

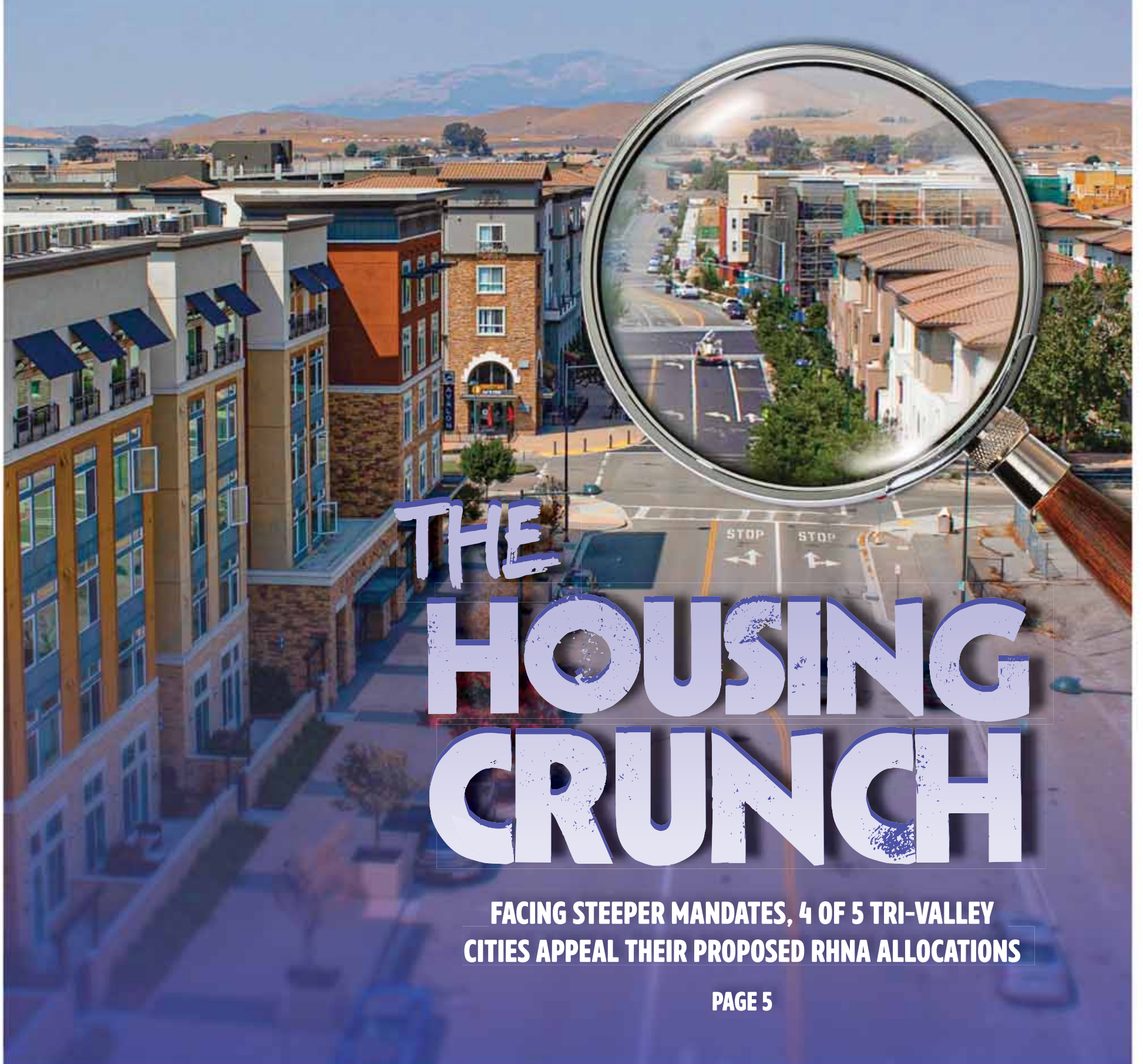
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VALLEY VIEWS



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Back to school if not quite back to normal

New clothes. New backpacks. New lunch boxes. Notebooks and markers. The signs had been there for days. Then it arrived: The new school year began.

It was not back to school for me obviously. Not even for my children. Now it's my grandchildren experiencing the thrill of the new school year and all it entails.

But I heard about the new shoes and the haircuts, and on the big day was texted the photo of the fourth-grader and the kindergartner standing by their front door holding their cheery signs with the grade and the date — a wonderful tradition I wish I'd thought to observe with my own children.

The fourth-grader has graduated to a backpack so big it has wheels. What in the world is in there, and why did I manage with a few books and a sack lunch when I was her age?

She also has a new multi-colored "hydro flask." Not to be confused with a water bottle. Although I am confused. I guess the difference may be in the price.

I am trying to recall what I drank when I was in school. For lunch I remember a bologna sandwich on white bread with generous mayo and iceberg lettuce (cheese on Fridays) and an apple in a brown paper bag. My beverage must have been water from the school drinking fountain, which apparently was enough to keep me hydrated.

This year going back to school was more fraught than usual because everyone is returning with fingers crossed that all goes well in the face of the ongoing pandemic. My grandchildren wear masks in the classrooms but the distancing isn't as rigid as it was in the spring, and they don't have to wear masks outside. Also they no longer have their temperatures taken upon arrival.

My granddaughter, 9, observed after her first day: "The classroom doesn't stink like sanitizer this year like it did last year." Ah, childhood memories.

This is a special year for my daughter, too, because she is returning to teaching after a few years off to launch her kids. She was excited during the two weeks of

training to be back working in her field again, although now juggling child care had its challenges. But she hasn't had to call in the Marines yet — meaning me — so it must be under control.

Through my years with newspapers I have written back-to-school stories and interviewed teachers at the beginning of the school year. I also watch my friends who are retired teachers. At this time of year they wistfully remember the excitement they experienced as summer vacation drew to a close. Do they wish they hadn't retired? No, it was time, is always the response.

"I miss it for a little bit, that sense of anticipation," said my friend Pat, who taught second grade for 10 years. "It's always such an exciting time of year as a teacher. I've been out for six or seven years and I'm still aware it's that time of year."

She said a friend with two young boys told her they were really, really nervous about the new school year.

"I said, tell them that as a teacher I was nervous, too," Pat said.

This year students have more to be nervous about of course. To think I only had to worry about my seat assignment, making friends and whether the teacher would like me, not contracting a deadly disease that I could then pass on to family members and friends.

In Pleasanton, all the schools are open and full-time, although some families have chosen to continue remote learning. Superintendent David Haglund has been making the rounds of the campuses and looking forward to a successful year.

"Our key focus in the coming weeks will be to ensure a restorative restart for staff and students," he wrote the parents.

What a challenging time to be a leader — or a student or a parent. But, while somewhat daunting this time, the annual back-to-school ritual gives a normalcy to our lives that we can cherish. Now let's crack open those books! Those computers? ■

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

About the Cover

A benchmark for new apartment construction in the Tri-Valley during the current RHNA housing cycle, the city of Dublin is appealing its 3,719-unit draft allocation for the upcoming cycle. Pleasanton, San Ramon and Danville also appealed their RHNA assignments, while Livermore did not. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Doug Young.

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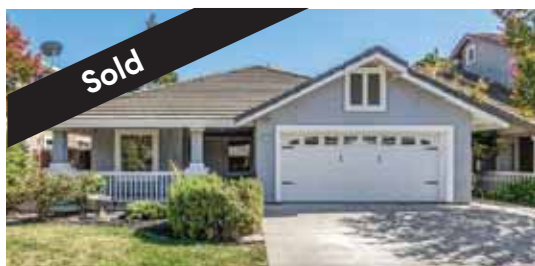
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If you need to evacuate immediately due to a wildfire, and everyone is already out safely with your go bag, what is the one possession you would be sure to take if you had the time?



Jessica Clinton
Mom

I'd assume my husband is grabbing the hard drive with all of our photos, so I would take my memory box, which is filled with cards and other sentimental things I've collected over the years.



Louis Michaels
Small business owner

I would grab my computer. I have so many important documents stored on it that are not backed up anywhere, and that I would lose forever. Thanks for that reminder. I'm going to go home now and figure out how to back up my documents in the cloud somewhere.



Jenny Lindell *Systems engineer*

We have all of our photos and documents digitally in the cloud, so I have no attachment to those. I'd probably bring my Kindle and my daughter's beloved stuffed bunny. She brings it everywhere and can't sleep without it. I'm not really sure why, but she took to it a couple of years ago and it's been a constant companion since then. I would want her to have that if we were displaced.



Demetra Jaffin *Mom*

Our fireproof safe, where we have lots of important documents stored. I know that makes no sense because it is very heavy and it is supposed to be able to withstand a fire and remain intact when we return home, even if our house is no longer standing. But my gut tells me that would be a good idea. I always listen to my gut because it is usually right.



Andrea Bloom
Teacher

I have a book that I made up of my son's art work from the first five years of his life. I would grab that as we would not be able to replace any of those very precious memories.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Quest fair postponed

Local nonprofit Quest Science Center this week postponed its fourth annual Tri-Valley Innovation Fair from September until Jan. 15, citing projected health and safety concerns due to the COVID-19 delta variant and anticipated impacts on the greater Bay Area.

"We have been working closely with our site partner, the Alameda County Fairgrounds, and monitoring qualified information sources throughout the region and state," Quest CEO Monya Lane said Monday. "The Quest team based our decision upon the science, placing the health and safety of our sponsors, exhibitors and community first. We believe this is the responsible course at this time."

COVID-19 testing

The city of Dublin has partnered with Curative to provide free COVID-19 testing every Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center.

No appointment or proof of insurance needed; open to all ages. To learn more, visit <https://curative.com/sites/31104>.

Ready for election

Many residents have already received their mail ballots for the Sept. 14 election over whether to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom. To help readers better prepare for their vote, the Pleasanton Weekly is featuring a range of election coverage from CalMatters online at PleasantonWeekly.com.

The recall ballot has two parts. The first requires a Yes or No answer. It asks: "Shall Gavin Newsom be recalled (removed) from the office of Governor?" If more than 50% of voters say No, Newsom continues as governor. If more than 50% say Yes, Newsom will be removed from office.

The second part allows a voter to pick one replacement candidate from a list of 46 candidates, primarily a range of Republicans. The list does not include Newsom.

If the recall earns majority Yes in question one, then whoever has the most votes among the replacement candidates (no matter how few and even if they don't win a majority) will become governor in late October for the rest of Newsom's term through January 2023. ■

Correction

Last week's Streetwise column layout inadvertently mislabeled two respondent photos. The Joanne Lind and Carol Jones photos should have been swapped to run alongside their correct identifications and quotes. The Weekly regrets the error.

Staring down the housing crunch

Why 4 Tri-Valley cities appealed their RHNA allocations (and why Livermore didn't)

By JULIA BAUM

Four Tri-Valley cities are among the 27 Bay Area jurisdictions appealing their assignments for the next Regional Housing Needs Allocation process cycle, contending that the proposed housing unit allotments present too many obstacles.

Danville, Dublin, Pleasanton and San Ramon have each filed an individual appeal and are seeking to reduce their allocation from an Association of Bay Area Governments appeals committee, made up of local elected officials, before the final RHNA Plan is adopted this fall.

Designed to hold California cities accountable for their fair share of their region's housing need, the RHNA process requires Bay Area cities to identify land sites to accommodate their total of assigned new housing units, but not to actually build the residential housing units. The 2023-31 cycle has an estimated 2.35 times more units than during the previous cycle.

All of the local appellants and others, including the counties of Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Marin and Sonoma, questioned ABAG's methodology in their appeals — which Livermore Mayor Bob Wornner, whose city did not challenge

its allocation, compared to "a zero-sum game" where for every jurisdiction that receives a reduction, another sees an increase.

Both the number of projected housing units — 441,176 — and appeals are much higher during the current cycle than the previous cycle in 2014, when the Bay Area was allotted 187,990 by the state.

From 2010 to 2019, Dublin's population grew from 46,036 to 66,147. The 44% increase made it "one of the fastest growing cities in California" at the time, which Dublin officials said in their appeal should be considered.

Dublin representatives argued

that 2,267 of the city's 3,719 units assigned — 1,449 above-moderate units and 818 very-low, low and moderate income units — should "be reallocated to other jurisdictions in the Bay Area." They also said the draft allocation "fails to consider our past performance and lack of suitable land," including "allocating units to Dublin where the city does not have land use authority."

"This explosive growth was due to significant steps taken to facilitate the construction of both market-rate and affordable housing,"

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FILE/DUSD

William Kuo, shown here taking the oath of office after being appointed to the Dublin USD Board of Trustees in May to succeed his late wife Catherine Kuo, who died after being pinned between two vehicles while volunteering at Fallon Middle School on March 24. William Kuo and his two children have filed a negligence claim against the district of Catherine Kuo's sudden death.

Trustee files claim vs. DUSD over wife's death at campus event

William Kuo's attorneys decry lack of 'basic safety protocols'; superintendent says claim in Catherine Kuo's death was expected

By JEREMY WALSH

Dublin Unified School District Trustee William Kuo has filed a negligence claim against the district citing a lack of "basic safety protocols" in place at the school volunteer event where his wife and then-trustee Catherine Kuo was fatally pinned between two cars in March.

The claim, which seeks an undetermined amount of financial damages, alleges the setup at the Fallon Middle School food

distribution event created "an unreasonable, foreseeable risk of severe harm to volunteers" and was a "substantial factor that directly and proximately" contributed to Catherine Kuo's death.

"Everything we have at this point is that there were no verbal instructions, there were no written communications to the volunteers or the public, and there were no posted signage related to anything about safety," Kuo family attorney Nick Casper said to the Weekly

during an interview last Friday morning.

"Ultimately, it led to volunteers being placed in between cars that had ignitions on," Casper added. "There are some kind of bedrock guideposts for safety, and you don't want to have people between cars that are on, especially when the cars are close together."

DUSD Superintendent Chris Funk confirmed that the district

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Kreycik likely died before search effort even began

GPS data suggests ultrarunner 'had some type of medical event'

By JULIA BAUM

Law enforcement authorities for both Pleasanton and Alameda County told the Weekly on Tuesday that Philip Kreycik, the ultramarathon runner whose disappearance sparked an extensive search-and-rescue campaign, likely "died before the search even got off the ground" after going missing on his run at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park last month.

The final coroner's report from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office is still pending, but Lt. Erik Silacci with the Pleasanton Police Department said GPS data retrieved from Kreycik's smartwatch shows the Berkeley man strayed from his intended course on July 10 and potentially suffered from heat stroke and heat-related exhaustion. His body was found in a remote part of the parkland 24 days later.

"It just looks like he missed a turn where he should've gone. It appears based on what we believe, he had some sort of medical issue, most likely related to heat exhaustion or heat exposure," Silacci said.

A 37-year-old married father of two young children, Kreycik started his run around 10:49 a.m. July 10 at the Moller Ranch staging area, where he left his cellphone behind in his car, according to Alameda

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Anti-mask speakers urge Livermore school board to drop mandate for students

Deputy superintendent says ignoring health officials would be 'arrogant'

By CIERRA BAILEY

A group of Livermore residents and parents addressed the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Board of Education last week expressing their concerns about students being required to wear face coverings to attend school in-person once classes started this Tuesday.

During the public comment portion of the Aug. 17 school board meeting, some speakers dialed in to implore the board to allow parents to choose whether to send their kids to school with or without masks. Although the meetings are currently only available to the public virtually, the group gathered outside of the board chambers and cheered each other on as they each spoke.

The mask policy was not specifically an agendized item, so the board members said they could not address the issue at length or take any action due to Brown Act provisions.

"I'm speaking tonight heavily advocating for the right for parents to choose whether or not their child is to wear a mask at school," stated one speaker, whose name was not immediately identifiable on the meeting video but said she is the parent of two LVJUSD students in fourth and seventh grade. "Right now, our city, our county, our state, our country as a whole and really even our world is so incredibly divided and it's incredibly sad."

"I certainly don't condemn those who choose to wear a mask — everyone needs to do what they are

comfortable with — but that's just it, everyone should have the right to choose," she added.

Later in the meeting, while providing a status report on school safety protocols, deputy superintendent Chris Van Schaack doubled down on the district's stance about following the guidance of health officials.

"Our goal has been for quite a long time to open the fall with full-time school for grades TK-12 and so, that is what we intend to do," Van Schaack said. "In order to do so — as safely and as effectively as possible — and to stay open fully as long as we can, we are adhering to the CDC, the Alameda County Public Health Department and the California Department of Public Health."

The board had received 160 emails from parents on both sides of the debate ahead of the Aug. 17 meeting, according to district staff.

Among those who sent an email in favor of the mask mandate was

City Councilmember Brittni Kiick, whose 6-year-old daughter attends Junction Avenue K-8 School. "I would like to share my appreciation for your decision to follow local guidelines to require masks for all individuals in schools," Kiick wrote.

"As a parent of young kids ineligible for vaccines, masks are the only protection they have. We know based on the data that just masking my own child is not sufficient to decreasing Covid-19 transmission. We all need to come together to protect our children," she added.

Jennifer Valentin shared similar sentiments.

"The Delta variant is wreaking havoc among the unvaccinated in the U.S. Children under 12 are not yet able to access the vaccine, leaving them especially vulnerable. Without being able to rely on the vaccine, adults must do everything possible to keep them healthy, including wearing masks," Valentin

said.

"My children — ages 5 and 6 — understand this very straightforward concept and have no issues, whatsoever, with wearing masks at school. I cannot send them to school with other unvaccinated children without masks. Please keep our children safe," she added.

During the meeting, in public comment on non-agenda items, several of the speakers argued the belief that masks are ineffective and could cause long-term consequences on a person's health.

"The school board members need to step up or step aside if they can't advocate for our children and stop using them as political pawns to keep their paychecks coming," said another speaker, whose name was not immediately identifiable.

"It leaves me completely baffled that we have elected officials who cannot comprehend basic common sense and are actually able to sleep

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County sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly.

Though initially off to a fast start and reaching a top speed of almost 12 mph, Kreycik's pace slowed significantly after about 45 minutes, then briefly resumed his pace before slowing to walking speed, authorities said citing the GPS data.

At this point, Kelly said that Kreycik's recorded movements on the smartwatch suggest he was potentially experiencing some type of heat-related distress; July 10 was one of the hottest days recorded in Pleasanton this summer. Silacci also confirmed that no water bottle or water source was found with or near Kreycik's body when it was discovered on Aug. 3.

"People who are affected by heat can have irrational behaviors in a heat environment," Kelly said. "They can hallucinate and get lost and become disoriented, and the data we have would show that that's consistent with what's on the sports watch."

The data also indicates that Kreycik likely died about 75 minutes after his wife Jen Yao reported him missing, around 2 p.m. July 10. "The search teams were not even out in full force, I don't know if anybody was deployed out at that point," Kelly said. "There were a lot of factors at play, but it looks like

he died before the search even got off the ground."

Community members rallied around Kreycik's family during the following weeks, with local businesses and individuals lending aid to the search-and-rescue effort with their time, money and resources. Heat-detecting technology was used during nighttime aerial searches, while drones, canines and volunteers on horseback, bike and foot navigated the park terrain by daylight.



Philip Kreycik

The official search was scaled back significantly after a couple weeks, but residents continued to look for Kreycik on their own time. Plans were also in the works to move the search party base from Foothill High School to the Alameda County Fairgrounds, but never materialized.

A volunteer searching on their own found a decomposing body on the afternoon of Aug. 3 underneath a tree in a wooded area about 200 yards off a game trail not intended for human access in the northwest end of the expansive park, police said. The family publicly confirmed two days later that the body was positively identified as Kreycik.

Preliminary autopsy results released earlier this month showed no signs of foul play nor trauma to the body including an animal attack, and "no major broken bones, fractures, skull injuries."

"The preliminary exam was unremarkable in regards to any of those significant types of events," Kelly said. "We don't expect that there will be much of a toxicology report. We'll never really know

what happened, medically, but we can use this data to at least get some idea of his final movements and activity."

Kelly added, "It leaves you with a reasonable conclusion that he had some type of medical event, and I think that's helpful to the family and to the community to know that this was more along the lines of a medical event than any criminal or unforeseen type circumstance."

A pathologist will ultimately determine the final cause and manner of death, which Kelly said "it's very likely that could be determined (as) undetermined."

"At the end of the day, it's a very sad situation for the Pleasanton community, obviously for the Kreycik family, and for all of us that worked on this case," Kelly said. "We really poured our heart and soul into this. That being said, it's nice to get some answers for the family, for the community."

Silacci called the outcome "tragic" but hopes the investigation helps answer questions for Kreycik's family including his wife, two children, parents and sister.

"It's tragic; it was obviously a warm day that afternoon and we felt we had a really good amount of resources that we were able to put up on the hillside, and had high hopes of finding Philip," Silacci said. "Hopefully this will give the family some closure." ■

Editor's note: This story clarifies the reporting from police that Kreycik's body was found approximately 200 yards off the game trail.

AWARDS CORNER

Hiya Shah

Amador Valley High School senior Hiya Shah was one of two Northern California winners of the President's Student Environmental Awards, earning the honor for her "Maji - Water Education and Security" project that included development a smartphone app for real-time water quality information.

Inspired to respond to PFAS being found in Pleasanton groundwater wells, Shah created the app "to promote proactive approaches to conserve water, prevent water pollution, and secure clean water access to communities," officials said. Her project also involved a youth-led outreach campaign, a full-length documentary and designing a bio-inspired PFAS removal and filtration system.

Shah, who also won the 15th District Congressional App Challenge earlier this year for her Maji app, received this recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, in partnership with the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Sharon Kosch

Longtime Pleasanton resident Sharon Kosch earlier this year received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Camp Association, the group's highest annual award that honors "a lifetime of service to ACA and camp."

Kosch, who serves as co-chair of ACA's Northern California division, was among nearly 20 recipients across the country recognized in the 2021 ACA National Award program.

LAVTA

This summer the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority earned the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" for its fiscal year 2020 comprehensive annual financial report, marking the agency's 25th consecutive year receiving the award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

"The award program assesses whether the financial statements of participating agencies provide the detail necessary for users of the information to adequately evaluate the financial health of the organization," LAVTA officials said.

Valley Humane Society

Tri-Valley animal support nonprofit Valley Humane Society recently announced earning a \$4,990 grant for staff training from the California Animal Welfare Funders Collaborative.

Pleasanton North Rotary

Richard Flanders, a member of Pleasanton North Rotary, was inducted July 1 for a one-year term as district governor of Rotary District 5170, a branch of Rotary International covering 61 Rotary Clubs

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19th Annual Independent Watchdog Committee Report to the Public FY2019-20

Measure B and Measure BB Sales Tax Activities

In November 2000, Alameda County voters approved Measure B, which extended the County's 1986 half-cent transportation sales tax to 2022 and set forth a 20-year Expenditure Plan to enhance the County's transportation system. 2000 Measure B also established a Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) to review all Measure B expenditures for compliance with the Expenditure Plan.

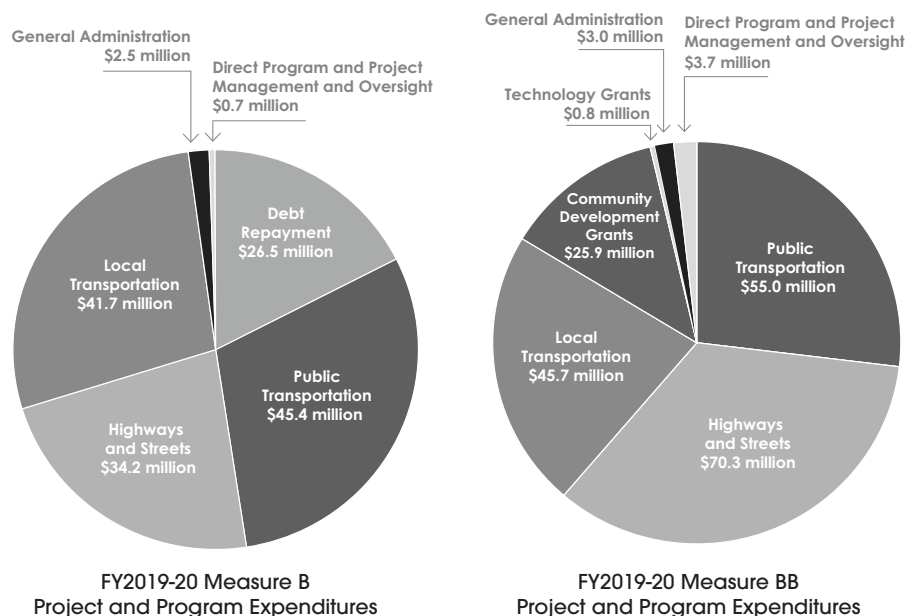
The IWC concludes that 2000 Measure B and 2014 Measure BB tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the two measures during FY2019-20, **except as noted on the last page of the full report.** However, opportunities for improvement remain.

In November 2014, Alameda County voters approved Measure BB, which increased the County's half-cent transportation sales tax to one full cent, extended the tax through 2045 and set forth a 30-year Expenditure Plan for essential transportation improvements in every city throughout the County.

The 2014 Measure BB established an Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) that reports its findings annually to the public to ensure appropriate use of sales tax funds and provides oversight by reviewing Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures. The IWC replaced and assumed responsibility for CWC activities in July 2015. The IWC does not opine on other funds the Alameda CTC manages and/or programs. This 19th annual report reviews expenditures and IWC activities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 (FY2019-20). The full report is available at www.AlamedaCTC.org/IWC2021Report.

Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is responsible for administering the Measure B and Measure BB transportation sales tax measures. In FY2019-20, Measure B revenues for Alameda CTC totaled \$155.4 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$151.0 million. Measure BB revenues totaled \$154.9 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$204.4 million in FY2019-20.¹



¹ Measure BB utilized sales tax funds received in prior years to pay for expenditures.

Measure B and Measure BB Funded Programs

Alameda CTC allocates approximately 60 percent of Measure B and 65 percent of Measure BB funds on a monthly basis by formula and through competitive grants to local jurisdictions and transit operators for ongoing maintenance, operations and small infrastructure or capital projects.

In FY2019-20, Alameda CTC expended \$86.5 million in Measure B funds and \$106.8 million in Measure BB funds on programs, including local streets and roads, mass transit, special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, bicycle and pedestrian safety, community development and technology projects.

Measure B and Measure BB Funded Projects

Alameda CTC allocates approximately 40 percent of Measure B and 35 percent of Measure BB funds to capital projects. In FY2019-20, Alameda CTC expended \$34.8 million of 2000 Measure B funds and \$90.9 million of 2014 Measure BB funds on capital projects for transportation infrastructure improvements, such as BART rail modernization and improvements, express lanes, highway and transit improvements, local street and road enhancements, intermodal projects and other local projects.

Independent Watchdog Committee Activities

IWC members performed the following activities from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

- **Ongoing Programs and Capital Projects Monitoring:** The IWC monitors specific programs, capital projects and issues of concern.
- **Independent Audit of Alameda CTC:** The IWC reviews the independent auditor's plan for the audit before it begins and reviews the draft audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report regarding Measure B and Measure BB revenues and expenditures.
- **Audit and Compliance Report Review:** The IWC members review audited financial statements and compliance reports, including performance measures, received from Measure B and Measure BB direct local distribution (DLD) recipients to ensure expenditures comply with the requirements in the applicable Expenditure Plan.
- **Issues Identification Process:** IWC members may request and receive information if they have concerns regarding Measure B and Measure BB expenditures. In FY2019-20, the topics of reallocating Measure BB project funds, City of Oakland local streets and roads performance and performance measure information for the public were addressed using this process.
- **Annual Report to the Public:** Each year, the IWC establishes a subcommittee to develop the annual report to the public regarding Measure B and Measure BB expenditures.

How to Get Involved

Independent Watchdog Committee meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in vacancies on Alameda CTC's advisory committees, contact Alameda CTC. Visit www.AlamedaCTC.org or contact the IWC at IndependentWatchdog@AlamedaCTC.org to learn more.

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Board boosts Horizon fees to help keep childcare program afloat

Pleasanton Unified officials say attendance is 'not there yet' but coming along

By JULIA BAUM

Newly increased fees should help keep the doors open at Horizon Early Education Center but an attendance boost is also needed to sustain the long-running daycare program, according to a staff presentation at a recent Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting.

Fees for families with children enrolled in Horizon will now increase for all age levels, from \$1,920 to \$2,300 per month, with preference given to full-time students. Part-time fees are now \$1,100 to \$1,600 per month, depending on whether the student attends two or three days per week.

The fee increases were unanimously approved at the Aug. 12 board meeting to avoid staff layoffs from the program, which has offered reduced and subsidized services for qualifying families for more than 30 years. More recently, however, Horizon has struggled to stay afloat due to declining attendance and revenue.

"It's not sustainable if it's losing money year over year, and is that the business that the school district wants to be in," Board President Joan Laursen said that evening. "We can't cannibalize another program to support this one."

In May district staff recommended cutting six classified staff positions at Horizon — five full-time early education positions including a lead early educator, plus an early education aide — citing continued low enrollment and annual budget deficits, as well as an opportunity to save approximately \$470,000 based on staffing allocations.

With the pandemic impacting the

availability of child care, parents implored the district to consider alternative solutions to layoffs at Horizon. The board agreed to put the layoffs on hold, and asked staff for updated information about the program's solvency.

Horizon is licensed for up to 26 children, but currently has about 16 full-time attendees and has not reached enrollment capacity for the last three years. Because the district must maintain daily required staffing ratios but not all of the children are enrolled full time, less revenue has been generated in recent years. To run the program with the maximum capacity, staff said the district would need 8-9 employees.

With increased tuition and 20 children attending full time for 12 months, assistant superintendent of business services Ahmad Sheikholeslami said the program would generate around \$550,000 in annual revenue but still fall short of breaking even, due to estimated annual expenditures of \$600,000.

"If we were able to sustain an average of 24 students ... it could close that gap," Sheikholeslami, adding the program "would probably also require some additional hourly staffing to bridge that gap."

"In the short term, we're not there yet but I believe, given what we see with Kids Club, that we're going to get there with our enrollment coming back," Sheikholeslami said.

Among the biggest cost factors for Horizon are salaries and benefits, and are likely to remain a concern in the future.

"Depending on salary movements and changes in both our benefits

costs, we could be looking at 4-6% increases on an annual basis on salaries, which is the main driver of our costs for this program," Sheikholeslami told the board.

Revenues have been tough the past few years but "those numbers are improving," in part due to an account created by PUSD parents for accepting community donations and matching corporate funds, staff said. About \$22,000 total has been raised so far and is scheduled to transfer to the district sometime this week, according to Sheikholeslami, but there's "no consistent data showing the district can rely on those donations annually."

Over the course of several town hall and community meetings in June, parents gave the district feedback and recommendations for revitalizing the Horizon program including increasing fees to local market rates, boosting full-time enrollment with a "multi-prong strategy," and marketing and operating Horizon and STEAM as a "comprehensive birth-to-kindergarten program."

In addition to raising tuition fees, staff also recommended continuing to enroll infants and toddlers, hiring staff, and improving marketing and advertising to support the program.

Trustee Kelly Mokashi asked, "Making a stronger connection between Horizon and STEAM, would that help with the revenue?"

Assistant superintendent of human resources Julio Hernandez replied, "If individual programs can sustain themselves, that would be our goal, but if not ... another program would help."

When STEAM initially started, "one of the ideas was that we were going to be able to offer this," Laursen said, but "we didn't see an influx of children of our employees in the STEAM program."

"If it's a benefit to our employees, something we would be able to use as a recruitment tool ... that would be a good thing," Laursen said. "And it might be worth being a little in the red because it would be a recruitment tool, but we cannot run the program in the red for very long."

Trustee Mark Miller said he wants "to see the real intents of benefiting the employees ... making sure we have a clear path from Horizon to STEAM."

"But we're not getting revenue from the state to do this; we're doing it right now because out of the goodness of our hearts, quite honestly and as long as we can pay for it ... it requires some thought," Miller said.

The board asked if discounts for employees or families with multiple children enrolled in Horizon were considered, to which Hernandez said the district "discussed many options and variables." ■



CIERRA BAILEY

Creating murals in Livermore

The downtown Livermore mural festival returns for its second year, bringing new public art displays to the city's walls and buildings, such as this one being worked on by artist Cameron "Camer1SF" Moberg. A collaboration between creative arts agency OnlyUp and Livermore's Commission for the Arts, artists from all over the Bay Area come together to share their work and grow the local artist community. Mural tours will be offered on Aug. 28 with proceeds directed to the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Foundation to support the new Goodness Village tiny home community. More information is available at onlyupteam.com/muralfestival.

FDA issues full approval of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine

Also: Feds announce plans for booster shots; state tightens vaccine proof rules for events

By **ELI WALSH / BCN FOUNDATION**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued its full approval Monday of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, marking the first approval of a COVID vaccine outside of its emergency use authorization.

An FDA advisory panel issued the approval for people age 16 and up based on clinical trial and follow-up data on the vaccine's effectiveness from roughly 20,000 vaccine and 20,000 placebo recipients age 16 and older.

The FDA also analyzed safety data from roughly 22,000 people who received the vaccine and 22,000 people who received a placebo. The trial data found that the vaccine was 91% effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, according to the FDA.

Acting FDA Commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock called the approval a "milestone" in the ongoing pandemic.

"While this and other vaccines have met the FDA's rigorous, scientific standards for emergency use authorization, as the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product," she said in a statement.

The Pfizer vaccine will now be marketed as Comirnaty, according to the FDA, and will continue to be available to people ages 12 to 15 under the FDA's emergency use authorization.

The FDA is expected to issue a subsequent approval for the vaccine developed by Moderna in the coming weeks, while Johnson & Johnson is expected to apply soon for approval of the one-dose vaccine developed by its pharmaceutical subsidiary Janssen.

In California, state officials celebrated the Pfizer vaccine's approval and urged people to get vaccinated if they have yet to do so to drastically reduce the likelihood of developing serious illness or dying from COVID-19.

"We know the vaccines work. We know vaccines are safe. We know they save lives," California Department of Public Health Director and state Public Health Officer Dr. Tomas Aragon said in a statement. "If you are not vaccinated, let this be the milestone that gets you there."

The FDA issued its original emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine Dec. 11, 2020, for people age 16 and up. In May, it expanded that authorization to children ages 12 to 15.

While some 362 million vaccine doses have been administered in the U.S. and more than 200 million Americans have gotten at least one vaccine dose, state and local officials expressed optimism that the FDA's full approval will spur more people to get vaccinated in the coming weeks.

"We hope this FDA approval removes another barrier for vaccine-hesitant members of our community to protect themselves and their loved ones," Santa Cruz County Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel said. "The Delta variant is significantly impacting our unvaccinated population, and these vaccines, along with wearing face coverings in public, are the best tools we have to protect ourselves."

In California, just over 46 million vaccine doses have been administered to roughly 25 million residents. Last week, FDA advisers and state officials also issued their respective approvals of booster vaccine doses for immunocompromised people who received the two-dose Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

"I encourage all Californians to trust the science and protect themselves and their community by getting vaccinated," Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement. "With more than 80% of Californians 18 and up having received at least one dose, our work continues to close the gap in our most impacted communities and bring an end to this pandemic."

Plans for boosters

Federal health officials announced last week plans to offer COVID-19 booster shots to fully vaccinated people in an effort to fortify their immune response in the face of more contagious COVID-19 variants.

A group of public health and medical experts from within the U.S. Health and Human Services Agency issued a joint statement expressing their support for the administration of booster shots roughly eight months after full vaccination with the two-dose vaccines developed by Pfizer and Moderna.

While the two vaccines remain highly effective at preventing serious infections and death, the officials argued that preemptively boosting the immune response, particularly among people with weakened immune systems and other high-risk demographics like nursing home residents, would maximize protection against the delta variant and subsequent variants, which could be even more potent.

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State effort to decertify officers picks up political momentum

SB 2 would empower a panel to rule on stripping badges of officers with serious misconduct

BY GENNADY SHEYNER /
PALO ALTO WEEKLY

After pledging last year to enact meaningful police reform only to fall well short of their goals, California state legislators are now advancing the most ambitious proposal on the table — a bill that would permanently strip badges from police officers found guilty of serious misconduct.

Known as Senate Bill 2, the legislation from Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) would create a process for decertifying police officers who commit crimes, thus ensuring that they would not be hired in another jurisdiction. Decisions on decertification would be based on recommendation by a new nine-member panel known as the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Advisory Board, which will include officers, academics, members of nonprofits and victims of police misconduct.

The movement to create a

decertification process gained momentum last year, after the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer sparked national calls for police reforms. But while state lawmakers passed a few bills pertaining to police conduct — including one that banned the carotid restraint and another that expands the state attorney general's purview over deadly shootings by police officers — Bradford's decertification bill never got to a vote.

Things are looking considerably more promising this year. Even as legislators continue to debate key details of the legislation, most notably the composition of the review board, SB 2 has already cleared several significant hurdles. On May 26, exactly a year after Floyd's murder, the State Senate voted 26-9 to advance this bill, sending it to the Assembly.

If the bill passes, California would

lose its infamous status as one of only four states that does not have a process for decertifying officers.

Democrats in the State Senate were mindful of the fact when they voted to support the legislation, easily overriding Republican opposition. In describing the bill to his colleagues before the Senate vote, Bradford emphasized that SB 2 is not an "anti-police" bill but an "anti-bad cop" bill. He noted that almost 1,000 people across the nation have been killed by police officers since the murder of Floyd.

"It is unacceptable that officers can commit misconduct in one department and simply move to another one without any repercussions," Bradford said at the May 26 hearing. "This is not fair to the community, not fair to victims of police abuse and, most importantly, unfair to the majority of police officers who do their jobs every day by the book, who put on that uniform, pin

on that badge and do it in an honorable and respectful way."

Even with the Senate's vote, however, the bill's fate remains far from certain. Numerous Democrats who voted for the bill criticized the composition of the nine-member board and conditioned their support on amendments to this portion of the legislation. They also reserved the right to vote against the bill after it clears the Assembly — presumably with some changes — and returns to the Senate for reconciliation.

Among the general public, the idea of decertifying officers found guilty of misconduct is broadly popular, according to a study released in March by California State University, Fullerton. The survey showed 88.3% of respondents saying they support such a reform. Only proposals to require de-escalation training (94.8%), equip officers with body-worn cameras (93.7%) and use early-warning systems to identify problematic officers (88.9%) scored higher.

In the Bay Area, the Bradford bill has been relatively popular.

The Palo Alto City Council voted unanimously on June 22 to support

the bill, as well as three other bills that would, respectively, expand the categories of police documents subject to public disclosure; require police departments to immediately report excessive force by an officer; and require departments to disclose investigations into officer misconduct even if an officer leaves the department.

Palo Alto Police Chief Robert Jonsen said he supports SB 2, though he also said he would like to see some refinements when it comes to the composition of the panel. The board, he said, should be well-trained and its members should have the needed experience to make informed decisions about decertification of officers.

"I do think it would be great if we had a system that helped chiefs keep officers that are found to be convicted for misconduct from becoming eligible to come back to a police department or a police agency anywhere in the state," Jonsen said.

The district attorneys in both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties said they support a process for removing cops that engage in misconduct. ■

East Bay Parks workers to vote on whether to strike

Demand fair wages, more respect

Park rangers, lifeguards, and educators among other East Bay Regional Park District workers will decide this coming weekend whether to strike, said the group People for East Bay Park Workers on Monday.

The 600 workers are demanding more respect and fair wages. Results of the vote on whether to strike will

be announced Aug. 30.

East Bay park workers make 10% less than people in comparable jobs in the Bay Area, according to a report. If the workers authorize a strike, it would be the first in nearly 50 years.

Advocates for the park workers said to avoid a strike, the board of

directors of the park district must call a special meeting. A spokesman for the board did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday night.

Worker advocates said the district has reserves of \$140 million and last year had a surplus of \$26 million. If workers are paid more, they will buy products and services in the region, thus benefiting the economy, advocates said.

The East Bay Regional Park District consists of 73 parks in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. ■

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VACCINE

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ahead of the virus and protecting the American people from COVID-19 with safe, effective, and long-lasting vaccines especially in the context of a constantly changing virus and epidemiologic landscape," the group said in its joint statement.

Booster doses will also likely be necessary for those who have gotten or will get the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, but federal officials expect to have more data in the coming weeks since the J&J vaccine did not become available in the U.S. until March.

The formal approval of booster shots remains subject to safety and effectiveness evaluations by the FDA and a CDC advisory panel.

The CDC's vaccination advisory panel already issued an approval of booster doses the week before for people with weakened immune systems who are more likely to suffer so-called breakthrough COVID-19 infections because their immune response is not as robust as that of people with fully functional immune systems.

State public health officials have also given the go-ahead to booster doses for immunocompromised people after the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup — which includes officials from Nevada, Oregon, Washington and California — issued its approval last week.

Vaccine proof rules

State public health officials tightened vaccine verification requirements last week for large indoor events, requiring vaccine proof or a negative COVID-19 test for events with more than 1,000 people.

Starting Sept. 20, the California Department of Public Health will require indoor venues to confirm the vaccination status of attendees or that they've tested negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours of an event.

Venues will also no longer be able to allow event attendees and spectators to self-attest their vaccination status and are encouraged to utilize the state's digital vaccine record system.

Aragon cited the spread of the ultra-contagious delta variant as well as the COVID-19 vaccines' success at preventing serious illness and death as the main reasons for the verification requirements.

"By requiring individuals to be vaccinated, or test negative for COVID-19 at large events, we are decreasing the risk of infection, hospitalization and death," Aragon said.

The state had previously required vaccine or negative test verification for events of 5,000 or more people through at least Oct. 1. Until Sept. 20, those rules will remain in effect.

State public health officials touted support for the new guidelines from entertainment event giants like Live Nation Entertainment and AEG as well as Californians for the Arts.

The guidelines will keep the verification system in place through at least Nov. 1, according to the CDPH. ■



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CLAIM

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received the claim on Aug. 16 — which was the first day of school for Dublin students in the 2021-22 academic year.

“We were expecting this claim as a natural result of the tragic death of Trustee Catherine Kuo. The claim has been submitted to our insurance carrier. I can only imagine the grief that the Kuo family must still be working through,” Funk told the Weekly by email on Friday.

A tort claim is a required precursor before a lawsuit can be filed against a public entity in California. The district has 45 days to accept, reject or do nothing with the claim, which also lists the Kuos’ 15-year-old son Thomas and 11-year-old daughter Natalie as claimants.

William Kuo, who was appointed by the other trustees in May to succeed his late wife in representing Trustee Area 3, will recuse himself from any discussions the board has about the claim, but he does not foresee this week’s filing having any other impacts on his service, according to his attorney.

“Simply, the fact he has a pending claim against the district doesn’t bear on his ability to serve on the Board of Trustees,” said Casper, who is a partner at the Walnut Creek-based law firm Casper, Meadows, Schwartz & Cook.

“He’s really committed to the mission of the district. He’s honored to serve as a trustee. But at the same time, he and his children intend to hold the district accountable for its role in the death of Catherine. He’s placed in a difficult position, but it’s one he finds himself in,” Casper said of William Kuo.

The shocking circumstances of Catherine Kuo’s death rocked the

Dublin community after news broke on March 24.

Catherine Kuo, 48, was volunteering at Fallon to distribute prepacked food boxes available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s “Farmers to Families Food Box Family.”



Catherine Kuo

The second-year DUSD trustee was standing behind a parked Tesla sedan with its trunk open to receive a food box around 11:45 a.m. March 24 when a BMW SUV in the designated pickup queue behind them drove forward and hit her from behind, pinning the DUSD trustee between the two vehicles.

Catherine Kuo sustained catastrophic injuries that would prove fatal. She was transported to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, where she was pronounced dead that afternoon.

Dublin Police Services conducted a nearly seven-week investigation before concluding the BMW driver — whom police did not publicly identify — inadvertently accelerated after failing to put her SUV into the park gear. The Alameda County District Attorney’s Office reviewed the case and declined to file criminal charges against the driver in May.

The Kuos’ claim states that just before the forward acceleration and collision, an unnamed DUSD employee approached and instructed the BMW driver to open the rear hatch of her SUV so he could load a food box into the trunk area.

“DUSD’s failures that created an unreasonable risk of harm included, but are not limited to: instructing

volunteers to place food boxes in a manner in which the volunteers would be between vehicles; failing to require members of the public participating in the event to turn off their vehicles’ ignitions; and failing to ensure that there was a minimum safe distance between vehicles,” the claim argues.

No individual DUSD employees or representatives are identified as responsible in the claim at this point in the case.

The claim seeks unspecified monetary damages above the statutory minimum for the loss of Catherine Kuo’s love and companionship and her financial support from their

lives, plus the medical costs incurred as a result of the emergency treatment before her death.

As for whether the case will move forward to a lawsuit, if the claim is rejected by the district, Casper declined to specify but said based on past experience, “most claims in general, if there’s a willingness and interest in pursuing it, do end up becoming lawsuits.”

He added, “If there is an eventual filing of a lawsuit we intend to hold all parties that we deem played a part in, played a role in Catherine’s death, to be held responsible, and that would likely include the driver of the BMW.

“We can’t say at this time whether the USDA or federal government would be a party in this case. We would have to develop facts that they played a role, a substantial factor in the lack of instruction, the lack of warnings for this event.” ■

Editor’s note: The Kuo family’s claim, which can be accessed at PleasantonWeekly.com, does identify the driver by name. The Weekly has redacted the name from the claim at this point, in line with Embarcadero Media’s policy on when to identify private individuals in cases that do not result in criminal charges. Our editorial board plans to revisit the question if a civil complaint is filed against the driver.

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HOUSING

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officials said, adding that building permits for the construction of 4,396 units were issued by the city during the current RHNA cycle, compared to their allocated 2,285 units.

Dublin officials also expressed concerns about increased demand and dependence on imported water, as well as “high resource areas disproportionately impacting a diverse community.”

The city of Pleasanton is asking to reduce their RHNA allocation by 20%, or 1,193 units, to a new total of 4,473 units.

Pleasanton’s request is largely based on what officials call “significant oversights in application of the methodology,” including “failure to account for the increased uncertainty around water supplies that represent at least 20 percent of the city’s potable supply.”

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) discovered in local drinking water supplies last year have created “a significant constraint with respect to water supply for both existing and new development” that “has the potential to be significantly worsened by projected drought conditions in the state and the region,” according to Pleasanton officials.

“In combination with the Governor’s recently-declared drought emergency, and the above current and pending uncertainties around water supply, the prospect of accommodating close to 6,000 new housing units as specified in the RHNA is problematic,” officials said.

Pleasanton officials also said the city “broadly identified the lack of vacant land as a constraint to the



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A look up at an under-construction residential complex at DeMarcus and Dublin boulevards in southern Dublin.

production of housing; and identified constraints in repurposing existing commercial properties in the vicinity of transit.”

Officials added, “This strategy is a key focus of Plan Bay Area 2050 and of the RHNA methodology,” which they said “fails to account for real world constraints and feasibility.”

“Assuming a relatively high average density of 40 dwelling units per acre, close to 150 acres would need to be developed or redeveloped to satisfy the city’s assigned RHNA,” city officials said.

Pleasanton staff continued, “It is simply not realistic to assume that 20 to 25% of all properties would redevelop in these areas over the 8-year Housing Element period, given that the majority of this area is developed with viable commercial and retail uses, and points to the flawed assumptions in the Plan Bay Area growth modeling upon which the RHNA methodology is constructed.”

Danville is seeking to reduce its

allocation of 2,241 units by 600 to 800, which officials argued is based on an “incorrect assumption that the town has a locally identified Priority Development Area (PDA) which the RHNA process ... has used as a focus for future growth, and ignores Local Planning Factors relating to jobs-housing imbalance and development constraints.”

With only one bus line serving the town and “limited to no access to regional public transit,” officials said “the net effect” of 2,241 units added “to a transit-poor community like Danville would be to further impose auto dependence and a significant socioeconomic burden (in time and resources) on a segment of the population that can least afford it.”

San Ramon officials “fundamentally disagree with the selected methodology” that led to the city’s draft allocation of 5,111 units but said they focused their appeal on “what we perceive to be flaws in the RHNA process and data utilization that has

resulted in a disproportionate housing numbers,” instead of requesting their allocation be reduced by any specific amount.

Though officials said they support improving the region’s jobs-housing balance, “we do not feel the forecasted development pattern from the Plan Bay Area 2050 has captured recent changes that significantly impact the jobs-housing balance for San Ramon as it relates to RHNA.”

“As the home to Bishop Ranch Office Park, San Ramon has been a jobs-rich community, which has driven the continued emphasis on housing for the city,” officials said.

As the only Tri-Valley community to not appeal its RHNA allocation, Woerner said about Livermore’s decision in an interview last Friday with the Weekly, “From Livermore’s perspective, we can accommodate them, so why would we need to appeal.”

Livermore was given a draft assignment of 4,570 units, including 1,799 in above-moderate, 696 in moderate, 758 in low and 1,317 in very-low income categories.

“The council acknowledges that growth is necessary and that we do it in a deliberate way,” Woerner said. “We’re for balanced growth, where we understand that we need a mix of housing types.”

Woerner added, “Cities always have a General Plan, and in that, there is always a sense of when you are done building. If you look at the RHNA numbers and their allocation over a number of years, it’s more or less consistent with our envisioned growth rate in respect to build outs.”

But adding more housing in the Tri-Valley won’t address what’s “driving most of the problems in the

like outrageous situations because we trust those folks to keep us safe.”

Van Schaack also said that it would be “arrogant” for the board and the district to believe that they know more about public safety than those who are experts in their respective fields.

LVJUSD’s first day of the 2021-22 school year began this Tuesday with full-time instruction days on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and early release on Wednesdays, reverting to its pre-pandemic schedule. ■

last month.

“Providing a reliable and efficient electrical distribution system to support current and planned operations at the LLNL, the winning EEDS project team was recognized for its perseverance, attention to detail, and focus on cost and schedule outcomes,” federal officials said.

Save Mount Diablo

Local nonprofit Save Mount Diablo announced this month having its national land trust accreditation renewed by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. ■

Bay Area,” which Woerner said has been both job creation and a lack of housing in the South Bay and Peninsula.

“The battle is about will the Peninsula and Silicon Valley step up to their housing requirements,” Woerner said. “The reapportionment that would make sense is the East Bay is being disproportionately assigned the housing.”

Woerner added, “We’re passing on this round and we can manage it, but we are commenting that more should have been allocated to the job creators.”

ABAG will hold public hearings on all of the appeals in September before the Final RHNA Plan is adopted in the fall. The agency is required by law to allocate all 441,176 units assigned to the area.

If a jurisdiction’s appeal of their draft RHNA allocation is successful, ABAG must redistribute the units to other local governments in the region, per the agency’s website.

Comments on the appeals filed will be accepted until Monday (Aug. 30), and should be submitted to RHNA@bayareametro.gov. ■

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MASKS

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at night knowing they are responsible for unnecessarily harming our children physically, mentally and emotionally,” she added, before claiming that she is considering removing her children from the district altogether.

Although the mask policy, specifically, was not on the board’s agenda that night, one of the discussion items that followed public comment was a report and status update about school safety and health protocols.

Acknowledging those who expressed opposition to the masking requirement by phone and by email, Van Schaack said, “There’s a number of folks in those emails who are calling for the board and for the district to defy the recommendations and guidance of these health agencies and I imagine a scenario in which there is a fire at one of our schools and the fire department shows up.”

“The captain says to the principal, ‘Sir, you’re going to have to evacuate your students to the west side of the campus.’ And then the principal says,

“With all due respect, Sir, I studied fire science in school and I think I understand a little bit about fire safety and I’m not going to do that,” Van Schaack added.

He continued, “Or worse yet, perhaps we have an active-shooter situation and the police show up and they tell the principal, ‘Sir, in order to keep your students safe, here’s the things that you need to do,’ and the principal says, ‘You know what? I don’t think so. I think you’re overreacting. I’m going to keep the kids where they are.’ To me, these sound

the PNR and the Rotary Club of Livermore awarded \$76,752 to Axis Community Health, reflecting more than a year of financial support from the Rotarians for the nonprofit clinic’s aggressive local response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alameda CTC

The Alameda County Transportation Commission also took home the “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” from GFOA for its 2019-20 annual financial report.

This marked the ninth straight

year of receiving the award for the public agency that was created in 2010 to manage spending with Measure B (and later Measure BB) transportation sales tax revenue.

LLNL project

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory team working on the “Expand Electrical Distribution System” (EEDS) project was one of three groups nationwide to receive a U.S. Department of Energy Secretary’s Project Management Achievement Award from the DOE’s National Nuclear Security Administration

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and more than 4,000 members in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

Flanders, who works as a private attorney practicing in Alameda, has supported Rotary International since 1995 and previously served as president of the Rotary Club of San Ramon Valley before joining PNR in 2003. Among his past awards was the Richard D. King Award in 2018.

Also recently, representatives of

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THE PLAID IS BACK

Scottish Highland Gathering and Games returning to the fairgrounds

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The 155th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games is set to take place once again at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Labor Day weekend after a year's hiatus. Members of the hosting Caledonian Club of San Francisco promise a festive array of Scottish music, food, drink and other traditions, although there will be some changes.

"Even up to a month and a half ago we weren't sure we were going to have a Games," club representative Gordon MacDonald said.

When health officials said such events should be capped at 5,000 attendees, it sounded like a go, he recalled. In the past, the Games have drawn up to 30,000-40,000 over its two days.

"We said we will do a trimmed-back Games, with no inside vendors," MacDonald said. "We will pretty much cover the whole grassy area."

The Grandstand also will be closed, but events will still include the Celtic heritage stage, folk singers, heavy athletics, gathering of the clans, highland dancing, living history, piping and drumming, ceremonies, Scottish food and goods vendors, and whisky tasting.

"We've got the pipe bands coming, and over 40 doing heavy athletics," MacDonald said. "We're going to have vendors selling Scottish and British goods, food vendors, and the clan tents, highland dancing and Celtic heritage dancing and Irish dancing as well."

"It's certainly going to have the flair of the Scottish Games," he added.

Tickets must be purchased online; the link is at thescottishgames.com, which also has information about the events and complete schedules.

Mary Queen of Scots and her entourage will roam the grounds as part of the living history element, MacDonald noted.

"And obviously we are going to do the whisky tasting," he said. "It is outdoors this year, in the wine area the fairgrounds has, with a wall around it."

They are also prepared for the heat, with misters in many areas.

MacDonald, who moved to the Bay Area from Scotland in 1978, has been a member of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco for 40 years and remembers when the Games were relocated from the venue in Santa Rosa.

"We've been in Pleasanton since 1994," he said. "We were actually approached by the Alameda County Fairgrounds, and we came and took a look at it and liked the facilities. Also the hotels were anxious to accommodate us."

MacDonald's personal favorite events are the pipe bands and the heavy athletics, he said, but he enjoys the entire weekend. The whole family has been involved through

the years, he said, with his two daughters doing highland dancing. His daughters and his son played in pipe bands that even performed at the world championships in Glasgow.

The heavy athletics draw professional and amateur women and men to compete in traditional Scottish hammer throwing, putting the stone, weight for height and distance, and sheaf and caber tossing events. This year they will take place on the grass field between the Yellow Gate and the Amphitheater.

The closing ceremonies for the 155th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games will begin at 4 p.m. both Saturday (Sept. 4) and Sunday (Sept. 5) on the same field with the Drum Major Competition Finals, Scottish Country Dancers, arrival of the Chief and Honored Guests, Massed Bands March-In, Salute to the Chief (Hielan' Laddie), "Flower of Scotland," Piping & Drumming Awards, "Auld Land Syne," "Amazing Grace" and the Massed Bands March-Off.

"This year might be a bit smaller but it will have the same feel of a good Scottish Games," MacDonald said. "Then hopefully next year we will be back to the full Games." ■

Haggis anyone?

What: 155th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games

Where: Alameda County Fairgrounds

When: Sept. 4-5; gates open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Tickets: Online purchase only, thescottishgames.com; adults, \$15; children 11 and under, and active military, free; seniors 65-plus, and youths 12-17, \$10. Parking, \$10.

Whisky tasting: \$29, purchase tickets online; unlimited tasting 12:30-4:30 p.m. both days



COURTESY OF CALEDONIAN CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

This year's Gathering and Games will include highland dancing, Celtic heritage dancing and Irish dancing.



COURTESY OF CALEDONIAN CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

Athletes compete in the light weight (28 lbs.) for distance event, part of the Gathering and Games' heavy athletics.



COURTESY OF CALEDONIAN CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

Mary Queen of Scots and her entourage will roam the grounds as part of the living history element of the Gathering and Games.



COURTESY OF CALEDONIAN CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

Pipers and drummers entertain at the Scottish Highland Gathering and Games as well as compete against one another.

Garden club sale this weekend

Great buys to enhance home gardens — from plants to art

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club is holding a two-day sale of home and garden items from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., today and tomorrow (Aug. 27-28) at 3709 Angus Way in Pleasanton.

“This is a great opportunity for bargain-hunters, since all the sale items have been donated by club members,” club president Jeri Stark said. “We have every kind of treasures, from live plants to garden tools, kitchen ware to art items.”

Proceeds will help fund ongoing community service projects, such as the care of public gardens at Centennial Park Sensory Garden in Pleasanton and Hansen Park Rose Garden in Livermore, plus raising food for neighbors in need at Eden Community Garden and Clare’s Fair.

Usually the club’s main fundraiser has been a plant sale each spring, but the pandemic has forced cancellation, Stark explained.

Visitors to this weekend’s sale also will have the opportunity to learn about club membership. Monthly meetings from September to June are held online for now, each with a guest speaker and slide show.

Special interest groups focus on



MICHELLE SUSKI

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club president Jeri Stark with sale items for the home.

edible gardening, native plants, floral design and seed-sharing. Also members enjoy group tours to outstanding gardens and nurseries.

The club was started in 1984 with 12 members and its membership is now more than 200. For more information, visit www.lavgc.org. ■



TAO GUAN

Community life on display

Street photographer Tao Guan’s portrait of Pleasanton teenagers is included in his exhibit, “The Pleasanton Ones,” which opened recently at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. The collection features more than 40 images of the city and its people as well as other photos by Guan, who has been capturing local moments on both color and black-and-white film since he moved here in 2014. He considers his collection to be a family album, of the family of Pleasanton “that keeps on loving and keeps on growing.” The exhibit runs through Oct. 15. Museum hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesdays to Saturdays.



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Symphony Guild kicking off season with Prelude Party

Sept. 9 event is chance to meet members ‘behind the scenes’

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Livermore-Amador Symphony, under the direction of conductor Lara Webber, has scheduled its 2021-22 season with its first performance at Brilliance at the Bankhead on Sept. 11.

But first, the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild will launch the season with a Prelude Party at 4 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Springtown Homeowners Clubhouse, 931 Larkspur Drive in Livermore. The event includes entertainment by the Livermore School of Dance and light refreshment, and no reservations are required.

The Prelude Party, which has no charge, is being held as a chance for people to learn more about the guild and meet the members “behind the scenes.” Activities of the guild include producing and distributing concert season brochures, holding fundraisers, and planning and producing the annual pops concerts.

On Sept. 11, the Livermore-Amador Symphony will accompany Vanessa Williams as she stars

at Brilliance at the Bankhead, the annual gala fundraiser to support activities at the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center.

Then the season’s schedule includes the following:

- Sipping with the Symphony at Page Mill Winery at 5 p.m. Sept. 23
- Pops Concert in front of the Bankhead Theater at 3 p.m. Oct. 23, sponsored by the Guild with no need for tickets but donations appreciated.
- Family Concert with the Symphony at 3 p.m. Dec. 4, a free annual event.
- Symphonic Sounds of the Season at 8:15 p.m. Dec. 4, with harpist Constance Koo.
- The Brilliance of Youth at 8 p.m. Feb. 12, presenting winners of the Competition for Young Musicians
- Vibrant Voices, at 8 p.m. April 23.
- Building a New World on June 4.

For more information about the season, tickets and the Symphony Guild, visit livermoreamador-symphony.org. ■

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Brett Marshall Townley

October 5, 1981 – August 12, 2021

We are extremely saddened and heartbroken that our amazing, loving son Brett passed away suddenly. He brought joy and true affection to our family, and those whom he touched, including his fiancée and her family, as well as a multitude of incredible friends. He will always be in our hearts, and his special smile will remain present in our minds.

Brett is survived by his parents Gale and Bidy, his loving brother Scott and his wife Holly, the love of his life, fiancée Rachel Kent, and grandparents Delores and Lynn Townley.

Donations can be made to a Go Fund Me account in his name.

Special thanks go out to his friends who set up this account.

PAID OBITUARY

Richard Lee Howard

January 21, 1932 – July 15, 2021

Richard L. Howard led a very full life from January 21, 1932 to July 15, 2021. He was a very big man with an even bigger heart who LOVED ice cream. His life came to an end as his heart simply wore out.

He was born in Decatur, Illinois and in his lifetime lived in New York, Ohio, California, Colorado and the State of Washington. He traveled the world — one of his favorite pastimes. He met his wife Joanne while attending Case Reserve University. They were married 67 years. He received a four year, full ride athletic scholarship playing basketball. There, while breaking many records, he received the coveted award, The Willaman Trophy in 1955. He was indoctrinated into the University's Hall of Fame and invited to tour Asia with the Goodyear Basketball team on a USA goodwill tour. He played in the league that preceded the formation of the NBA.

The quality of his leadership skills, his competitive spirit, his creativity, his enjoyment of people, his work ethic and the fun he brought to every challenge he undertook followed him throughout his life. The projects he took on were always intertwined with his sense of humor and "can-do" spirit.

These same qualities have been expressed in his four children and grandchildren: Leanne (Howard) Montoya of Florida, Lauri Jo (Howard) James and sons Dane and Deon of Idaho and California, Lynnea (Howard) Washburn and sons Tyler, and Nate of Washington and Nick of California. Also his son Rick Howard of Michigan and Rick's sons, Chase of Michigan and Micheal of Florida.

He was able to know his great grandchildren Zeke and Niya Washburn and Peyton Washburn (soon to have a little brother). He was a terrific husband, dad, granddad and great granddad. He was a man of God. He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Thelma Howard, his brother Jim Howard and sister Suzanne Olson.

Dick was a craftsman, remodeling a boat, a camper and an abandoned horse barn into an exquisite home and building a brand new home at the age of 72! He was the first Commodore of the Balloon Platoon, a comical marching group from the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church which performed throughout the United States and several places around the world. He was President of Rotary in Pleasanton, California and of the Carbondale, Colorado Rotary Club. He was active in the Pleasanton Senior Housing Project and Habitat for Humanity. He sculpted a life-size horse and a family totem pole. He also wrote poetry about many of his friends. He loved big challenges and when asked how he intended to proceed, he replied, "just like you eat an elephant, one bite at a time" — when he wasn't eating ice cream.

He was a blessing to those who knew him. He was a remarkable man and will be missed terribly. He will always be remembered with love and a chuckle. We look forward to the time when we will be together once again and with Jesus.

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Details emerge about Florida homicide warrant in San Ramon arrest

A young man arrested in San Ramon following a lengthy police search that included a neighborhood lockdown advisory last week is facing a felony murder count in connection with an apparent robbery attempt gone wrong more than a year ago in Florida.

The murder investigation remains "open and ongoing," but extensive review of evidence led to police identifying Reynaldo John Sanchez as one of the suspects in the homicide and securing a warrant from a Broward County (Fla.) judge for Sanchez's arrest earlier this month, according to Capt. Pedro Abut of the Hallandale Beach Police Department.

Sanchez, 21, is now in jail custody in Martinez after being apprehended by the San Ramon Police Department nearly seven hours after a vehicle associated with him triggered an alert to the city's automated license plate reader system on the afternoon of Aug. 17, according to SRPD Lt. Jason Barnes.

Abut said authorities were working to extradite Sanchez to Florida to face the felony murder charge, a process that could take several weeks.



Reynaldo John Sanchez

It was not immediately clear whether Sanchez is represented by an attorney yet.

The underlying homicide took place during the early-morning hours of June 29, 2020, at a home in the 600 block of Northeast 4th Street in Hallandale Beach, a coastal city in southeastern Florida between Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

The incident started as an apparent home-invasion robbery that resulted in an exchange of gunfire and someone ended up dead at the scene, according to Abut.

Police are still working to confirm how the victim was involved in the incident that night, according to the captain, who declined to release the decedent's name, citing Marsy's Law protections.

Working to identify the culprits, investigators analyzed a range of evidence including video footage and DNA testing results, among others, according to Abut.

Abut alleged that through this review, police were able to eventually identify Sanchez as a suspect involved in the fatal encounter. He said investigators believe Sanchez was just one of the people involved, and they are still working to identify and charge others as well.

Hallandale Beach police obtained an arrest warrant from the court for a felony murder charge against Sanchez on Aug. 10, and Sanchez's information was entered into a nationwide police database for outstanding felony suspects, according to Abut.

One week later, at 1:23 p.m. Aug. 17, San Ramon police were alerted to a "felony vehicle" hit on the department's license plate reader system, Barnes said. The vehicle,

bearing a Florida license plate, was reportedly connected to a suspect wanted on a murder charge — later identified as Sanchez on a Broward County warrant, Barnes said.

Multiple officers responded to the area to look for the vehicle, and at 1:49 p.m., it was seen driving northbound on Bollinger Canyon Road, according to Barnes.

San Ramon police pulled over the vehicle, which initially yielded to the right shoulder of Bollinger Canyon Road, west of Albion Road. "The vehicle immediately fled westbound on Bollinger Canyon Road at very high speeds," Barnes said. "Officers began pursuing the vehicle but ultimately lost sight of it due to its high rate of speed in moderate traffic conditions."

Another SRPD unit quickly spotted the vehicle stopped on Saturn Park Drive at Deldrin Court, and a woman was detained as she got out of the driver's seat, Barnes said.

The woman — later identified as 30-year-old Florida resident Tiarra Steadman — was the only occupant of the vehicle at the time, Barnes said, adding, "However, based on the information obtained by officers at the location, officers believed the wanted subject had fled on foot."

Police allegedly found in the vehicle a loaded Glock 9mm handgun that was reported stolen to the Hollywood (Fla.) Police Department on Jan. 5, 2021.

SRPD led an extensive search of the neighborhood on foot, in vehicles and with a department drone team, while also receiving assistance from a Danville police K-9 unit and a California Highway Patrol helicopter, Barnes said. Officials

Warren Lyal Straight

March 8, 1928 – August 14, 2021

Warren Lyal Straight passed away on August 14, 2021 at the age of 93.

He was a beloved father, grandfather, husband, coach, and pillar in the community. He was a Golden Gloves champion in the Navy and helped fight for the United States in the Korean War. He was an active member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Livermore.

He loved coaching sports, umpiring softball, spending time with his family, and helping people any way he could.

He is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren, and will be greatly missed.



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also put out a photo and description of Sanchez on social media.

Police issued a shelter-in-place advisory for the area of Bollinger Canyon Road between Briar Oaks and North Monarch drives just after 2 p.m. in that area, but lifted it as of 4:30 p.m. Aug. 17.

Due to the active search in the area, Gale Ranch Middle School students were held in their classrooms and not released at their scheduled departure time, according to SRPD. A school district official confirmed Gale Ranch students were let out of school about 50 minutes late.

At one point, just after 6 p.m., SRPD said on Twitter, "We believe the suspect has left the area and is no longer a threat to those in these communities. Our Detectives are trying to develop leads on where he may have fled. However, with as much time as has passed, he could be a long way from San Ramon by now."

Within the next two hours, an astute resident sent in a tip at 7:45 p.m. that someone matching Sanchez's description may have been seen, leading officers to the area where he was caught, Barnes said. Sanchez was taken into custody without further incident.

Sanchez was booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on the felony murder warrant out of Hallandale Beach, Fla.

Steadman was also taken to jail, on suspicion of evading police, possessing a concealed weapon in a vehicle, possessing a stolen firearm and accessory to a felon, Barnes said.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- Two former Alameda County sheriff's deputies were sentenced last week to prison for their role in the "gassing" of inmates at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in 2016.

Justin Linn of Tracy and Erik McDermott of Concord were each sentenced on Aug. 18 to four years and four months in prison for facilitating the "gassing," which involves the throwing of bodily fluids such as feces and urine, on another person.

Prosecutors said Linn and McDermott's position of authority facilitated the attacks by two inmates on at least five other inmates in Housing Unit 2.

"These former deputies directed, facilitated, enabled and committed sadistic and terrorizing acts against several men whose protection fell directly within the responsibility of their positions as correctional officers," District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said in a statement.

"The conduct of these defendants violated the law and there was no rational explanation for their actions aside from abject cruelty and a disregard for the humanity of the inmates," O'Malley added.

Linn and McDermott pleaded guilty to each of the 11 counts prosecutors charged them with, including 10 counts of assault by a public officer. One count was for dissuading a witness by threat or force.

The inmates who conducted the gassing at the direction of Linn and McDermott would receive special treatment from the then-deputies. Special treatment might include extra food, supplies and extra time outside their pod.

Deputy district attorney Tim Wagstaffe said the incidents were "foul" and the former deputies' behavior "egregious," following his prosecution of the case.

In a similar but separate case, former sheriff's deputies Sarah Krause and Stephen Sarcos each pleaded no contest in January 2020 to charges stemming from the gassing of other inmates.

Krause pleaded no contest to felony assault under the color of authority and received five years of probation and 240 hours of community service.

Sarcos pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge and received three years of probation and 180 hours of community service.

Linn and McDermott were expected to surrender this week at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin.

—Keith Burbank, BCN

- A Menlo Park physician who is affiliated with Stanford Cancer Center has been charged with possession of child pornography, according to a federal complaint in U.S. district court in San Francisco.

Joseph Andrew Mollick, 58, is a hematologist-oncologist who is also affiliated with Dominican Hospital and University of California, San Francisco Medical Center, among others. He faces the child pornography charge after an image he allegedly uploaded to a Canadian smartphone app was flagged by the company.

He allegedly uploaded the image onto the Kik smartphone messaging app on Aug. 30, 2019. Kik uses Microsoft's PhotoDNA technology, which immediately scans uploaded images to flag suspected child pornography. The company's law enforcement team alerted the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which forwarded the materials to the U.S. Homeland Security Investigations office.

An investigator obtained a federal search warrant on Aug. 13, 2020, after linking an internet provider (IP) address to Mollick. The investigation uncovered more than 2,000 images and videos of child pornography and more than 800 files of child erotica through Mollick's Apple iCloud account, according to the federal complaint.

The complaint was filed on July 13 and was unsealed by the court on Aug. 19 in the U.S. District Court of Northern California in San Francisco.

Mollick appeared in federal court last Friday and was released on \$50,000 bail. If he is convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. ■

—Sue Dremann, Palo Alto Weekly

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 21

- Fraud**
 - 12:15 p.m. on the 2500 block of Glen Isle Avenue
- Drug violation**
 - 12:35 p.m. on the 6500 block of Johnson Drive
- Weapons violation**
 - 7:33 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

Aug. 20

- Vandalism**
 - 11:59 a.m. at Main and Ray streets
- Warrant arrest**
 - 2:07 p.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- Drug violation**
 - 3:18 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- DUI**
 - 11:13 p.m. at California Avenue and Stanley Boulevard

Aug. 19

- Burglary**
 - 2:39 a.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Theft**
 - 5:11 a.m., 000 block of Vintage Circle; theft from auto
 - 10:18 a.m., 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard; auto theft
 - 4:18 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- Trespassing/prowling**
 - 8:31 a.m. on the 4400 block of Willow Road
- Fraud**
 - 10:48 a.m. on the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Vandalism**
 - 1:06 p.m. on the 2200 block of Segundo Court
- Warrant arrest**
 - 3:57 p.m. on the 2200 block of Segundo Court

Aug. 18

- Rape**
 - 9:04 a.m. on San Antonio Street
- Drug violation**
 - 1:17 p.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue
- Warrant arrest**
 - 3:52 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue
 - 4:33 p.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

Aug. 17

- Drug violation**
 - 7:24 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
 - 1:02 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Assault/battery**
 - 8:08 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue
- Warrant arrest**
 - 10:04 a.m. at Rosewood and Owens drives
 - 2:01 p.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road
- Auto theft**
 - 11:30 a.m. on the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive
- Fraud**
 - 12:02 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 5:54 p.m. at Johnson and Owens drives
- Burglary**
 - 10:24 p.m. on the 5500 block of Serenity Terrace

Aug. 16

- Warrant arrest**
 - 7:40 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- Theft**
 - 9:46 a.m., 3700 block of Bairn Court; theft from auto
 - 12:22 p.m. on the 1900 block of Brooktree Way
 - 1:10 p.m., 6200 block of Inglewood Drive; theft from auto
 - 7:01 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from structure
 - 8:26 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft
 - 9:32 p.m., 3200 block of Vermont Place; bicycle theft
- Drug violation**
 - 10:22 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- Assault/battery**
 - 2:40 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- DUI**
 - 11:46 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue and Machado Place

Aug. 15

- Warrant arrest**
 - 2:36 a.m. at McWilliams Lane and Stoneridge Mall Road
- Vandalism**
 - 7:41 a.m. on the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
- Arson**
 - 6:42 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Aug. 14

- Drug violation**
 - 3:40 p.m. on the 5300 block of Case Avenue

- 4:51 p.m. at Stonecliff Vista Lane and Case Avenue

Fraud

- 7:43 p.m. on the 6200 block of Camino Del Lago

Aug. 13

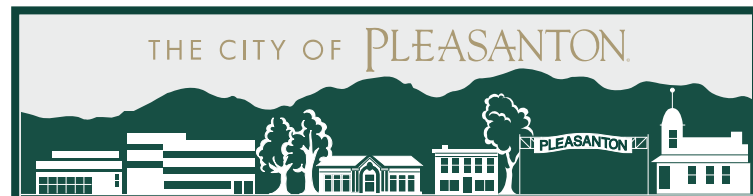
- Shoplifting**
 - 6:45 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Aug. 12

- Graffiti**
 - 8:05 a.m. on the 600 block of Main Street
- Drug violation**
 - 8:30 a.m. at Owens and Johnson drives
 - 11:16 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- Vandalism**
 - 2:24 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street
 - 7:49 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Criminal threats**
 - 2:55 p.m. on the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Theft from auto**
 - 8:14 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Burglary**
 - 8:47 p.m. on the 900 block of Roselma Place
- Warrant arrest**
 - 10:46 p.m. at Parkside and Hopyard drives

Aug. 11

- Robbery**
 - 4:37 a.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive



HIGHLIGHTS

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

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Review the All-Abilities Playground Conceptual Designs Presentation and Provide Feedback
- Review and Comment on the Library and Recreation Department Quarterly Report April-June 2021

Library Commission

Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view information on this meeting

VOLUNTEER FOR A CITY COMMISSION

Apply by **Monday, August 30, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**, on the City of Pleasanton website: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/clerk/boards/default.asp

Current Vacancies: Civic Arts Commission - One Vacancy; Committee on Energy and the Environment - Four Vacancies; Housing Commission - One Vacancy

Applicants must reside within the Pleasanton city limits.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at pleasantoncityclerk@cityofpleasantonca.gov or (925) 931-5027.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Friday Night Lights back for high schools this week

Amador football vaults into Mountain Division; Foothill ready to compete in Valley

It may be only four-plus months on the calendar, but it seems like it's been two years since there has been a true high school football game.

There was an abbreviated schedule of games in the spring, but there was limited attendance due to COVID-19 protocols. Only four family members per player could attend the games, with no students, bands or cheerleaders allowed.

This week, Friday Night Lights return!

Amador Valley opens at Milpitas, with Foothill starting out at home against Castro Valley. Both games start at 7 p.m.

Once again, the East Bay Athletic League is split into two divisions. The Mountain Division features the top six teams based on recent competitive balance. The Valley Division features the lower-ranked teams.

The league will be readjusted after two years.

There are two champions crowned and two automatic berths into the

North Coast Section championships.

Amador, by virtue of winning the Valley in the fall of 2019, joins the Mountain Division with De La Salle, Monte Vista, San Ramon Valley, California and Clayton Valley.

Foothill, after finishing at the bottom of the Mountain in 2019, is relegated to the Valley alongside Granada, Livermore, Dublin and Dougherty Valley.

In the past there was a notable difference in the two divisions, but this year, while the Mountain carries the top teams, the level of play in the Valley will be the best it has been in a long while.

"This might be the best year on both sides," Foothill coach Greg Haubner said of the two divisions. "Football is as elevated as it has ever been in the EBAL."

Both Haubner and Amador head coach Danny Jones are as optimistic as I have seen in their tenures at their respective programs.

While a formal preview of Amador



NATALIE WALSH

Kenny Olson does it all on both sides of the ball for the Foothill Falcons.

and Foothill is coming in a few weeks when the teams are close to starting their respective league seasons, let's take a quick look at each team with their top players.

"This is the most physical team I've coached," Jones said. "We are bigger than ever, and we are as physical as ever."

Which is a must to compete in the Mountain as outside of De La Salle, San Ramon Valley might be

sending out one of its best teams in a storied line of talent.

"We are going to need that physicality just to compete," Jones said. "We've had an amazing summer."

Jones is looking for big things out of Brady Nassar, EJ Thomsen and Kai Burgermeister.

Nassar (TE/DE) is a 6-foot-4, 235 pound junior who already has a scholarship offer from Washington.

"(Nassar) could end up being the

biggest recruit ever from Amador," Jones said. "He's got that offer already from Washington, and he hasn't even stepped foot on the field as a junior."

Burgermeister (RB/LB) is being counted on for big things as the h-back for the Dons, with the versatile Thomsen running the show as the quarterback.

Jones lauded all three for their leadership skills as well.

As for the Falcons, it might be the best Foothill team since 2015 where they went to the NCS finals after beating Antioch and Najee Harris in the semifinals before playing De La Salle tough in the finale.

Haubner is looking at a quartet of players to be the leaders and the difference makers for the Falcons.

At the forefront is quarterback Nick Walsh, who is in his third year of playing QB for the varsity and is coming off a season where he closed strongly.

"Nick has been fantastic so far," Haubner said. "He's picked right up where he left off last season. He is one of the best decision makers I have ever coached."

Next is Kenny Olson who is all over the field on both sides of the ball, whether it's running or catching the ball on offense, or running down the play as a linebacker on defense.

Olson, the son of Las Vegas Raiders offensive coordinator Greg Olson, is according to Haubner "the hardest working kid I have had."

Brandon Sousa is a 6-foot-4, 270-pound lineman that Haubner believes will be a D-I player. The athletic Connor Perez (WR/DB) rounds out the leaders for the Falcons. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his Pleasanton Preps column, email acesmag@aol.com. And sign up to read the new Tri-Valley Preps Playbook newsletter, via www.pleasantonweekly.com/express/sports.



NATALIE WALSH

Nick Walsh is set to begin his third year as quarterback for the Foothill Falcons.

Employment

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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.

Comedy

PAULA POUNDSTONE

Paula Poundstone is known for her smart, observational humor and spontaneous wit. 8 p.m., Aug. 28. Visit livermorearts.org.

Music

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 for the afternoon with sparkling dance routines followed by light refreshments. This free event is 4 p.m., Sept. 9 at the Springtown Homeowners' Clubhouse, 931 Larkspur Drive, Livermore. For more information visit livermoreamadorsymphony.org.

Talks

SWALWELL DISTRICT TOWN HALL

Rep. Eric Swalwell will hold a town hall meeting for 15th Congressional District constituents at the Castro Valley High School Football Stadium, 19400 Santa Maria Ave. Masks are required for COVID-19 safety. Note new time and date: 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 27.

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.

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.

VIRTUAL RELIGION CHAT

Interfaith Interconnect invites you to their virtual Religion Chat. The topic: How Does Your Faith Approach Health Issues? 5-6:15 p.m., Sept. 8. Email interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS

The Amador Valley Quilters' next virtual lecture is "What Makes It Modern" by Judi Kirk of Canterbury, England. She'll discuss the current definitions of modern quilts and illustrate what the terms mean to gain a better understanding of what makes a quilt Modern. Sept. 11. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

This virtual webinar of William Shakespeare, the English poet, playwright and actor, is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. Despite having his work known and celebrated around the world, Shakespeare's personal life remains largely a mystery. Actor J.T. Turner will bring the beloved and mysterious William Shakespeare to life. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sept. 15. Visit museumonmain.org.

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.

Museums & Exhibits

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.

THE PLEASANTON ONES

Museum on Main announces the return of Tao Guan's photography to its walls. A self-taught photographer, Tao has used his camera in Pleasanton to make human connections, seeking the spirit of a community. Now through Oct. 15. Visit museumonmain.org. 603 Main St.

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.

Family

SCOTTISH GAMES

The 155th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds is an outdoor event featuring Scottish country and Irish dancing, Celtic heritage stages, folk singers, heavy athletics, piping and drumming, whisky tasting and more. 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sept. 4-5. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

SCIENCE AT STOCKMEN'S PARK

"The Science of Water" is the next Quest Science program at Stockmen's Park in Livermore. What makes water so special and important to living things? Explore the nature of this important resource and learn how water plays a critical role in our environment. 12-3 p.m., Sept. 4. Visit quest-science.org/science-at-stockmens.

FAMILY CYCLING WORKSHOP

The Livermore Public Library and Bike East Bay will host a free outdoor

PET OF THE WEEK



PEAST BAY SPCA

Get to know Brady

Hey there, my name is Brady. I love an orderly household, don't you? I'll help you with all your chores, and help you relax when we're done. I'll just plop in your lap so you can pet me. You'll wonder how you ever managed without me! One thing about me is that I feel great but do need to be on a special diet. They'll give you all the details and even some food to get me started. Interested in learning more about me? Visit eastbayspca.org.

Family Cycling Workshop where instructors 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.

Gardening

GARDEN CLUB HOME AND GARDEN SALE

Livermore/Amador Valley Garden Club will hold a two-day sale of home and garden items with proceeds helping club members carry out ongoing community service projects. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Aug. 27-28. 3709 Angus Way, Pleasanton.

Seniors

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

The AARP Smart Driver course is the nation's first refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. Drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance. For more information visit aarpdriversafety.org.

A TASTE OF CHOCOLATE

September is National Senior Center month so celebrate with chocolate. A free chocolate tasting event and a screening of a short video on the history of chocolate, along with

raffle prizes. 1:30-3:30, Sept. 23. Pre-registration is required. Call 931-5365.

PLEASANTON RIDES

Serving eligible Pleasanton seniors with transportation needs throughout Pleasanton to select destinations in the Tri-Valley. Pleasanton Rides is a door-to-door, shared-ride transportation service for Pleasanton seniors. For reservations call 398-1045.

Free Groceries

OPEN HEART KITCHEN

The Regional Food Distribution Site moved from the Alameda County Fairgrounds to the Pleasanton Senior Center's north parking lot, effective Aug. 24. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Government

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Regular Board Meeting will be conducted via Zoom Webinar and members of the public are encouraged to observe and participate remotely. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 7. Visit livermoreschools.org.

HOME SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during June-July 2021.

Pleasanton (June 1-4)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$495,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,750,000
Average sales reported: \$1,615,000

Livermore (June 1-4)

Total sales reported: 27
Lowest sale reported: \$788,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,175,000
Average sales reported: \$1,160,000

Dublin (June 1-4)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$765,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,350,000
Average sales reported: \$1,300,000

San Ramon (July 19-23)

Total sales reported: 33
Lowest sale reported: \$531,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,600,500
Average sales reported: \$1,228,000

Source: California REsource

Marketplace

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Real Estate

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 1-4 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and July 19-23 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 2185 Arroyo Court #4** M. Frota-Bentley to M. & D. Mckelvey for \$525,000
- 6308 Benner Court** Ronald Trust to R. & J. Duclair for \$950,000
- 226 Birch Creek Drive** Noland Living Trust to R. Salmo for \$710,000
- 3010 Boardwalk Street** Oliver Family Trust to R. & A. Elayat for \$1,800,000
- 3039 Briggs Court** L. & K. Davidson to J. & D. Hughes for \$2,750,000
- 1422 Briones Lane** Norton Family Trust to Shalaby-Ghanem Family Trust for \$2,500,000
- 1590 Calle Enrique** Gerecke Family Trust to P. & R. Subramaniam for \$820,000
- 1598 Calle Enrique** Newkirk Family Trust to L. & K. Chembath for \$913,000
- 4850 Canary Drive** K. & W. Harrison to W. & Y. Ho for \$1,815,000
- 6912 Corte Monterey** Wedge Living Trust to A. & Y. Pham for \$1,670,000
- 476 Del Sol Avenue** Poryes Living Trust to W. & D. Kao for \$1,560,000
- 7780 Fairbrook Court** S. Woodruff to S. & V. Jain for \$1,725,000
- 4550 Gatetree Circle** Lackhoff Family Trust to C. & D. Strakl for \$1,815,000
- 11 Rogers Lane** A. Wiguna to S. Park for \$1,300,000
- 1545 Rose Lane** M. & P. Woolsey to P. & V. Bathula for \$2,600,000
- 2243 Segundo Court #4** M. Fitzsimmons to L. & X. Jin for \$495,000
- 6807 Singletree Court** Grube Family Trust to R. & K. Pendurthi for \$1,300,000
- 4686 Sutter Gate Avenue** Kapp Trust to Khoo Family Trust for \$1,685,000.00
- 6176 Via De Los Cerros** P. & D. Lees to S. & S. Mishra for \$2,070,000.00
- 3190 Zuni Way** D. & E. Stewart to C. & A. Kanungo for \$788,000.00

Livermore

- 2995 Basil Common** M. Said to R. & L. King for \$1,160,000
- 347 Basswood Common #14** S. Torabi to J. Tan for \$788,000
- 5161 Bianca Way** Freeouf Trust to Brady Family Trust for \$1,285,000
- 6803 Brookview Court** R. & S. Brewer to S. & G. Enriquez for \$1,675,000
- 1661 Calcite Court** Butler Living Trust to J. & S. Parthasarathy for \$1,850,000
- 5372 Charlotte Way** J. & R. Galehzan to J. & A. Steill for \$1,000,000
- 1827 Corte Cava** Schipper-Warren Family Trust to P. & M. Tiwari for \$921,000
- 1112 Crystal Circle** T. & M. Lamp to M. & K. Sato for \$1,210,000
- 409 Daisyfield Drive** Stewart Family Trust to Cable Trust for \$1,170,000
- 5184 Doolan Road** Karstens Trust to S. & R. Trehan for \$2,175,000
- 523 Heligan Lane #1** L. Savage to S. Chang for \$801,000
- 164 Heligan Lane #10** Smith Family Trust to S. & S. Pamulaparthi for \$802,000
- 1163 Hillcrest Court** Webster Family Trust to J. & T. Lee for \$920,000
- 766 South J Street** Fallon Ents Inc to J. Myers for \$1,025,000
- 2107 Kara Place** I. & E. Lybrand to L. & A. Aga for \$1,950,000
- 357 Knottingham Circle** C. & W. Prestegard to N. & R. Gutteridge for \$1,525,000
- 373 Knottingham Circle** R. & C. Romero to Flyhomes Investments Ca LLC for \$1,535,000
- 252 Lee Avenue** Clark Family Trust to B. & M. Levin for \$920,000
- 326 Michell Court** Salemme Living Trust to Salemme Trust for \$1,025,000

- 1051 Montclair Court** Lamendola Living Trust to N. & J. Raj for \$1,225,000
- 1266 Nice Court** Mansfield Trust to Y. & K. Siu for \$1,350,000
- 3983 Portola Common #3** Desai Trust to K. Lewis for \$825,000
- 3990 Princeton Way** M. Mahoney to D. & K. Pham for \$920,000
- 2991 Sage Common** C. Survivors to Kamireddydadana Trust for \$1,125,000
- 2215 Sherry Court** A. & D. Vandagriff to J. & P. Ybarra for \$1,100,000
- 5744 Stockton Loop** H. & D. Sindell to Renaud Family Trust for \$1,770,000
- 10 Terra Way** Mugha Living Trust to M. & H. Ornelas for \$1,800,000

Dublin

- 11609 Betlen Drive** Humphrey Trust to A. & C. Jayachander for \$1,300,000
- 2451 Cantalisse Drive** Daly Trust to R. & R. Kulkarni for \$1,655,000
- 4169 Clarinbridge Circle** Mcmillan Trust to T. Jew for \$765,000
- 6662 Ebensburg Lane** S. & C. Purcell to M. & M. Azeem for \$1,350,000
- 5582 El Dorado Lane** H. Annapareddy to Z. & S. Ma for \$825,000
- 2118 Haggerty Drive** Antoo Family Trust to B. & S. Sankarnarayanan for \$1,755,000
- 4198 Magellan Court** J. Lype to R. & M. Bhimani for \$1,275,000
- 7125 Mei Fong Court** E. & J. Rudio to Khan Family Trust for \$2,350,000
- 11432 Rampart Drive** Lemon Delprado Lemon Living Trust to A. & S. Dash for \$1,500,000
- 7805 Ridgeline Drive** Sanker Trust to R. & S. Wakankar for \$2,205,000
- 4502 Sandyford Court** J. Kim to J. & J. Zamudio for \$875,000
- 3938 Scottfield Street** R. Nuti to S. & S. Badar for \$1,160,000
- 3664 Whitworth Drive** Shapiro Living Trust to Thiyagarajampillai Trust for \$1,140,000

San Ramon

- 208 Alkanite Court** V. Pushpraj to Sahoo Family Trust for \$1,850,000
- 20208 Argento Loop** Faria Preserve LLC to S. Yang for \$1,064,500
- 405 Arlewood Court** Sharma Family Trust to U. & S. Venkatraman for \$1,750,000
- 3533 Ashbourne Circle** H. Kim to D. Riise for \$1,200,000
- 1412 Asterbell Drive** Khandelwal Family Trust to M. & S. Sarma for \$2,160,000
- 126 Claremont Crest Court** Chris Family Trust to H. & H. Park for \$1,470,000
- 468 South Clovercrest Lane** Kwan Family Trust to N. & S. Bhatt for \$1,140,000
- 208 Dandelion Lane** Ha Family Trust to N. & S. Lakshminarayanan for \$1,875,000
- 142 Enchanted Way** Strickland Trust to L. Wu for \$1,285,000
- 3113 Kittery Avenue** Jones Living Trust to Top Line Prop Solutions LLC for \$951,500
- 330 Langton Court** X. Fu to V. & S. Vishwakarma for \$1,850,000
- 2559 Marsh Drive** B. Masarweh to McBride-Takato 1992 Trust for \$1,000,000
- 3321 Middlebrook Way** Patel Living Trust to R. & R. Sivalanka for \$1,910,000
- 112 Norris Canyon Place #D** Davidson Family Trust to Tsang Living Trust for \$635,000
- 7559 Northland Avenue** T. & C. Winder to K. & A. Dua for \$1,415,000
- 3019 Oakham Drive** M. & R. Ellis to S. & K. Khilko for \$2,230,000.00
- 386 South Overlook Drive #236** Mcnamara Living Trust to A. Quintanilla for \$531,000
- 203 Plumpointe Lane** V. Anand to Y. & Y. Shen for \$1,220,000
- 3504 Rosincrest Drive** Taylor Trust to D. & V. Maddali for \$2,600,500
- 74 Ryegate Place** R. Johansen to C. Dong for \$1,550,000

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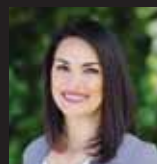
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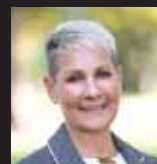
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