2370 Westminster Way** Mattingly Living Trust to E. & R. Hewlett for \$1,200,000
- 5402 Windflower Drive** L. Salinas to T. Luckhardt for \$735,000
- 4741 Zinnia Court** Dobson Family Trust to A. & E. Gaxiola for \$950,000

- 7613 Arbor Creek Circle #106** J. Caldara to Z. Xiong for \$493,000
- 8560 Ardmore Place** Saltzman Living Trust to E. & C. Jorda for \$1,100,000
- 3642 Aviano Way** A. & M. Doten to M. Mira for \$1,195,000
- 5760 Barley Road** N. & D. Reese to K. & A. Shorten for \$1,225,000
- 8897 Bellina Commons** N. Narula to N. & R. Sadana for \$880,000
- 7644 Burnham Way** J. & B. Roudabush to Archana Living Trust for \$1,325,000
- 2459 Cantalise Drive** S. & E. Stanley to S. & J. Pattabiraman for \$1,801,000
- 7596 Canterbury Lane** Howard Family Trust to L. & B. Hill for \$950,000
- 4021 Chanterelle Place** R. Furr to A. & A. Parikh for \$1,435,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #425** Koo Trust to N. Haycock for \$645,000

Source: California REsource

Dublin

- 6593 Adare Lane** A. Panicker to D. & R. Natarajan for \$921,000
- 6564 Amador Valley Boulevard** C. & G. Chhim to C. & D. Edward for \$725,000

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

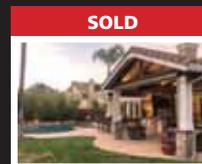
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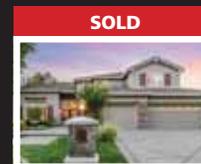
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17322 Grand Island Road | Available
 3 BD, 2.5 BA | Bonus Room | 3,634 SqFt.
 15,638 SqFt. Lot | 3 car garage
Presented at \$1,650,000

Paradise found just outside the San Francisco and Sacramento areas. As you work from home, take a break and fish in your front yard, where salmon, sturgeon, striped and bass are plentiful. Spectacular sunset views, boating, fishing and peaceful living are all part of the normal as you settle into this serene location. This custom 3,634 SqFt. home offers a bonus room, 3 bedrooms and amazing river views from the living space overlooking the Sacramento River with a 15,638 SqFt. lot, a detached 3 car garage with a workshop, a potential apartment above the garage and 86 Ft. of water frontage.

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4241 Bevilacqua Court | Pending
 4 BD, 3 BA | 2,253 SqFt.
Presented at \$1,990,000

Representing the sellers for this amazing home offering panoramic views is exciting as we are able to show off all the wonderful contemporary features of the home.

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4673 Gatetree Circle | Sold
 4 BD, 3BA | 2,141 SqFt.

Presented at \$1,550,000 | Sold at \$1,710,000
This seller chose me to represent them in their home sale, and it was exciting to receive 4 wonderful offers. They are now able to enjoy new adventures in their new home!

LIVERMORE



5476 Arrowhead Court | Sold
 Representing the Buyers
 4 BD, 2 BA | 1,761 SqFt.
Accepted at \$1,169,000

When I'm able to find my client the perfect home, then I have done a great job. I'm beyond pleased for these buyers and their new home.

WALNUT GROVE



17396 Grand Island Road | Sold
 3 BD, 2 BA | 1,728 SqFt. | 11,039 SqFt. Lot
 with 50 feet of Waterfront Property

The buyers found their Paradise in this home to enjoy boating with the kids, fishing right off their private docks and relaxing in the amazing sunsets. I'm so pleased to have been able to represent the buyers and sellers to bring the accepted offer together!

DUBLIN



11302 Rolling Hills Drive | Sold
 4 BD, 3.5 BA | 2,511 SqFt.
Presented at \$1,500,000 | Sold for \$1,550,000

My seller, as many today, desired to retire out of the area. I was pleased to assist in all the details to offer the chance to find the dream home.

PLEASANTON



4550 Gatetree Circle | Sold
 4 BD, 2 BA | 1,808 SqFt.

Presented at \$1,515,000 | Sold for \$1,815,000
There comes a time when a seller has upgraded a home so much you just take in all the amazing features and acknowledge their hard work. This is one of those homes. I thank the sellers for allowing me the pleasure to be their agent!



KRIS MOXLEY
 REAL ESTATE

"We worked with Kris to purchase our vacation home and she was an absolute pleasure to work with! In our transaction, Kris represented both us (the buyers) and the sellers and did so in a fair and balanced manner, ensuring everyone was well-represented and the transaction went smoothly.

Kris' communication on all facets of the home buying process was great. She was there every step of the way, clearly articulating the information needed, timetables for the close and arranging — and even attending — all of the inspections on our behalf!

Thanks, Kris!"

— Buyers ~ Andrea & Kristen
 April, 2021
 17396 Grand Island Road,
 Walnut Grove

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