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VALLEY VIEWS



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Dateline Berlin

Of my nine visits to Berlin since my son Pepe moved here in late 1999, this was by far the most challenging journey. Bottom line: I do not recommend international travel during a pandemic.

I can only describe the LAX-Heathrow-Berlin trek as Kafkaesque. I arrived early for a COVID test in the airport, found the website recalcitrant in providing results, then filled out travel forms for tracing. And that was just at LAX.

Everyone was masked at all three airports and in the planes, lifting or lowering them only to eat or drink. We were not allowed to walk around during the long flight; attendants kept passengers apprised of rest-room availability.

But finally I landed at the new Brandenburg airport in Berlin. Usually entry is a nod and a stamp in my passport but this time I was questioned: How much cash did I have? Was my return trip booked? Show the proof, which sent me scrambling through my emails.

At last, suitcase retrieved, I was out the final door and there was Pepe to take over and drive the 20 minutes to his home. He lives in an 1870s building in Kreuzberg, an area that became Turkish after World War II when men came to help rebuild the city, followed by their families when things started to look permanent. Now it is somewhat gentrified with a mix of people walking about the streets but still with many Turkish eateries featuring kabobs, döner and freshly grilled flatbread.

My grandchildren, Ruby and Elliot, go to Berlin Metropolitan School, 2-1/2 miles away, where instruction is in English beginning in the first grade. But they were at home under quarantine for the first 10 days of my three-week visit because Elliot's teacher had come down with COVID.

I timed my trip to celebrate their 5th birthday on Sept. 10 and I'm glad I did since the party had to be canceled and the celebration was just the five of us. Luckily they got some pretty cool gifts — including a drum set and a darling little kitten — which made for a fun birthday, and the 20-foot ceilings resonated with their laughter and excitement.

My family gets around by U-Bahn and city buses but also by bicycle with the kids in their Babbie cargo bike. When a car comes in handy



— such as to get Granny at the airport — an app informs my son where the closest carshare vehicle is parked. The downside is finding a parking place to leave the car afterward, a typical problem in city life. Otherwise everything is so convenient, from an ATM right in front of their building to the grocery store half a block away.

The rule here is masks indoors and on public transportation, and some restaurants require vaccination. A sign at the U-Bahn entrance instructs that masks are required “For you, for us, for all.” Germany is on the green list so this approach seems to be working. On the streets about half of the pedestrians are wearing masks.

We have done a lot of exploring on foot, including the requisite trip to the Brandenburg Gate and stroll down Unter den Linden, and I'm pleased that I've not twisted my ankle on the cobblestones. We also visited the Pergamon Museum with antiquities from the Mideast, booking slots in advance, limited due to the pandemic. Elliot, unimpressed by the Islamic art, asked a guard where the scary stuff was, and he suggested a nearby museum that has mummies.

The day before I leave I need to get one last COVID quick test for the road. The German government makes them free to all citizens, and pays small businesses who have lost revenue in the pandemic to administer them. In Pepe's street, this means bars! Not sure I relish the idea of having a COVID test done by a bartender ... ■

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.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

At what age do you hope to retire?



Remy Dato, with grandson Dominic *Retired principal scientist*

My goal was to retire as early as 55, but I loved my job so I waited until 57. The timing was perfect because it was around then that my grandchildren started arriving, one after the other, along with many hobbies and interests that I developed that keep me feeling very fulfilled.



Jeff Falcon *Business owner*

My goal, initially, was to retire at 56, but I am now 60 and I'm totally not retired. My kids entered the business and made it grow phenomenally, and that has totally messed up my exit strategy.



Harley Williams *Periodontist*

I haven't really thought about retiring because I love my work, my patients and my staff. And I get to work with my fabulous husband Steve. What could be better than that?



Cathy Falcon *Chief financial officer*

I love my job. I have no interest in or thought of retiring ever. Never ever. Especially because I so very much love my work family.



Janice Flanzbaum *Speech and language pathologist*

I love working with my students and don't like to think about retiring. There are so many other things though, that I would love to spend my future doing, like traveling during a non-summer vacation. So my magic number is 62.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Plea in fatal crash

Livermore resident Lauren Davis, 30, pleaded no contest this week to two counts of second-degree murder on the eve of trial in connection with the DUI crash that killed Village High School student Violet Campbell, 16, and Livermore resident Alexys Garcia, 25, on the night before Thanksgiving four years ago, prosecutors announced on Wednesday.

Authorities allege Davis, who had two prior DUI cases, was under the influence of marijuana and alcohol while driving Campbell, Garcia and two others in an SUV along Stanley Boulevard when she lost control and the vehicle overturned several times around 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 22, 2017.

Davis, who faces the possibility of 15 years to life in prison, is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 19. Read the full story online at PleasantonWeekly.com.

Park amenity designs

Pleasanton city officials are holding back-to-back community outreach sessions at Ken Mercer Sports Park on Saturday (Sept. 25) to gather input on conceptual designs for the proposed all-abilities playground and future skate park.

The all-abilities playground session will occur from 9 a.m. to noon in the picnic area near the playground adjacent to the softball fields. The skate park discussion will take place from 1-4 p.m. in the grassy area near the parking lot adjacent to the skate park. City staff will have tables and signage at both spots.

Danny Glover onstage

The Bankhead Theater in Livermore next week is hosting "An Evening with Danny Glover," the actor, producer and humanitarian best known for his role in the "Lethal Weapon" franchise and his community activism.

Presented as part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, the event will begin at 8 p.m. next Friday (Oct. 1) at the downtown Livermore venue. For tickets, visit livermorearts.org. ■

Clarification

After the Sept. 17 print edition went to press on Sept. 15, PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon that evening clarified details published in the story "Negotiations still up in the air for Pleasanton Unified and teachers union" to explain that the California Public Employee Relations board mediator had certified PUSD, Association of Pleasanton Teachers and the California Teachers Association to fact-finding but no side had yet formally requested fact-finding as of Sept. 15. The CTA has now submitted a request for the parties to enter fact-finding.

Pleasanton council 'reluctantly' agrees to switch to district-based elections

Lawsuit threat weighed against potential 'unintended consequences' of voting rights law

BY JULIA BAUM

With the threat of a lawsuit over Pleasanton's current at-large electoral system looming, the Pleasanton City Council "reluctantly" but unanimously approved a resolution declaring the city's intention to transition to district-based elections on Tuesday.

Heeding the advice of legal counsel, Councilmember Valerie Arkin said before voting at the regular council meeting that she and her colleagues only supported the resolution because "there's very likely potential for costly litigation, and very unlikely that we would prevail if trying to proceed with fighting this type of thing."

Pleasanton is the latest city in the Tri-Valley and state to make the switch to district-based elections, here after a Southern California law firm recently threatened to pursue litigation over the city's at-large

elections for City Council seats.

In an Aug. 2 letter to the city on behalf of Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, Malibu-based attorney Kevin Shenkman from the law firm Shenkman & Hughes said Pleasanton's at-large voting system — where voters from an entire jurisdiction elect candidates to each open seat -- violates the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) by diluting minority voters.

Councilmember Kathy Narum said that Shenkman is "trying to make a quick buck at our expense," and called it "offensive that we're going to have to pay \$30,000 for a three-page letter that was probably a form letter."

Councilmember Jack Balch concurred, "This attorney has made his assertion, printed his letter with gold ink and I think has made his quick buck."

The CVRA prohibits at-large election systems in some cases and,

according to city staff, has "made it easier for plaintiffs to prevail in lawsuits against public entities that elected their members to its governing body through at-large elections" by requiring a plaintiff "only prove the existence of racially polarized voting to establish liability under the CVRA."

Staff said "other factors are also relevant in determining liability" but that "proof of intent on the part of voters or elected officials to discriminate against a protected class is not required."

Shenkman alleged the city's at-large elections are "racially polarized" — meaning the choice of candidates preferred by voters of a protected class are different than those preferred by the rest of the electorate. Shenkman also said the outcome of past local elections is "illustrative" of votes for Latino and Asian candidates being diluted, and that "in the past at least 15 years, the

city's elections have been devoid of Latino candidates."

In the letter, Shenkman noted the failed council campaigns of three local Asian American candidates over the past eight years, including Olivia Sanwong, who currently serves on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors, and ran for City Council "with significant support from the city's Asian community in the 2013 and 2014 elections" but lost both times as well.

Sanwong phoned in during public comment Tuesday and stated she had no involvement with Shenkman or the letter — the latter which she expressed doubts about being "a remedy for some of the harassment that I personally experienced" while campaigning, both in person and online.

The Pleasanton Farmers Market is one place where Sanwong said

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Livermore news site to launch next month

Embarcadero Media unveils LivermoreVine.com

BY PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

Embarcadero Media Group, parent company of Pleasanton Weekly, PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com, is launching a community news site for Livermore.

Set to launch in early October, LivermoreVine.com will provide the greater Livermore Valley with professional journalism and community information.

"We have been covering Livermore news for several years," said Gina Channell Wilcox, publisher of Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division. "In 2018 and 2020, community members sought us out to moderate candidate forums in the local races and provide balanced reporting on the elections. Since then we have increased our coverage of the city. We are happy to give Livermore its own news source."

The Vine will provide professional,



Cierra Bailey



FILE PHOTO/COURTESY OF TRI-VALLEY HAVEN

After shifting to an online format last year with the pandemic, Tri-Valley Haven's annual Pace for Peace is set to return live and in-person next weekend in Livermore.

Pace for Peace is back

Tri-Valley Haven's annual fundraising event recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Tri-Valley Haven's annual Pace for Peace 5K/10K run/walk returns to Livermore for its 24th year. The event, set for next Saturday (Oct. 2), will be in-person again this year after going virtual in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Organizers describe the race as "the backbone of awareness and funding for Tri-Valley Haven's

domestic violence services," with all proceeds going directly back to the organization.

"The proceeds that we get from events like this are just so important because when we get money from grants, that's amazing too but they're always very specific (with what they can be used for)," said Christine Dillman, Tri-Valley Haven's director of development.

"Having general money that we can spend wherever we need is rare and really helpful because sometimes we just need a prescription for a child or a specific pair of shoes for an 8-year-old and we can't just take stuff like that out of a grant necessarily," she added.

The theme for this year's Pace

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Glazer among lawmakers targeting reforms to California's recall process

Leaders prepare to hold joint hearings to discuss changes to procedures

By GENNADY SHEYNER /
PALO ALTO WEEKLY

After beating back an effort to oust Gov. Gavin Newsom, Democratic lawmakers began to set the stage last week for reforming what they see as a deeply flawed recall process, with the goal of bringing a measure to the voters in 2022.

Assemblymember Marc Berman (D-Menlo Park) will be one of the leaders of the reform effort. As chair of the Assembly Committee on Elections, he and Tri-Valley State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) plan to hold bipartisan joint hearings with their colleagues in the Legislature in the coming months to explore ways to change the recall process, the two lawmakers said at a press conference over Zoom on Sept. 15.

While the details of the reform package have not been hashed out, Berman said his biggest issue with the current system is the relatively low threshold for ousting and replacing an incumbent governor.

Under the two-question format that was used in the recall election, Newsom needed at least half of the state's voters to reject the recall for him to stay in office. By contrast, if a simple majority had voted to support the recall, any candidate who was vying to replace Newsom would only need to have won a plurality of votes.

"For me, the biggest issue is that we currently have a process whereby the governor can be recalled and replaced by someone who has less votes," Berman said. "For me, that's the big foundational piece that I want to change."

Glazer, who chairs the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments, also said he has significant concerns about the two-question format on the recall ballot. Most of the other 19 states that have a recall process have provisions for appointing someone to fill

the vacant seat if a governor is recalled and then following an election process.

Some lawmakers, he said, believe a recall should trigger a runoff. Others believe a lieutenant governor should step forward if a recall is successful and fill the spot until an election is completed at a future date.

These alternatives will be explored in the coming months, he said, as the two legislative bodies proceed with gathering ideas from lawmakers, academics and legal and political experts. Lawmakers will look at issues such as grounds for removal, California's signature gathering requirements and the process of succession, should the recall effort be successful.

Both lawmakers expressed concern about the way that the recall process, which has been around for over a century, has been used in recent years. More than 70% of attempts to recall elected state officials that have qualified for the ballot occurred in the last 27 years.

Berman and Glazer noted in a statement that each of the last nine governors in California has faced multiple recall attempts, though only two had qualified for the ballot. The only successful ouster of a governor through the recall process occurred in 2003, when voters removed Gray Davis from office and replaced him with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The two lawmakers noted that the reform process will be open to the public to maintain transparency.

"Neither of us is suggesting that the recall process be eliminated," Glazer said at the Sept. 15 press conference. "We're simply saying that accountability is good and it needs to



Steve Glazer

be maintained, but we need to look for ways to modernize it and understand how it's been manipulated in the last couple of decades in ways that we think are counterproductive and that voters of California, at the end of the day, may view as counterproductive."

Berman said in a statement that the Sept. 14 recall election vote, in which more than 60% of the voters rejected the recall, "highlighted the fundamentally undemocratic nature of California's existing recall process."

The leaders of the state's two legislative chambers — Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Redon — also issued statements expressing support for exploring recall reforms. Atkins called such a review "timely and worthy of debate," while Redon called it "totally appropriate."

"We came far too close to having a governor elected by a tiny fraction of eligible voters," Redon said in a statement. "While that is no way to pick the leader of the most populous state in the nation, it would be equally wrong to make any changes without a thorough study of alternatives. I look forward to hearing the discussion."

Berman and Glazer said on Sept. 15 that the earliest time frame for enacting reform to the recall process would be 2022. That is also when Newsom is up for reelection. Berman said that given the recent effort to recall the governor, reforms to the process are an issue that is "in front of the mind for a lot of voters right now."

"In hindsight, Chair Glazer and I probably wish this was addressed before either of us has been elected to the Legislature," Berman said. "It hasn't been. We want to make sure we make some improvements to the process now and not kick it off to future elected officials." ■

PEACE

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for Peace is "Stronger Together," which Dillman said is a nod to both navigating the pandemic and honoring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. "We're all thinking about safety in different ways," Dillman said.

Each year, participants receive T-shirts related to the theme created by a local student. The organization takes submissions and then selects a first-place design to be featured on the shirts. During the event, the second- and third-place finishers' designs will be on display for viewing as well as other works receiving honorable mention, according to Dillman.

"It's just so neat to see how the different students interpreted the theme," she said, adding that all of the artwork representing the theme was "very inspiring."

An awards ceremony will also take place at the event for the art contest as well as recognition of the first-, second- and third-place runners in the 5K and 10K and specific age group awards. Every runner, regardless of when they complete the race, will receive a finisher medal and a shirt.

KKIQ radio personality Mel McKay will emcee the event, there will be music and refreshments and "well-behaved" dogs are welcome to attend, according to event organizers.

Organizers said Pace for Peace will adhere to health officials' current guidelines and all staff and volunteers working the event will be vaccinated. "We want to make sure we're being careful while still having a really good time because I think community is so important and we've all been sort of really craving that," Dillman said.

On the morning of the event, Zumba and warmups will begin at 7:30 a.m. while the race is set to kick off at 8 a.m. The race starts and ends at Tri-Valley Haven's Community Building located at 3663 Pacific Ave. in Livermore.

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Livermore council chooses top 30 applicants for crowded committee interviews

Former city leaders, local nonprofit heads among contenders for General Plan advisory board

BY CIERRA BAILEY

The Livermore City Council selected its top 30 contenders to interview for the new General Plan Advisory Committee during a special workshop Monday evening.

The city initially received 48 applications following a nearly five-week recruitment period. Since then, two applicants withdrew, leaving a total of 46 prospects for the council to consider, which was still more than twice as many applications as spots available on the committee.

Monday's workshop marked the first step in the selection process approved by the council at its Sept. 13 regular meeting. In an effort to exhibit fairness, each councilmember selected their top six candidates to interview, one at a time, in a random and rotating six-round sequence until 30 individuals were selected to interview.

The council will be tasked with narrowing down the list even further as there are only 15 spots available on the advisory committee with an additional four spots for alternates.

Among those who moved forward in the process were former Livermore mayor John Marchand, Unify Livermore CEO Asa Strout, Livermore Pride co-founder Tracy

Kronzak, Tri-Valley Conservancy chair David Kent and former City Councilmember and Planning Commissioner Steven Spedowfski.

After making their selections, Mayor Bob Woerner and Councilmember Bob Carling urged applicants who were not chosen to consider other avenues to get involved in the community.

"To everyone who applied, I'm very impressed with all the applicants and we only had a certain many to get through this phase and I hope that those who weren't selected will continue to participate as we go along here. There will be other opportunities," Woerner said.

Carling said he agreed with Woerner.

"I appreciate the time and the effort that people put into filing out the applications and, like you — and I'm sure our colleagues — hope that they take advantage of the opportunities to give back to the city in a variety of different ways, including advisory boards," Carling said.

"We're always looking for people to serve on advisory boards and so, although I'm sure you're disappointed in not being able to be interviewed for the General Plan, please keep your eye out for opportunities

advertised in various places, including the newspaper and on the (city) website for advisory board appointees," he added.

The city's General Plan — a long-range policy document for growth, land-use, sustainability and resource and open space conservation — is typically updated within 10-20 years. Livermore's current General Plan was adopted in 2004, approximately 17 years ago.

In addition to establishing the advisory committee, the city has launched a community-wide effort to encourage residents, businesses and community groups to weigh in on the vision and guiding principles that will result in the General Plan Update.

Running through Sept. 26, the visioning outreach effort includes a virtual workshop, an outdoor open house, two pop-up events and online activities, according to city officials.

"A top priority for the council for ensuring a successful outcome is an equitable outreach process that allows the broadest range of voices to be heard," Woerner said of the initiative in a statement.

At the workshop Monday, council also selected the five questions

that they will ask interviewees for the advisory committee. Ahead of the meeting, council members each independently provided staff with two different interview questions, which were revised and combined by city staff after identifying common themes.

Each councilmember chose one question they liked most from either their original list or from the staff generated list and then they collectively reviewed them, slightly modifying some of the language. The finalized list of questions is as follows:

1. How would you serve the needs of the many diverse residents of this community, even if at times it may go against your personal preferences?

2. What is the purpose of the

General Plan and how is it used to guide decision-making?

3. Explain your experience in reviewing complex information and providing feedback. How do you share complex and technical information to audiences of varying education and experience levels?

4. Why would you be a good choice for the GP Update advisory committee and what one word best describes what you would bring to the committee?

5. What are the top one to two issues that need addressing in Livermore through the GP Update and how are you a good match for the task at hand?

After unanimously approving the questions, the council voted to allow Woerner to reorder them in a sequence that he finds most appropriate.

The 30 interviewees will receive an assigned interview date and time along with the list of questions. The interviews are set to take place on three different days, including next Tuesday, Thursday and Oct. 7. ■

Pratt named interim principal at Walnut Grove

Reason for leadership switch at school unclear

BY JULIA BAUM

Walnut Grove Elementary School has new leadership as of several weeks ago, but with a face that will be familiar to students and parents while Pleasanton Unified School District continues to search for a new permanent principal.

Taking over the role previously intended for another PUSD administrator, Walnut Grove vice principal Dwight Pratt was unanimously appointed interim principal at the Sept. 9 Board of Trustees meeting.

Former Mohr Elementary principal Julie Berglin "anticipated beginning the year as the new Walnut

Grove principal," and was originally poised to replace outgoing principal Chris Connor in July, but "was quite disappointed to not be able to be there for the first several weeks of school," Superintendent David Haglund told Walnut Grove families in a recent message.

The reason Berglin is no longer assigned as Walnut Grove's principal was not specified.

Haglund added that Berglin has agreed to serve as a principal on assignment in the district's assessment and accountability department. Berglin, who could not be reached for comment, has been at

PUSD for almost 25 years and was principal at Mohr from 2013 until this year, when she hired for Walnut Grove.

The school started the 2021-22 school year with "some unexpected challenges," but Haglund said that Pratt "has provided steady leadership" and "ensured a smooth start for the Roadrunners."

With the goal of maintaining leadership stability at the school for the year, Haglund said Pratt will continue to serve as principal while the district continues to work to fill the assistant principal position "as quickly as possible." ■

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fair and fact-based news reporting of everything going on in Livermore. Cierra Bailey, who resides in and grew up in Livermore, will be the editor. She's a veteran of the Pleasanton Weekly and the Palo Alto Weekly and will be assisted by her PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com colleagues.

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County could close quarantine hotels for homeless due to funding

'If it ends in December, we have a plan to ramp down'

Alameda County is poised in the coming months to close the hotels it has used over the last 18 months as isolation and quarantine facilities for homeless residents without additional funding, the director of the county's Health Care Services Agency said Tuesday.

Speaking to the county's Board of Supervisors, HCSA Director Colleen Chawla said the county has enough state and federal funding to keep the hotels open through the end of the year, at which time the residents being sheltered would be offered longer-term housing.

The HCSA currently plans to spend roughly \$118 million on the program through the end of the year including a potential ramp-down, Chawla said, but the hotels could be kept open through June of next year if the county allocates roughly \$15 million in federal pandemic relief funding to the HCSA.

"If it ends in December, we have

a plan to ramp down by December so that we would serve fewer and fewer people each day until there's nobody left at the hotel who hasn't been offered housing," Chawla said.

The county began leasing vacant hotels and motels to use as both quarantine facilities and temporary housing for homeless residents last year, when the state launched its Project Roomkey partnership with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency to reimburse local governments that did so.

Since then, the county has overseen a pair of initiatives — operations Comfort and Safer Ground — under the Roomkey umbrella to offer shelter to homeless residents who have tested positive for or been exposed to the virus and homeless residents who are at high risk of developing serious illness.

The county has utilized nine hotels for Comfort and Safer Ground

since March 2020, with Chawla estimating four or five hotels and between 350 and 400 rooms are still in use.

As part of Comfort and Safer Ground, the county has also contracted with local community-based organizations to assist.

Chawla said the HCSA is requesting roughly \$15 million to keep the hotels open through June from the county's \$162 million in federal funding that it has received from the American Rescue Plan Act, which comprises half of the \$324 million in ARPA funding allocated to the county.

"It would allow us to extend that time period through June," Chawla said of the funding. "There would still be a ramp-down plan, but it would happen closer to June and not December."

In total, the HCSA — which includes the county's environmental, behavioral and public health

departments — is requesting some \$54.5 million from the county's ARPA funding pool to keep the hotels open and support other pandemic-era initiatives like COVID-19 testing, case investigation and vaccination.

In a memo to the rest of the board, Supervisor Wilma Chan recommended that the board allocate \$50 million to the HCSA and \$50 million to the county's Social Services Agency.

Chan suggested allocating the remaining \$62 million to directly support parts of the county that have been heavily impacted by the pandemic via grants, public outreach and economic development programs.

The board is expected to vote on an allocation plan for the funding at its next meeting, scheduled for next Tuesday (Sept. 28) at 9:30 a.m. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

ARTS BRIEFS

IndiviDúo at Firehouse

Latin pop pair IndiviDúo — Californian songwriter Tiffany Joy and Colombian musician Maqui Reyes — are set to perform on the Firehouse Arts Center stage next weekend in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

The dynamic duo are known for their distinctive original repertoire with unique versions of some of the most celebrated Latin music hits, according to Firehouse officials.

Tickets remain available for the show in downtown Pleasanton at 8 p.m. next Saturday (Oct. 2). Visit firehousearts.org.

LV Wine Auction

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation is holding its 2021 Livermore Valley Wine Auction this Saturday (Sept. 25).

While the in-person event is sold out (an outdoor wine country garden party from 2-5 p.m.), the organization has its online silent auction open now and accepting bids through 8 p.m. Saturday.

For more information or to bid in the silent auction, visit www.lvwf.org.

Author talk

The Livermore Public Library is set to welcome Livermore author Senait Mesfin Piccigallo next Saturday (Oct. 2) at 2 p.m. to discuss her book "You're in America — Now What? 7 Steps to Integrate with Ease and Joy."

Written as a guide to help immigrants transition into their new country, the book reflects on Piccigallo's experience coming to her new home by way of China and Eritrea, library officials said.

The in-person event, which will include a book-signing, will be held outdoors at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The program is part of the library's Authors and Arts Series, supported by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library. Go to www.livermorelibrary.net.

Chorale auditions

The Valley Concert Chorale is hosting auditions by appointment for its 2021-22 season on Oct. 11 at First Presbyterian Church on Fifth Street in Livermore.

The chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The group performs three concert sets per season with a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz, reps said. The season opens with holiday concerts on Dec. 11 and 12: "Of Comfort and Joy: Carols, Glorias, and Lullabies."

The 10-minute appointment will include vocalizing, reading from one page of a motet and a clapping exercise. Singers must commit to the season with Monday evening rehearsals in Livermore.

To set an audition, call 925-866-4003 or text 925-216-7084. Participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear a mask. More information at www.valleyconcertchorale.org. ■

DISTRICT

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she does "not feel safe campaigning" after being harassed there on multiple occasions. In some instances "people got in my face at the farmers market, telling me to return home to Thailand despite the fact that I was born here in the United States."

"When I ran again in 2018 for Zone 7, I actually avoided the Pleasanton Farmers Market in terms of campaigning and focused on public events in Dublin and

Livermore," Sanwong said.

Sanwong added, "I really do take a lot of offense to some of the comments that were shared with me back in 2013, 2014. Looking at this letter, however, I don't know that that's a remedy for my personal experience in terms of running for elected office, but I think it is important to share as part of this conversation."

The potential "unintended consequences" of the CVRA were highlighted by several council members including Arkin, who had particular

concerns about "a representative not truly representing the whole city and only representing a certain section of the city."

Narum said the CVRA was "probably a well-intended piece of legislation" and "this probably does make sense" in cities with concentrated racial demographics but not Pleasanton, where minority groups are more geographically dispersed.

"It's got a lot of unintended consequences, and frankly we don't have to look any further than the Dublin school district, of an example of something that went absolutely counter to what this act was trying to accomplish," Narum said.

Narum added, "I think there are very legitimate concerns that we go to districts, council members can be more concerned about their district and winning reelection than doing what's best for the city. At the end of the day, there's nothing to prevent that."

Arkin questioned whether the state law is working as intended "and I think that's a question that we really don't know how to answer," she said.

"We've certainly seen where it does not work in similar cities nearby, so that's problematic," Arkin said. "I think cities that do have very high populations of certain races or ethnicities in certain pockets, those are cities that probably would benefit by this system."

With "no evidence that that is the case in Pleasanton," Arkin said she doesn't think by-district elections will benefit the community, but called it "unfortunate that other steps haven't been taken to try to encourage more people to get involved, of other races or any other

marginalized group in our town, to get involved in our city."

Balch called the CVRA a "poorly written law in a state that assumes one size fits all", and said a rift in the community could easily happen while drawing up district maps.

"I know our town and depending upon how the maps are drawn, we will possibly have one council member representing downtown, a different one representing the east side, a different one representing the mall," Balch said. "I do worry that districting will lead to thinking about one's own district rather than the best decision for all of Pleasanton, and we've seen how easily housing can divide us if we don't work together."

Acknowledging that "this council does not necessarily reflect the census population results that have come out recently," Balch added that he "cannot change the fact that I am a white male but I do work very hard to make sure every voice is heard."

Residents will have the opportunity to weigh in on draft district maps and proposed sequence of elections at several public hearings, as well as an ordinance establishing Pleasanton's district-based elections. The hearings are expected to take place in January and February 2022, while a website with information about the election transition process will be launched in the near future, according to staff.

The overall cost for the city to transition from an at-large to district-based electoral system within the safe harbor time period includes approximately \$50,000 for outside legal counsel and a demographer, as well as up to \$30,000 in potential attorneys fees to Shenkman. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



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 meetings will be streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee
Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.

- Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Collision Data
- Stoneridge Drive & Johnson Drive Improvements and Striping Plans

Joint City Council and Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees
Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Two bodies found in car parked on Pimlico Drive in Pleasanton

A man and a woman were discovered dead inside a car parked on Pimlico Drive on the northeast side of Pleasanton on Saturday morning, according to a city police spokesman.

The circumstances of the deaths remain unclear, though there were no obvious signs of foul play at the scene, according to Pleasanton police Lt. Erik Silacci. Based on the level of decomposition, it appears the two people had been dead for about a month.

Investigators have not yet been able to identify either decedent, as of press time Wednesday.

"We're going through all of the investigative processes right now," Silacci told the Weekly. "We don't believe any foul play at this point, but we're not ruling anything out."

The discovery was made after police dispatch received a call at about 9:45 a.m. Saturday from a passerby reporting they saw a person unresponsive in a car parked next to the soundwall on Pimlico Drive. After arriving at the scene near the Keneland Way intersection, officers found two people — an adult male and an adult female — inside the Acura TSX who were dead, Silacci said.

There were no obvious indications of foul play, external trauma or suicide in the vehicle or around the scene, but no potential cause has been ruled out yet, according to Silacci.

Still under investigation, too, are the identities of the two decedents and when they died. Investigators

believe the man and woman were both in their 20s or early 30s.

The lieutenant said that to his knowledge the Saturday morning call was the first time the Acura's presence had been reported to Pleasanton police. It remains unclear how the Acura with two dead people inside sat unnoticed for weeks.

The car was parked on the soundwall side without a sidewalk on Pimlico Drive, which runs parallel to Interstate 580 in that segment, and the bodies — which were in the front seats — were set back inside and would not have been easily seen, according to Silacci.

Based on evidence obtained so far, as well as the level of decomposition of the bodies, investigators believe the two people had been dead for about a month and the Acura had been parked on Pimlico Drive for that same time, Silacci told the Weekly on Tuesday. Police initially reported that it appeared the decedents had been dead for "at least more than a week."

The police department and the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau are conducting investigations into the deaths. Silacci said anyone who may have seen the Acura or have evidence related to the case should contact Pleasanton PD at 925-931-5100.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- A jury convicted a Fremont man last week of second-degree murder for the killing of a San Ramon high school student in 2018, Alameda County prosecutors said.

Christian Kelling, 24, was found

guilty on Sept. 15 of shooting and killing California High School student Damani Chadly, 17, on Dec. 4, 2018, in Fremont after selling marijuana to Chadly, according to prosecutors.



Christian Kelling

Kelling exchanged four ounces of marijuana for \$400 from Chadly and a friend at about 11 p.m. in the 34000 block of Torrington Court, prosecutors said. Chadly allegedly paid for the marijuana with counterfeit bills. Prosecutors said the exchange was arranged on Snapchat.

When Kelling realized the bills were counterfeit, he opened fire with a 9 mm gun on the vehicle that Chadly was in, according to prosecutors. Kelling fired five times at the car and hit Chadly, who was in the front passenger seat, prosecutors said. Chadly died at the scene.

The driver of the car, Robert Johnston, was also struck by gunfire, according to prosecutors. He was hit on his right hand and left arm and crashed the car into a home when he realized he was shot. Johnston ran from the car because he was afraid Kelling would shoot him again, prosecutors said.

Kelling fled to Texas and was with family there when he was arrested by a U.S. Marshals Service team on Dec. 12, 2018. Kelling is currently being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

The jury also convicted Kelling of shooting at an occupied vehicle

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Sept. 18

Theft

■ 10:30 a.m. at Mohr Avenue and Santa Rita Road; auto theft

■ 11:28 a.m., 2800 block of Diavila Court; theft from auto

Domestic battery

■ 2:03 p.m. on Owens Drive

Warrant arrest

■ 5:27 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Sex offenses

■ 7:57 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

Sept. 17

Theft from auto

■ 7:52 a.m. on the 4100 block of Alvarado Street

Drug violation

■ 9:10 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Sept. 16

Theft

■ 10:35 a.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

■ 12:24 p.m. on the 3800 block of Stone Pointe Way

■ 3:48 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

■ 3:57 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:23 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

■ 9:18 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

Assault/battery

■ 1:28 p.m. on the 500 block of Main Street

Fraud

■ 2:21 p.m. on the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

Weapons violation

■ 2:24 p.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Sept. 15

Warrant arrest

■ 3:38 a.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 7:02 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 9:21 p.m. at Rosewood and Owens drives

Fraud

■ 7:10 a.m. on the 4200 block of First Street

Burglary

■ 12:28 p.m. on the 5900 block of Laurel Creek Drive

Fire

■ 2:18 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Theft from auto

■ 6:17 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 7:26 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

■ 6:59 p.m. on the 5300 block of Owens Drive

Sept. 14

Vandalism

■ 12:38 a.m. on the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 3:54 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Theft

■ 8:50 a.m. on the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road

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Samuel Terry Scavone

May 2, 1933 – August 23, 2021

Terry was born in Detroit, MI to Angelo and Leah Scavone. He is survived by his wife, Judy, children, Mary (Guy), Rebecca (Mark), Angelo (Mary) and five grandchildren, Tessie, Tommy, Max, Sam and Jac. He is also survived by his identical twin brother, Mike and brother, Tom.



Terry was in the Army from 1956 to 1958. He graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Shortly after graduation, he moved to San Francisco where he began a long career in Heating and Air Conditioning. He owned Felix Sheet Metal, worked at Marina Mechanical, retired and found a new job & hobby. Golf! He worked at the Pleasanton Driving Range and also worked on his golf game.

Terry lived in Pleasanton for 55 years. He was active in his Children's activities, Indian Princesses, soccer, baseball and had much fun working with the Foothill Booster Club. One of his joys was having his grandsons come over for a cut throat game of Mexican Train. He also looked forward to his semi-weekly golf game and breakfast at Vic's. He & Judy travelled throughout the US and Europe. Terry was known for his delicious spaghetti sauce. He also was a master at the bar-b-que. His grandkids loved his baby back ribs. Terry's easygoing manner and ready smile will be missed by his family and friends.

In Terry's honor, donations can be made to Hope Hospice, Dublin, or First Tee of the Tri-Valley, Pleasanton.

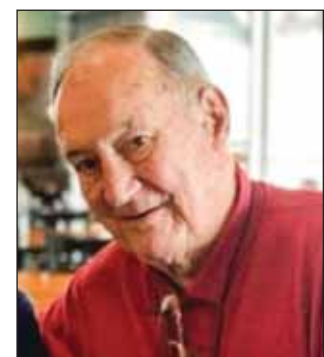
A celebration of life will be held at the Highland Oaks Recreation Center on October 3rd at 1:30 PM.

PAID OBITUARY

Robert Roland Vollgraf

December 27, 1939 – September 11, 2021

Robert (Bob) Vollgraf passed away September 11 at the age of 81. Born in Corning, New York, on December 27, 1939, Bob was a graduate of Elmira High School and Rio Hondo College. He proudly served in the US Army Military Police and Army Reserves from 1959 - 1963.



He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judy Vollgraf, son Rob Vollgraf, daughter Sue Maur, his 8 grandchildren: Brett, Kelly, Bella, Olivia, Emma, Ava, Spencer, and Cole, and his sister Joan Bowers.

Bob worked in sales in the automotive tools and equipment industry for more than 50 years. He was a resident of Pleasanton for 47 years and was active in the community as President of the Pleasanton Valley Swim Club, and Little League coach for many years in the 1970's. He also enthusiastically supported Judy's Assistance League events.

He never met a stranger, and had a joke for everyone he met. He's now telling his bad "dad jokes" to a new eternal audience. Everyone will remember him for his sense of humor and generosity.

He was most proud of his grandchildren and would regale anyone who would listen with stories of their latest accomplishments.

He will be missed by many.

Saturday, September 25, 1:00 - 4:00 pm at family residence Celebration of Life/Open House With Military Honors Service at 2:00 pm.

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and use of a gun, but did not find him guilty of attempted murder.

Chadly was also involved with Youth Radio in Oakland. Kelling is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 19 at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin.

Attorney Guy Louie, who is representing Kelling, was not immediately available for comment.

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

- A yearlong, multijurisdictional investigation involving a group that allegedly targeted victims of

Asian descent in muggings in four Bay Area counties, including incidents in Dublin, has culminated with three arrests, police and prosecutors said last Friday.

The San Jose Police Department's robbery unit, with assistance from the department's covert response unit and detectives from the Hayward Police Department, concluded the investigation by initiating the arrests and eventual apprehension of the three suspects, who worked in concert to commit dozens of robberies throughout Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Asian females were frequently

targeted, and many of them were injured in the robberies.

Anthony Michael Robinson, 24, of Stockton; Derje Diamond Blanks, 23, of San Jose; and Cameron Alonzo Moody, 27, of East Palo Alto have been arrested and charged in connection with the crimes.

More than 40 purse snatchings and robberies were recorded in the spree, which covered the cities of Campbell, Dublin, East Palo Alto, Fremont, Hayward, Milpitas, Newark, San Jose, San Leandro and San Pablo, according to the District Attorney's Office, which has charged the men for the thefts

and hate crime enhancements.

The spree started in late 2020, and in some cases, the defendants allegedly referred to the victims with ethnic slurs, according to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. They allegedly followed the women as they walked in parking lots to their vehicles, waited until the victims were in their car and either smashed a window or opened a door to take a purse from the passenger seat.

Robinson and Blanks were located and arrested in San Jose on Sept. 8. During apprehension efforts, Robinson fled in a vehicle, ran a red light and collided with

another vehicle — which injured a 2-year-old girl and her father. Robinson and Blanks were booked in Santa Clara County jail on over 70 counts of felony robbery and have appeared in court for arraignment hearings.

On Sept. 16, Moody was located and arrested in Union City by members of the covert response unit. Two loaded firearms were recovered. One of them was a homemade "ghost gun." Moody was booked into Santa Clara County jail for a multitude of felony robbery charges, with arraignment pending. ■

—Bay City News Service

Kyle Richard Maas

February 16, 1988 – September 4, 2021

Kyle Richard Maas passed away at the age of 33 at 1:50 pm on Saturday, September 4, 2021. A devoted son, brother, husband, and dog father succumbed to his battle with brain cancer that he had been courageously fighting for over six years. He passed peacefully in his childhood home surrounded by his loved ones.



Kyle was born February 16, 1988, in Livermore, California, to Kraig Maas and Marlene Bowen. He grew up in Pleasanton, attending Valley View Elementary School, Harvest Park Middle School, and Amador Valley High School.

Kyle married the love of his life, Brittany Item (Maas), September 19, 2020, welcoming her into the family that he loved so very much. The ever-devoted wife never left Kyle's side as he continued to fight his battle with brain cancer until his call home was too strong.

Kyle was known for his enormous heart, infectious smile, and razor-sharp wit. Always quick to make someone laugh and even quicker to make a friend wherever he went. He was a talented photographer, producing beautiful images published in several magazines. A lover of the water, either driving a boat or following close behind it on his wakeboard. An avid dirt bike enthusiast, a passion that he shared with his family and friends. Kyle had a deep appreciation and desire to travel; in the last few years, he was able to visit places he had only dreamed of seeing. He could often be found on these adventures enjoying a game or two of chance, finding excitement at the roulette, craps, and blackjack tables. Not so secretly known amongst his closest people, a fashion enthusiast who was always on the lookout for a good deal on hats and shoes. He found solace and joy in listening to various music types, which helped carry him through the countless doctor visits, surgeries, and treatments he had to endure. A consummate grill master, Kyle was always ready to man the barbecue and delight his friends and family with a meal. Their two dogs, Bronson and Bane, were his "boys" and genuine family members who brought him a continual source of joy and comfort.

Above all, Kyle loved life and, until the very end, always said he felt like a million bucks.

He is survived by his wife Brittany; parents Marlene Snyder, and Kraig and Sherry Maas; grandmother Colleen Arnold; siblings Konner Maas (25), Kollin Maas (24), Kennedy Maas (22), Kaden Maas (20), Jake Snyder (20), Gracie Snyder (19), Dylan Snyder (17), and Justin Snyder (17); and countless cousins, family, and friends.

The world will not be the same without his twinkling eyes, positive attitude, warm bear hugs, and brilliant smile that lit up every room he entered. He will be sorely missed.

"Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen unheard but always near. So loved, so missed so very dear".

He is preceded in his passing by his beloved Grandmother Margaret Maas and Grandfather Richard Maas.

A celebration of life will be held on October 3, 2021 at 3:00 pm 3721 Mines Road, Livermore California

PAID OBITUARY

Erik Olsen

December 11, 1936 – September 14, 2021

Erik D. Olsen, a Pleasanton resident and retired executive passed away on September 14 at the age of 84. Erik is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Jacqueline Olsen, the original "Jackie O", three daughters, Lynnea Olsen, Andrea Olsen, and Jennifer Rodriguez, son-in-law Jon Rodriguez, and three wonderful grandsons, Carl Rodriguez, Emmett Rodriguez, and Erik Olsen.



Dr. Olsen has a wide-ranging record of accomplishments. Erik was a Nebraska all-state basketball player in 1954 for his Omaha Benson High School Bunnies. After graduating from the University of Nebraska, he served as a Captain in the U.S. Army. A practicing dentist, he was the first recipient of the Hillenbrand Fellowship in Dental Administration from the American Dental Association. At age 40, Dr. Olsen was named President and CEO of Delta Dental of California. When Dr. Olsen stepped down after 15 years, one of every three people in California had Delta Dental benefits. After leaving Delta Dental, Dr. Olsen became an active AARP volunteer and was appointed AARP State President in Arizona in 1996. He was elected to AARP's National Board of Directors in 2000 and was named AARP National President in 2006 where he was instrumental in working on healthcare reform.

Since his retirement from AARP, he and Jackie enjoyed residing in the beautiful Lake Tahoe community of Glenbrook, Nevada and most recently residing in the retirement community of Stoneridge Creek in Pleasanton, California. Erik enjoyed playing and learning the many complexities of the game of bridge, participating on a morning Zoom call discussing key issues of the day, and being an avid cruciverbalist. His daughters share many fond memories of moving cross country to California, Boulder Creek, boating in Lake Tahoe, witnessing Dwight Clark's "The Catch," and always getting the best advice for life. In addition to being a strategic planner, he lived his life with compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness, and love. The biggest pride in his life is the legacy he has created through his family highlighted by his three grandsons, Carl, a tech software engineer, Emmett, a professional ballet dancer attending college, and his namesake, Erik Olsen, high school scholar, athlete and the new "Big E."

We want to extend our deep gratitude to the numerous caregivers and medical personnel who helped him during the last months of his life – with special thanks to Priscilla and Aman, who he thought of as daughters. We will miss him greatly!

Donations may be made in the memory of Erik Olsen to the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore for the discretionary use of helping the needy of our community.

Erik's memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 9 at 1 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. Guests can attend in person or the service will be live streamed on the church's website at <https://fpcl.online.church>.

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- 12:37 p.m., 600 block of Sylvander Drive; theft from auto
- 1:49 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 2:47 p.m. on the 3800 block of North Yosemite Court
- 6:20 p.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

Robbery

- 3:13 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Assault/battery

- 8:11 p.m. on the 400 block of Division Street

Sept. 13

Theft

- 8:37 a.m., 3400 block of Zion Canyon Court; theft from auto
- 5:27 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Graffiti

- 10:36 a.m. on the 400 block of Tawny Drive

Vandalism

- 1:09 p.m. on the 6100 block of Homer Court

Domestic battery

- 3:43 p.m. on Rosewood Drive

Drug violation

- 6:06 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and El Charro Road



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Pleasanton man recognized by 49ers for community service

Dave Moirao awarded for his work with nonprofit Culinary Angels

By CIERRA BAILEY

Pleasanton's own Dave Moirao was honored by the San Francisco 49ers as this year's recipient of the organization's Community Quarterback Award, which recognizes volunteers who show leadership, dedication and a commitment to bettering the Bay Area.

Moirao was nominated and selected for his work with Culinary Angels, an almost entirely volunteer-based Livermore nonprofit that prepares and delivers free, healthy meals throughout the Tri-Valley to people undergoing cancer treatment and others facing serious health challenges.

"David has been an integral part of our organization from its early days," Culinary Angels Executive Director Lisa McNaney said in a statement announcing Moirao's award.

"He consistently invests about 40 hours per week of his own time in a myriad of ways — from helping to put systems and a structure in place, to strategizing how we can serve more people, to working in the kitchen. We would not be where we are today without him," she added.

Moirao, 73, was chosen to receive the Community Quarterback Award out of more than 35 candidates nominated by nonprofits across Northern California. As the winner, he will

receive \$5,000 for Culinary Angels

"To me, the award is a personal satisfaction, but I think the bigger reward is really getting people to understand what we have to offer as an organization," Moirao told the Weekly. "We serve a little under 300 meals a month right now, and we know that there are more individuals out there that could use our help and it's a matter of making sure they're aware that we deliver good, quality healthy meals."

Moirao said he started volunteering with Culinary Angels about four years ago after looking into different local volunteer opportunities. He had been retired for a while before that and wanted to fill some of his time giving back to his community.

After struggling to find something of interest, he said one day he found a flyer for Culinary Angels on his desk that he thought may have been left there by his wife.

"It might have been a friendly hint to get out of the house, I don't know, but it was just perfect for me," Moirao said. "I enjoy cooking, I enjoy having people satisfied with a good meal and so I filled out my application and completed my certification and started working."

Moirao started in the kitchen prepping ingredients before moving on to cooking and even assisting with baking. Over time, he's had a hand in just about every aspect of the organization, including drawing from his IT background to identify new software for scheduling volunteers and running the meal delivery program.

His connection with Culinary Angels and its mission has also become deeply personal.

Moirao's daughter, Kenna Moirao, died from cancer last year. She was a third-grade teacher at Frederiksen Elementary School in Dublin. "She made a significant impact on all the children, the staff and fellow instructors," Moirao said of his late daughter.

The experience of losing his daughter strengthened Moirao's commitment to Culinary Angels' efforts to help those facing a serious medical diagnosis, which was demonstrated by his leadership in pivoting to delivering organic produce and recipes to recipients during a period when meal operations were suspended due to the pandemic, according to the nonprofit.

To learn more about Culinary Angels, visit culinaryangels.org. ■



COURTESY OF CULINARY ANGELS

Culinary Angels volunteer Dave Moirao (right) prepares meals for delivery with assistance from Executive Director Lisa McNaney.



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A peek at the type of healthy meals that the nonprofit prepares.

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Keeping students in classrooms

Tri-Valley school districts, parents struggle to interpret and manage COVID protocols

BY GINA CHANNELL WILCOX

With a month in school, the four Tri-Valley school districts are diligently working to keep students on campus by limiting transmission of COVID-19, but it hasn't been easy for the districts, students or parents.

The districts have had to interpret county health codes, hire staff to do contact tracing and put in place protocols that vary based on vaccination status, symptoms and whether masks were worn. Trying to decipher and comply with the protocol instructions has left some parents frustrated and students at home.

A dashboard that records the number of students and staff by school or department who were presumed to be infectious while on a school campus are on Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon Valley school districts' websites.

As of Sept. 17, only one district — Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District — had possible cases of the virus spreading among students on campus and were reported as such out of an abundance of caution.

"We have had a small number (three) of at-school transmission. We can't say that as an absolute certainty, of course, as the students could have been exposed in other places," said Chris Van Schaack, deputy superintendent at LVJUSD, who is leading the district's COVID reporting. "However, when we have an individual case in a classroom, and then another student in the same classroom subsequently tests positive, we operate under the assumption that it was an in-school transmission."

Terry Koehne, interim communications director at San Ramon Valley Unified School District, reported the district hasn't had any cases of on-campus transmission to their knowledge but concurred that tracking the origin of cases can be challenging.

"It is difficult to prove since we don't know if students at school who also hang out together in the community are spreading the virus when not at school, or at school," Koehne said.

Dublin Unified School District has had no known such cases, and Pleasanton Unified School District uses the Alameda County Public Health Department to monitor on-campus transmissions.

"ACPHD has not confirmed that any cases were spread student to student," said Kelly French, PUSD's pandemic services coordinator. "More than likely the cases that have been reported at school are a result of community transmission."

In addition to keeping a dashboard and FAQs for everyone, parents are notified if their student has come in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

In the past, whole classes generally had to quarantine when a student tested positive for COVID-19. This year, kids who come into close contact with a positive case can typically continue to attend school, regardless of vaccination status, as long as they don't have any symptoms, meet testing requirements and everyone was wearing masks at the time of exposure.

The guidelines for positive cases aren't the only thing that has changed this school year. There are no longer rules for socially distancing students in classrooms, so class sizes no longer have to be reduced.

Masks are still mandatory indoors, but not all districts have the same policy.

LVJUSD, DUSD, and SRVUSD are "meeting but not exceeding health mandates." However at PUSD schools, according to spokesperson Patrick Gannon, masks are required outdoors and indoors, and it has been this way since the start of the school year.

Identifying cases

In addition to keeping dashboards updated and translating county health department policies and guidelines, school districts have had to take over some of the duties once handled by the health departments, which necessitates more personnel and space.

"Public health guidance is a moving target and has been for a long time," said SRVUSD's Koehne. "School districts are trying to pivot and adapt as new guidance and mandates come our way."

To add to the complexity of all this, the responsibility of contact tracing has recently shifted from county health departments to schools and school districts.

Each district has identified an individual or individuals responsible for contact tracing. PUSD, for example, has a COVID-19 liaison at every school who works with the district team and a pandemic services coordinator (French). At SRVUSD, a COVID task force at the district level is led by the assistant superintendent of business operations and facilities.

Students at all districts are surveyed regularly and schools have required a negative test result to return to school.

"We have a kid with a cold, and so failed the survey," Pleasanton parent Steve Paddon wrote



FILE PHOTO/COURTESY OF PUSD

Amador Valley High principal Josh Butterfield (left) greets students arriving to school on the first day of in-person learning this term.

on a social media site. "The process to then clear them for school is a) feeling better, b) no fever, and c) a doctor's clearance or a PCR or Molecular test."

"Everybody is backed up on testing," he continued, "so scheduling is two days out, plus however long the tests take to get results. So both of my daughters will likely miss a week of school for what is very likely a common cold. Rinse and repeat this over a normal winter and they are going to miss an awful lot of school ... yes, we do need a better process."

"One of the most challenging parts of our job is to balance the desire to keep all our students in school every day with the equal desire to keep them healthy and COVID-free," LVJUSD's Van Schaack said. "When in doubt, we have to lean to the side of safety and we occasionally end up quarantining students who (it may turn out) did not have a direct contact, simply because we are unsure and want to be cautious."

Implementation hiccups

In some cases, there have been kinks in rolling out the new exposure protocols.

For example, although all Tri-Valley districts base their protocols for "close contact" on the same state policies, how it is explained — and interpreted — seems to vary widely.

The state protocols for when someone tests positive are complex and dependent on a variety of factors, including a student's vaccination status, mask use and symptoms. That has led to confusion and frustration among some parents, as they try to abide by the detailed requirements.

School districts have at times hit snags — or have been criticized for decisions — as they try to implement the health rules, which have changed substantially since last school year.

On Aug. 24, a group of students at SRVUSD's Charlotte Wood Middle School were identified as a close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID.

"Per county health requirements, in order to implement state requirements, for students to be on campus after they have been identified as a close contact, they are required to meet certain criteria which is determined according to their vaccination status and whether the contact was masked or unmasked," Christine

Huajardo, SRVUSD assistant superintendent of educational services, wrote in an email to the CWMS community.

Some students were released from school on Aug. 24 because, according to district officials, they didn't have appropriate documentation on file — namely a vaccination card. A few parents said children were divided into groups of vaccinated and unvaccinated, while others reported that some children were released without parental notification. The district denies both claims.

"It is true that not all parents spoke directly to a staff member," the email said about confirming vaccination status, "but in all cases, a school employee confirmed that the parent was contacted before the student was allowed to leave campus."

What happens when there is close contact with a student or staff member who tests positive is also not consistent and very confusing.

When CWMS parents and guardians were notified about the close contact of their student, the email said vaccinated students don't have to quarantine unless they show symptoms when both parties were wearing a mask. Unvaccinated students, though, must quarantine even when masks were worn, but can request a "modified quarantine" in which the exposed student can continue attending school if they are asymptomatic, continue masking and undergo twice weekly testing.

Extracurricular and community activities at school can continue after Day 7 if a test collected after Day 5 is negative and the student remains asymptomatic. (Day zero is the last date of exposure.)

Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore have guidelines for modified quarantine similar to San Ramon Valley's, except the return to extracurricular and community activities' timelines differ slightly. In Livermore, the student can return on Day 8 if a test collected after Day 6 is negative. Pleasanton students may return on Day 8 if a test collected after Day 5 is negative. Dublin will not allow the exposed student to attend extracurriculars for the entire 10 days.

Siblings of exposed students do not have to quarantine, but siblings of students who test



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Work-life harmony as a 'three-legged stool'

Pleasanton author debuts book on finding fulfillment in career

By JEANITA LYMAN

Much about Reena Gupta's childhood, background and overall character give the image of selflessness.

The Pleasanton resident's work has centered on helping others, and her personal life has been deeply affected by a strongly communal household and close family ties. However, Gupta does not advocate self-abdication.



Reena Gupta

"Do things to your limit of your well-being because if you do something and you're not healthy, then you're not going to do it to the best of your ability," Gupta's teenage daughter Rikita said, citing the advice from her mother that has resonated most with her.

The philosophy of well-being detailed in Reena Gupta's new book with Rebecca Cullen, "Career Interrupted: Navigating Career Crossroads and Defining Success on Your Own Terms", evokes the image of a three-legged stool, with each leg ("Family and Friends", "Career" and "Wellness") providing equally important support for the seat of "Work-Life Harmony" atop them.

Family and friends

A major motivation for Gupta came from the words of one of her own early-career mentors. He told a young Gupta, grappling with her role as a minority in an industry notoriously dominated by white men, to "use your difference for your strength".

"That became my armor," Gupta said.

The comment, and the impact it had on her, made Gupta aware of how well-timed advice can have a lasting influence. She found herself drawn to mentoring others with this in mind, while also maintaining on well-being. In the case of helping others, this means doing it for its own sake, according to Gupta.

"When you're helping others, just help; don't expect anything in return," Gupta said.

Key to this, for Gupta, is appreciating and benefiting from the support of others, but not being dependent on anyone else's actions for fulfillment.

Wellness

The biggest misconception about wellness, according to Gupta, is that it's something that naturally comes as the result of career success.

"They feel that well-being is a result of 'if I'm successful at work, if I'm happy I'll be healthy,'" Gupta said.

This is a dangerous myth, according to Gupta.

Health and true happiness, in her view, are interconnected with fulfillment, not just success, at work. And rather than coming naturally as the result of a narrow vision of workplace success, they are dependent on the different "legs" of her stool model.

While career is one leg, it can't hold up the stool if the other legs (family and friends, and wellness) are broken or unstable.

Career

Although Gupta was able to use her "difference as her strength" while navigating the technology industry early on, she acknowledges that this is no small feat.

"Currently the situation for DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) is everybody wants to be

part of it, but they don't know how," Gupta said. "Every company, they want to boast that they're doing the best, but there's so much bias."

The prevalence of bias in society in general makes it difficult to quickly or easily overcome, Gupta noted, despite seeing recent attention to it as a step in the right direction.

"I think the challenge (for companies) is that now people are speaking up," Gupta said.

She cited social media and other changing societal tides as the reason for this. It's no longer the norm, she noted, to just sit back and accept bias or mistreatment in the workplace as inevitable. For this reason, companies are feeling additional pressure to accommodate their employees in ways that don't necessitate sacrifices to their health and personal lives.

"What is needed is commitment," Gupta said. "What is needed is to put their money where their mouth is."

What this means for companies, according to Gupta, is that they need to "look beyond the resume" to get a sense of who a candidate is, and what their strengths are, in a way that is far more holistic than simply checking boxes to see if they can perform certain duties.

"No matter how good a person is, if you go back and tell somebody 'you're bad' or 'do this better, you're bad at this', they will continue to underperform," Gupta said.

Work-life harmony

As the "seat" of Gupta's stool, finding a balance between work and other aspects of life serves as the foundation for overall health and happiness. This has been central to her fulfillment in the work she's done, and lack of remorse over opportunities she's had to pass up.

For Gupta, this has long included working remotely, in order to spend time with her family. However, she noted that the surge in remote work brought on by the pandemic hasn't resulted in the same healthy work-life balance for everyone.

"More people are working from home and there is absolutely no discipline," Gupta said. "Employers are expecting more, employees are now trying to do more than the hours required, they are losing focus, so there is no demarcation of what work is."

One way of contending with this in the present era is how to use technology as a tool and a "friend", rather than being a "slave" to it, according to Gupta.

"My biggest advice to anyone, no matter what that situation, is to bring awareness," Gupta said. "When we are not aware, we don't respond, we react."

For Gupta, that means seeing her book launch as an opportunity to not just get her word out to the public, but as a way of gaining insight and strengthening relationships.

Gupta will be holding an author's event for her new book at Towne Center Books on Main Street in Pleasanton at 5:30 p.m. this Saturday (Sept. 25).

She said she seeks to continue using her book as a way to connect with others at her book launch event. She welcomes community members to share their own stories of reinventing and "relaunching" their careers. ■



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Traffic trends in Tri-Valley give officials cause for concern

Higher potential for collisions as kids travel to school and more offices reopen

By JULIA BAUM

A rash of traffic collisions in the Tri-Valley this year between pedestrians and motorists, including a handful of fatalities, has local law enforcement and other officials reminding residents to take extra care on roadways as schools and offices reopen more fully after 18 months.

Two pedestrians have been killed in Pleasanton since February, and a man crossing Dublin Boulevard on foot was fatally struck in June.

Dublin school board Trustee Catherine Kuo died after being hit by an SUV while volunteering at Fallon Middle School in March. And NFL assistant coach Greg Knapp died at a hospital days after he was struck by a vehicle while cycling in the bike lanes on Dougherty Road in San Ramon, a story that has garnered national headlines.

Several fatal vehicle crashes over the past month have also transpired in the Tri-Valley, including one before Labor Day weekend where a Livermore teen died and five of his peers were injured.

September, which is Pedestrian Safety Month, has been particularly deadly with the deaths of two pedestrians walking on local freeways in the dark in separate incidents near Livermore and San Ramon. A teenage cyclist was also struck and critically injured by a car at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton on Sept. 1, but ultimately survived his injuries.

While there is no direct connection or pattern among any of the events, the intersections around local schools are getting some extra attention lately from safety officials.

Sgt. Justin Lash with the Livermore Police

Department said kids coming back to class has contributed to an uptick in close calls between drivers and bicyclists.

"A lot of them are juveniles that you get kids riding to school, especially that weren't pre-COVID," Lash said in an interview. "Most of them are kids riding from the sidewalk into the roadway; many times they're traveling the wrong direction."

One common scenario that Lash described is the bicyclist will be approaching or in the crosswalk from the wrong direction, but when the driver looks left a second time, "they don't look right (again)."

"That's the majority of them, and that comes down to the pedestrian or bicyclist making sure the other party sees them," Lash said. "They're all right-of-way violations, is what we'd call them."

Other common violations on the road include speeding, making illegal turns, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and failing to stop for signs and signals.

Local law enforcement are generally more lenient with young ones, and will talk to students first instead if they see an actual traffic violation occur. LPD had a bicycle enforcement day several weeks ago, but Lash said "we ended up citing drivers more than anything."

The return to learning in-person has caused an increase in traffic on the roads, and also demand for crossing guards around Pleasanton schools. Right now the city of Pleasanton, which currently funds 22 crossing guards, is conducting a crosswalk study "so we can provide some analytics behind the crossing guards," traffic engineer Mike

Tassano told the Weekly.

"Around schools, we haven't had students there for 18-plus months," Tassano said. "We had a very limited going this last spring but this is the first year when we're back 100%."

"We're doing this crossing guard study to establish a mechanism to say 'maybe we don't need a crossing guard here but maybe we need one here, move them'," Tassano added. Several schools including Fairlands and Donlon elementaries, as well as Hart Middle, have asked for crossing guards.

Staff have been out every morning and afternoon for several weeks to monitor the crossing guards, including "how they're crossing, visibility and sight-line distance," according to Tassano, and should finish collecting volume data by the end of the month or potentially as late as early November. Regardless of when the study is completed, Tassano said no changes will be made to any crossing guard assignments until the start of the 2022-23 school year.

The city also does an annual collision review of one- and three-year history for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles to determine patterns. Tassano also said staff reads "every collision report written by the police department to determine if there are improvements necessary."

A few traffic safety patterns have also been identified "but those are for specific locations, not system wide," Tassano said.

Most recently the city analyzed "if crossing from the curb to a 'pork chop island' has a higher crash rate and if there is a pattern of right turn on red collisions," but Tassano

said neither proved to have a pattern or be a problem.

In Livermore, some changes are being made on Portola Avenue while Lash said the Isabel-Stanley connector is also making bike path improvements and the city is considering painting the bike lanes.

Road conditions are not always consistent but officials said drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists can try to be and make traveling safer for everyone by following some common tips:

Drivers

- Wait for pedestrians to cross the street. Be courteous and patient.
- Stay off the phone.
- No speeding. Speed limits are not suggestions.
- Look for pedestrians when backing up, turning at intersections or entering/exiting shopping centers.

Bicyclists

- Always wear a helmet. Helmets are required by state law for anyone under 18.
- Bicyclists must travel in the same direction of traffic and have the same requirements as any slow-moving vehicle.

Pedestrians

- Only cross at marked crosswalks or intersections with a stop sign or signal.
- Look for cars backing up. Avoid going between parked cars.
- Make eye contact with drivers. Don't assume they see you.
- Wear bright clothing during the day and use a flashlight when walking at night. ■

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positive do.

"We want parents to know how important it is for them to keep an eye out for symptoms and to keep their students home when they see possible signs of COVID," Van Schaack said.

"Everyone in our school district has a part to play in keeping our students safe and in school. Stay home if you're not feeling well, wear a mask when required, and get vaccinated if you're eligible," French said.

Vaccinations and testing

Only students ages 12 and up are currently eligible to be vaccinated, leaving the vast

majority of local elementary-schoolers unvaccinated. While no district in the Tri-Valley requires students 12 and older to be vaccinated, teachers and staff must be fully vaccinated by Oct. 15 or be tested weekly, per the California Department of Public Health's Aug. 11, 2021 health order.

According to Sarah Lopez, DUSD's director of communications and community engagement, staff who have not submitted a "COVID Vaccination Verification Form" are already required to test on a weekly basis.

Each district offers tests at the district offices; most districts offer testing at school sites and it is available for asymptomatic students and staff.

"Since the new school year began, we've administered over 1,300 tests for students,"

French said of PUSD. "The testing program is expanding on a weekly basis and we look forward to offering our students and staff more testing opportunities in the near future."

"We offer testing for unvaccinated employees at the district office and we test students at school sites," LVJUSD's Van Schaack said. "As of right now, the only students we test are those who are unvaccinated, without symptoms, were a direct contact to a confirmed positive case, and whose parents have provided permission."

DUSD students and staff can test any time, regardless of symptoms or exposure.

"Since we started offering COVID testing on Aug. 30, 2021, (test administration company) Predicine has administered 2,359 tests at our sites," said DUSD's Lopez.

According to Koehne, San Ramon Valley, the only Tri-Valley district in Contra Costa County, has aligned its policies with the Contra Costa Health Services and all SRVUSD athletes and

coaches will now undergo twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing.

"SRVUSD is providing access to twice weekly rapid testing for athletes after school at each of our high schools starting on Sept. 22," Koehne said. "We plan to expand the testing program to include all indoor extra-curricular activities so that these school activities can continue indoors. More information about indoor extra-curricular activities will be sent to families (the week of Sept. 20)."

"With the added responsibility of providing testing access and with contact tracing and case investigation now shifting from local health departments to schools and school districts, this has become a massive undertaking," Koehne said. "But we will keep moving forward as our primary goal is to keep kids in school to the best of our ability by limiting transmission of the virus." ■

Editor's note: Zoe Morgan, reporter at the Palo Alto Weekly, contributed to this story.

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DUSD	14009	52 (from 8/16)	25	0.17%
PUSD	17476	119 (from 7/1)	18	0.1%
LVJUSD	14600	85 (from 8/23)	18*	0.12%
SRVUSD	32466	197 (from 8/9)	47	0.14%

*Livermore data is from 9/13-17

Opinion

LETTERS

Airport noise study

Dear Editor,

There is constant noise from airplanes flying from the Livermore Airport. Yet the airport is interested in expanding its usage by larger aircraft. In addition, it does not have any enforcement measures in place to ensure planes follow recommended flight pathways and hours.

In order to justify the noise of the planes, the airport commissioned a spring noise study that will be repeated this fall. It concludes the noise averages at specific locations are normal and that measured ambient noise — background neighborhood noise — was higher than aircraft noise.

Yet it ignores the fact that steady ambient noise is less noticeable than the intermittent chainsaw-like noise of small aircraft and sonic suction of large aircraft passing by. The study lowers the averages by including quieter night periods.

By focusing on averages rather

than ranges, it ignores the fact that aircraft increase the noise levels in some locations by as much as 50%. In addition, multiple aircraft pass by each hour causing noise levels to constantly rise and drop throughout that hour.

A true noise study would examine radar data to see how many aircraft per hour ignore flight path guidelines and night flying guidelines. It would also study the noise impact of different type of aircraft and the frequency each of these types of aircraft flying from Livermore Airport by time slot. Then the airport could regulate how often noisy planes fly from the airport and by what route.

Hopefully the next study takes a more objective approach.

—Sunil Hariani

On district elections

I became a convert to district elections after a discussion with a

City Council official in my China factory's town.

I was asking questions about "citizen representation in government" and how it literally worked in his town.

He started off by saying that China citizens are better represented than American citizens because in China, elected representation starts at a very, very local level. About every 500 Chinese voters had an elected representative from those 500.

The next level of representation is where the two systems diverge. In China, the first level of elected officials, who don't need to be members of The Party, elect the next level. That system is repeated right to the National Party Congress.

I believe that all levels above the first require Party membership.

Coincidentally, my last trip to China was the week of the five-year Congress in which Xi abolished term

limit for Premiership. I didn't think about it until, during my first morning walk, I asked why all the traffic cones and police on street corners early in the morning.

They are precautions to stop demonstrations from forming against the government during the Congress.

After my discussion, I became a supporter of localized representation. So, instead of a Pleasanton City Council seat representing 80,000 people, it can represent 16,000 people, which is still 32 times my factory city's "peoples' representatives."

People need to be seen, heard and understood, even if disagreed with. Local representation accomplishes that.

—W. Ron Sutton

Stop passing the buck

In response to David Ott's letter on Sept. 10, "Blood on their hands." Two decades ago the vast majority

of Americans, myself included, supported the invasion of Afghanistan in response to the events of 9/11.

The war continued to be supported by administrations from both parties over the next 20 years.

After the loss of 2,448 U.S. service members, 3,846 U.S. contractors and 166,096 others on both sides of the conflict, it has become very evident this past month that we have failed in our efforts to help the Afghan people build any semblance of a democratic state.

We are Americans. We are a democracy. We are one nation, lest we forget. It is high time that we all take responsibility for the actions of our nation.

We have no one to blame but ourselves.

Now let us work together to restore the good name and good will of America.

—Jim Garber

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Accountability at center of Amador coach's decision to cancel freshman football game

'Jones had seen enough and acted the best way he could'

There are as many life lessons to be gained playing high school sports as anywhere.

Perhaps the most important one is also the one missing the most — accountability.

Amador Valley football coach Danny Jones saw this missing from some members of the freshman football team in his Dons program. Instead of waiting for the school to react, Jones acted quickly and decisively, suspending the team for a week of practices and canceling their game that was scheduled for Sept. 16.

It might seem like a huge burden for a high school coach to be expected to develop character traits

in the players, as well as teach them their respective sports.

But all the best high school coaches I have had the honor to consider friends have embraced helping teenagers become quality young adults.

This is exactly what Jones is doing. Jones, who graduated from Amador, wants his players at all three levels of the Dons football program to represent the school with the highest standards. If you can't do that, Jones feels the player is not worthy of wearing the Amador uniform.

It was a gutsy move because there was no doubt he was going to get some blowback.

Certainly there were many players

who did nothing wrong, and Jones did take some blowback from parents saying it wasn't fair to the players who did nothing wrong.

Of course, the harshest criticism came via the cowardly, "anonymous" email.

What is lost — this is what accountability is all about.

Accountability is not just answering to your parents, teachers and coaches, but your peers as well. Doing something stupid, or even



Danny Jones

illegal in some cases, not only affects you but your peers as well.

Cause and effect go hand-in-hand with accountability.

I have worked in the middle schools in Pleasanton for some time, and my wife has worked at Foothill for over 15 years. These are two things some kids today are vastly missing.

Sure, most are great kids, but you have some running loose in terms of discipline and accountability. And it doesn't take many kids to make the entire school look bad.

Believe me, I know plenty of admin who would love to enact tougher discipline policies, but so many of the current guidelines are about making the kids feel warm and fuzzy.

These kids are smarter than many give them credit for. They know what the buzzwords are to say to administrators to get off with a slap on the wrist.

That has changed vastly compared to when I went to school in Pleasanton. You made a bad choice and you paid for it. Now, use words like stressed, bullied or that they are anxious, and instead of being disciplined, you find yourself in the wellness center or the counselors office being told you are okay, and we will work through this together.

No cause and effect — no accountability.

The one thing I feared the most was my dad getting a call from the school, but those days are gone. There are so many parents who have their heads in the sand about

what their kids can do.

If you don't believe me, spend some time on a school campus, especially at lunch time. You will be shocked with some of the stuff you will see.

In addition to vandalism, I have personally witnessed violent actions by kids that warranted far worse a punishment than they received.

It seems to be one of those cases where we coddle until someone gets seriously hurt. We need to be proactive, not reactive.

Jones had seen enough and acted the best way he could.

If even one kid thinks twice before making a stupid decision because of Jones' action, then it must be considered a success.

TV30 live football schedule

It's high school football season, and TV30 is back with all the local action.

Live televised broadcasts of the high school football games will be shown on TV30 starting at 7 p.m.

The games scheduled to be shown live this year are:

- Foothill at Amador Valley; today.
- Foothill at Dublin; Oct. 22.
- Granada at Livermore; Nov. 5.

Watch the games live on Comcast TV30, AT&T U-verse via Channel 99 or streaming at tv30.org. Check back for repeats during the week. ■

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.



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Theater

51 PLAYS IN 51 MINUTES Join Eugene O'Neill Foundation artistic director Eric Fraisher Hayes for a lively theatrical crash course on the plays of Eugene O'Neill. This event promises to be fresh, insightful, entertaining and less than an hour. 8 p.m., Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Visit eugeneoneill.org.

CALLING BAY AREA ARTISTS The Travis Bogard Artist in Residence Program at Tao House in Danville is a fellowship given to persons focused on the performing arts for whom a space of time to work without distraction would be beneficial. A fellowship consists of two five-day increments (10-day total) of working in solitude on-site. Application deadline Sept. 30. Visit eugeneoneill.org/artist-in-residence-program.

Comedy

COMEDY COMPETITION AT THE BANKHEAD Now in its 46th year, the San Francisco Comedy Competition has helped launch a Who's Who of comic champions. This year's competition will be hosted by Tom Rhodes, a world traveling comedian. 8 p.m., Sept. 24. Visit livermorearts.org.

Music

2021 CONCERTS IN THE PARK The Pleasanton Downtown Association presents Concerts in the Park, Sundays 4-6 p.m. Lions Wayside Park, on the corner of Neal and First St.

LIVERMORE LIBRARY HOSTS MARIACHI SAN FRANCISCO Livermore Public Library will host a Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration featuring Mariachi San Francisco. Participants will enjoy live musical performances and learn about mariachi music, including the various instruments, songs and traditional costumes. 12:30 p.m., Sept. 25. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

FLAMENCO GUITARIST OTTMAR LIEBERT Renowned nouveau flamenco guitarist Ottmar Liebert, known worldwide for his innovative contemporary style, will be at the Bankhead, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 29. Tickets \$20-\$75. Visit livermorearts.org.

OPERA RETURNS TO THE BANKHEAD Livermore Valley Opera opens the 2021-2022 30th Anniversary Season with "Celebrate!". This unique, live gala-concert offering is the perfect opera experience for all audience members, young or mature. 8 p.m., Oct. 9, 2 p.m., Oct. 10. Visit livermorevalleyopera.com.

PIANIST MARK ANDERSON AT THE BANKHEAD Del Valle Fine Arts Presents Mark Anderson, a Bay Area native and Steinway Artist who has appeared in concert halls worldwide. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 16. Tickets \$32-\$52. Visit livermorearts.org.

PET OF THE WEEK



TVAR

Meet Mochi

Mochi has gorgeous eyes. One eye is blue and the other is brown. He stands out with his pristine, white coat and athletic build. He's the perfect size — not too big or small. He is a young, affectionate, playful boy, and he has been a nice companion for his foster family. This 1-year-old Terrier mix (who is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped) will do best with an active family who will provide regular exercise and activities. Contact Tri-Valley Animal Rescue at www.tv-ar.org.

Poetry

POETRY AND PIZZA OPEN MIC Poets from across the Tri-Valley take the mic at the second Poetry & Pizza Open Mic at Patxi's Pizza in Dublin. This family-friendly event is open to poets and poetry lovers. 6-8 p.m., Oct. 13. 5130 Dublin Blvd.

Talks

WEBINAR ON ADOLESCENT MENTAL ILLNESS, STIGMA, AND FAMILIES Dr. Stephen Hinshaw, Professor of Psychology at U.C. Berkeley, presents a webinar to define the concept of stigma as it pertains to individuals experiencing mental disorders and discuss severe mental illness in a family context. This free webinar, presented by the Alan Hu Foundation, is 6:30-7:30, Sept. 27. Register by Sept. 26 at alanhufoundation.org.

DELTA VARIANT, VACCINE ROLLOUTS AND THE LATEST HEALTH UPDATES Presented by the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, a discussion on the latest updates of the COVID Delta variant, the vaccine progress in our community and updates in the Stanford Health Care/Valley Care system, including developments in stroke program, cardiovascular and imaging services. This free webinar is 10-11 a.m., Sept. 30. Visit sanramon.org.

AN EVENING WITH DANNY GLOVER The Rae Dorough Speaker Series presents actor, producer and humanitarian Danny Glover, a commanding presence on screen, stage and television for more than 30 years. 8 p.m., Oct. 1. Tickets \$38-\$48. Visit livermorearts.org.

LOCAL AUTHOR DISCUSSES BOOK TO HELP IMMIGRANTS The Livermore Public Library hosts author Senait Mesfin Piccigallo who will discuss her book "You're in America — Now What? 7 Steps to Integrate with Ease and Joy". This in-person program will be held outdoors, 2 p.m., Oct. 2. 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Two-part free workshop on Solving Your Brick Wall. Part one offered tips for solving brick wall problems including pre-1850 ancestors and common surnames.

Part two looks at participant's brick walls and suggests a research plan to help go from being stuck to solved. Guest speaker Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. 7-8:30 p.m., Oct. 11. Visit l-ags.org.

Exhibits

EXPLORATIONS IN COLORED PENCIL IX The exhibit at the Bankhead Theater is free and open to the public on Sept. 25 from 1:30-4:30. Visit <https://livermorearts.org/visual-arts-2>.

NEW EXHIBIT AT THE FIREHOUSE ART CENTER The Harrington Art Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center presents "EIGHT TAKES: California Impressionism" with nationally known Northern California impressionist artists. The exhibit runs through Oct. 30. For more information visit firehousearts.org.

Fairs & Festivals

626 NIGHT MARKET 626 Night Market is back at Alameda County Fairgrounds. The iconic California festival features food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music and entertainment attractions in an event that appeals to all ages. 3-11 p.m., Sept. 24-26. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

LIVERMORE MADE POP UP LAUNCH Livermore Valley Made is hosting a Pop Up at Stockmen's Park with free maker booths. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Oct. 2. For more information visit livermoredowntown.com.

WITCHES NIGHT OUT It's time to book a table for Witches Night Out, moonlight dining and shopping in downtown Livermore. Reserve a table for 2, 4 or 6 for a 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. seating, Oct. 6. Tickets \$20-\$60. For more information visit livermoredowntown.com/events/calendar#october-2021.

PIRATES OF EMERSON The Bay Area's Halloween tradition Pirates of Emerson returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Get ready to scream at this walk thru haunted attraction. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

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File No.: 581975
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Tri-Valley Steamer
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 582009
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997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: HG21111515 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Lauren Jon Erlandson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LAUREN JON ERLANDSON TO JON LAUREN ERLANDSON. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: November 19, 2021, 11:00 a.m., Dept.: 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2021. JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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Newsom signs housing bills that reform single-family zoning

Governor backs SB 9 and SB 10, key components of Democratic lawmakers' housing plan

By GENNADY SHEYNER

Two days after he repelled a recall attempt, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed two contentious housing bills that have been at the top of the agenda for Democratic lawmakers, including one that would allow more dwellings on properties designated for single-family zoning.

Senate Bill 9, which will allow homeowners to subdivide their properties to construct up to four housing units, and Senate Bill 10, which allows cities to allow construction of developments with up to 10 housing units in transit-rich areas, both cleared their final hurdle with Newsom's signature on Sept. 16.

Authored by Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) and State Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), respectively, the two bills were boosted by California YIMBY and other pro-housing groups.

They were also opposed by cities like Palo Alto and some in the Tri-Valley, where city leaders have consistently characterized them as an attack on local control. Tri-Valley Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) voted against both bills while local State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) voted against SB 9 and in favor of SB 10.

Newsom had given little indication before the Sept. 14 state recall election whether he would sign the bills. In endorsing them on Sept. 16, he said in a statement that the "housing affordability crisis is undermining the California Dream for families across the

state, and threatens our long-term growth and prosperity."

"Making a meaningful impact on this crisis will take bold investments, strong collaboration across sectors and political courage from our leaders and communities to do the right thing and build housing for all," Newsom said in a statement.

While many housing advocates have long called for the loosening of rules surrounding single-family zones — a step that has already been taken in cities like Berkeley and Minneapolis — prior efforts to achieve major zoning reforms in the Legislature had struggled to advance in recent years.

In January 2020, the Legislature killed Wiener's bid to increase zoning in transit-friendly and jobs-rich areas when it voted down SB 50.

SB 10 advanced after lawmakers agreed to make several amendments to address criticisms that the legislature is an attack on local control. Palo Alto was among the cities that have criticized a provision of the bill that allows cities to use SB 10 to override existing zoning restrictions that were put in place through voter initiatives.

Palo Alto's letter of opposition argues that such legislation "echoes more of Russia than of California."

Supporters of the bill have noted that cities are not required to rely on the provisions of SB 10 if they don't want to. Those that do cannot apply it to parkland or open space. And cities that want to use the bill to override zoning

restrictions imposed by local initiatives would need to secure a two-thirds majority from their legislative body.

Wiener said in a statement that SB 10 provides "one important approach: making it dramatically easier and faster for cities to zone for more housing."

"It shouldn't take five or 10 years for cities to re-zone, and SB 10 gives cities a powerful new tool to get the job done quickly," Wiener said. "I want to thank the Governor for signing this essential bill and for continuing to lead on housing."

In his signing message for SB 10, Newsom touted its "potential to increase housing development at a time when the state is experiencing a significant shortage of the units needed to meet the needs of Californians." He also warned, however, that while the benefits are promising, "certain provisions may have unintended impacts on affordable housing projects that use density bonuses, as well as possible Fair Housing implications based on how jurisdictions may choose to implement its provisions."

He wrote that he is directing the Department of Housing and Community Development's newly established Housing Accountability Unit to "vigilantly monitor the implementation of this bill at the local level, and if needed, work with the Legislature to proactively address any unintended consequences, should they arise."

SB 9 also seeks to boost California's

housing supply by allowing property owners to split their lots and to build up to four homes (which includes two accessory dwelling units or junior accessory dwelling units) on a lot where currently one exists.

A report from the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at University of California, Berkeley described SB 9 in July as "the most significant housing bill coming out of California's current legislative session," noting its potential to "expand the supply of smaller-scaled housing, particularly in higher-resourced, single-family neighborhoods."

In analyzing a similar proposal, SB 1120, which faltered on the final day of the prior legislative session, the Turner Center estimated that about 6 million properties would be eligible for the bill's provisions. If 5% of those parcels created new two-unit structures, that would have resulted in 597,706 new homes, according to the report.

Atkins said in a statement last week that SB 9 will "open up opportunities for homeowners to help ease our state's housing shortage, while still protecting tenants from displacement."

"And it will help our communities welcome new families to the neighborhood and enable more folks to set foot on the path to buying their first home," Atkins said. "I'm grateful for the Governor's partnership, and our shared determination to turn the corner on California's housing crisis." ■

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 28-July 2 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and Aug. 16-20 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 7983 Applewood Court** Warburton Trust to M. & A. Banerjee for \$1,713,000
- 8107 Arroyo Drive #1** Tc Family Trust to B. & T. Machaya for \$530,000
- 708 Avio Court** Sum Trust to G. Sharif for \$2,810,000
- 6255 Clubhouse Drive** Sami Realty LLC to P. & P. Patel for \$3,975,000
- 5430 Corte Paloma** Darrah Trust to G. & A. Syal for \$1,810,000
- 3028 Crestablanca Drive** Pitts Living Trust to Y. Tong for \$2,300,000
- 3269 Curtis Circle** Amirriazi Trust to S. & T. Banka for \$2,000,000
- 4314 Fairlands Drive** A. & A. Sosna to K. & P. Javiya for \$1,190,000
- 4151 Garatti Court** Caruso Trust to Y. & Y. Zhang for \$1,345,500
- 4252 Garibaldi Place** Fargo Trust to Y. Ong for \$1,210,000
- 4020 Ghiotti Court** J. Song to M. & C. Khantwal for \$985,000
- 2308 Goldcrest Circle** K. & C. Walker to L. & P. Jones for \$576,500
- 28 Husted Street** B. Chand to F. & J. Rahman for \$1,350,000
- 4040 Jensen Street** K. Kovacs to Furtado-Manohar Living Trust for \$1,073,000
- 1153 Laguna Creek Lane** Forman Family Trust to Tolani Family Trust for \$3,201,000
- 1604 Lexington Lane** R. & A. Ahuja to T. & C. Yuan for \$1,520,000
- 1117 Lund Ranch Road** Alstott Living Trust to S. & W. Choi for \$2,200,000
- 558 Montori Court** B. & N. Daswani to J. & E. Teixeira for \$1,880,000
- 8110 Mountain View Drive #D** Mcfaull Family Trust to S. Mahini for \$570,000

- 6543 Paseo Santa Cruz** M. & E. Nelson to N. & V. Vidyasagar for \$1,600,000
- 4166 Rennellwood Way** Means Trust to P. & F. Lin for \$1,200,000
- 1543 Trimmingham Drive** Laign Trust to R. & P. Pati for \$1,115,000
- 2380 Via Espada** Yee Family Trust to S. & A. Kulshrestha for \$1,550,000
- 1168 Wenig Court** Y. Tong to Q. & R. Chase for \$2,100,000

Livermore

- 5540 Anita Court** K. & R. Lewis to A. & M. Rajakannimariyan for \$1,560,000
- 5828 Arlene Way** Murray Living Trust to Christmas Trust for \$1,290,000
- 1698 Autumn Oak Drive** Giannella Living Trust to S. & A. Pathan for \$820,000
- 438 Bell Avenue** Rasmus Trust to A. & J. Jackson for \$915,000
- 425 Beverly Street** Schlapfer Living Trust to D. & K. Morris for \$1,100,000
- 1375 Calais Avenue** Bhushan Living Trust to S. & R. Patel for \$1,360,000
- 3058 Chateau Way** Pereira Trust to V. & V. Thathamath for \$1,625,000
- 805 Cloud Common** E. & A. Crosby to R. & K. Stahler for \$955,000
- 5834 Edelweiss Way** S. & S. Burgess to F. & Y. Wu for \$1,350,000
- 145 Elvira Street** R. Burnside to N. & V. Periaswamy for \$1,150,000
- 1746 Embassy Circle** Stein Family Trust to Y. & J. Choi for \$1,480,000
- 4001 Emerson Drive** Y. & A. Stillitano to S. Melgar for \$1,450,000
- 1080 Eve Lane** A. Portela to Y. & E. Cho for \$1,270,000
- 5420 Evelyn Way** Paul Living Trust to C. & J. Kehl for \$1,410,000
- 765 Grace Court** Wlliott 1999 Trust to K. & B. Arumugam for \$1,085,000

- 2363 Hampton Road** Zorn Family Trust to Yost Trust for \$1,250,000
- 1474 Heather Lane** Lowry Trust to C. & J. Ahern for \$475,000
- 655 James Street** M. & W. Bateson to Capital Homes Investments LLC for \$600,000
- 420 Jeannie Way** James Trust to A. & H. Phalak for \$1,275,000
- 2465 Lexington Place** B. & C. Head to A. Siotos for \$1,195,000
- 1083 South Livermore Avenue** V. & L. Ferguson to N. Le Kim for \$745,000
- 1880 South Livermore Avenue** Concannon Trust to E. & A. Crosby for \$1,925,000
- 1319 Locust Street** Kivlen Living Trust to K. Bourque for \$810,000
- 665 Los Alamos Avenue** S. Tabaak to A. & A. Kowligly for \$1,110,000
- 3820 Madeira Way** B. Ranney to H. & D. Wright for \$745,000
- 746 Meadowlark Street** R. & M. Lucas to N. & A. Nguyen for \$920,000
- 1085 Murrieta Boulevard #118** Phillips Trust to N. Haro for \$390,000
- 1085 Murrieta Boulevard** J. & J. Vaught to P. Torres for \$445,000
- 2238 Norwood Road** S. & S. Hites to E. & J. Lee for \$1,430,000
- 3965 Portola Common #3** N. Allen to M. & J. Ton for \$870,000
- 2750 Rivers Bend Circle** G. & M. George to R. & P. Oballe for \$1,250,000
- 990 Roxanne Street** Oto Family Trust to S. Kocic for \$890,000
- 5860 Running Hills Avenue** J. & S. Syth to K. Hoodye for \$880,000
- 3116 Salisbury Court** Monroe Family Trust to D. & X. Chen for \$1,575,000
- 5121 Scenic Avenue** A. & T. Wilmoth to B. Werner for \$900,000
- 330 Selby Lane** J. & C. Nieto to Setchell Living Trust for \$1,032,000

- 754 Sequoia Drive** S. & L. Chang to Z. & G. Khan for \$971,000
- 612 Stetson Court** R. & E. Sethi to D. & B. Pallepatti for \$1,010,000
- 237 Stickley Drive** K. & E. Zavalkovsky to L. & R. Nagalla for \$1,560,000
- 22 Trixie Drive** Dykes Living Trust to S. & C. Holland for \$1,480,000

Dublin

- 8774 Bandon Drive** H. He to V. & R. Sharvirala for \$1,400,000
- 7981 Bellina Street** G. Han to P. & H. Rallapally for \$885,000
- 2333 Capistrello Street** M. & S. Loekito to V. & P. Jayakumar for \$1,587,000
- 3505 Capoterra Way** L. & N. Mendoza to C. & T. Datico for \$815,000
- 3514 Capoterra Way** P. Diehl to K. & J. Lee for \$1,275,000
- 2123 Carbondale Circle** S. Khan to R. & D. David for \$1,675,000
- 8286 Cardiff Drive** P. & R. Bolin to S. & F. Gaurav for \$1,205,000
- 7009 Cedar Lane** Denman Trust to H. & S. Li for \$1,380,000
- 5018 Colebrook Court** Reyes Family Trust to Shah Trust for \$2,160,000
- 3262 Cranbrook Place** J. Woods to Kyb Homes LLC for \$80,000
- 7120 Cross Creek Circle #C** J. & L. Asubonteng to O. & J. Chang for \$670,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #341** S. Shrikala to S. & V. Kasiviswanathan for \$685,000
- 3275 Dublin Boulevard #422** M. & R. Meris to B. & S. Barathan for \$685,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #215** Gearhart Family Trust to S. Sundaran for \$725,000
- 3245 Dublin Boulevard #408** R. Majlesi to C. & G. Singh for \$740,000

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OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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243 Rachael Place (C) **\$698,000**
 Sun 1:30-4:00 2BD/2BA
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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (June 28-July 2)

Total sales reported: 24
 Lowest sale reported: \$530,000
 Highest sale reported: \$3,975,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,535,000

Livermore (June 28-July 2)

Total sales reported: 40
 Lowest sale reported: \$390,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,925,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,105,000

Dublin (June 28-July 2)

Total sales reported: 31
 Lowest sale reported: \$80,000
 Highest sale reported: \$2,160,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,205,000

San Ramon (Aug. 16-20)

Total sales reported: 34
 Lowest sale reported: \$334,000
 Highest sale reported: \$3,555,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,605,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

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7898 Gate Way G. Singh to J. & V. Anand for \$930,000

7773 Ironwood Drive E. & D. Arriaga to A. & J. Celles for \$1,200,000

7007 Locust Court J. Yao to J. & S. Boles for \$950,000

8218 Locust Place D. Quistian to V. & L. Lau for \$1,298,000

4778 Mangrove Drive L. & C. Pacheco to K. & N. Kaipu for \$1,735,000

5515 Old Westbury Way R. Martinez to P. & N. Chincholi for \$1,299,000

7474 Oxford Circle #50 D. Daniel to E. & A. Gunin for \$904,000

3551 Pinot Noir Court R. & H. Chander to B. & G. Arumugam for \$1,750,000

Source: California REsource

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

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JUST LISTED - LAGUNA OAKS - OPEN SAT, 2-4



**2765 Lylewood Dr, Pleasanton
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 Price \$2,688,000

JUST LISTED - OPEN SAT, 2-4



4453 Clovewood Ln

Amazing home in Highland Oaks. 4. bed 2.5 bath, close to Muirwood Park, fresh paint, updated baths, move-in
 Price \$1,198,000

JUST LISTED - OPEN SUN, 2-4



243 Rachael Pl, Downtown

Darling 2 bed 2 bath updated condo on the bottom floor with a large backyard area!! Walk to Downtown!! Must See this wonderful home!!
 Price \$698,000

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WALNUT CREEK

410 BRIDGE ROAD
 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 872 sqft
 Sold at \$840,000



LINCOLN

1403 TOPANGA LANE
 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1240 sqft
 Sold at \$517,000



PLEASANTON - DUPLEX

5520 SONOMA DR
5523 SAN JUAN WAY
 Sold at \$1,530,000



PLEASANTON

4055 GRAHAM STREET
 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1702 sqft
 Sold at \$1,385,000



LIVERMORE

865 WILLIAM DRIVE
 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1404 sqft
 Sold at \$1,100,000



DUBLIN

7988 CAROLINE COURT
 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1038 sqft
 Sold at \$960,000



LIVERMORE

1763 HELSINKI COURT
 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1330 sqft
 Sold at \$950,000



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1916 PALMER DRIVE

This home received 6 offers and is in escrow substantially above list price. The key is knowing our super local market, pricing correctly, properly preparing the home for sale and target marketing.

LISTED FOR \$1,975,000
My 38th Sale In Mohr Park



3504 KAMP DRIVE

This home received 8 offers and sold \$175,002 above list price.

LISTED FOR \$885,000
SOLD FOR: \$1,060,002
My 37th Sale In Mohr Park



1616 COURTNEY AVENUE

This single story custom home received 9 offers and sold \$457,000 above list price.

SOLD FOR \$2,455,000
My 36th Sale In Mohr Park



OTHER RECENT TRI-VALLEY SALES:

- 347 Basswood Common #1, Livermore \$785,000
- 421 Wayland Loop, Livermore \$1,225,000
- 2992 Lagiss Drive, Livermore \$2,550,000
- 191 Miramonte Drive, Moraga \$933,000
- 4673 Cristy Way, Castro Valley \$1,515,000
- 130 Reflections #15, San Ramon \$507,000

Retire in Pleasanton - "Vineyard Estates" and "Hacienda" Adult Communities.



PLEASANTON
3263 VINEYARD AVE, #140
Built in 2002
Sold at \$318,000



PLEASANTON
3263 VINEYARD AVE, #89
Built in 1974
Sold at \$239,000



PLEASANTON
3263 VINEYARD AVE, #166
Built in 2016
Sold at \$357,500



PLEASANTON
3231 VINEYARD AVE, #113
Built in 1972
Sold at \$169,000



PLEASANTON
3263 VINEYARD AVE, #32
Built in 2005
Sold at \$330,000



PLEASANTON
3231 VINEYARD AVE, #79
Built in 2003
Sold at \$280,000



PLEASANTON
3263 VINEYARD AVE, #59
Built in 2009
Sold at \$329,000



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185 Barber Street, Livermore



COMING SOON...

True pride of ownership! This charming single-story home is located minutes from Livermore's beautiful Wine Country. Its light filled floorplan has 4 spacious bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The updated kitchen features: White cabinets, stainless appliances, gas stove, granite counters and bar seating. Access to entertaining backyard with newer lawn, removable patio cover and dog run. Other features: Engineered flooring, neutral carpet, dual pane windows, recessed lighting, 2 car garage and so much more.

Please Call for Pricing



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You'll enjoy the wooded landscape with its towering redwood trees and tranquil walking paths. Behind each home is a path that meanders throughout the park.

Pleasanton Hacienda Mobile Home Park is a wonderful choice for you if you are over 55 and are looking for a nice, quiet, friendly community to call home.





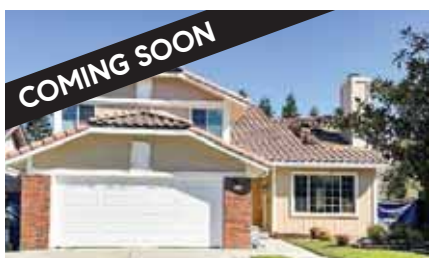
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2515 Bishop Avenue, Fremont
Updated 4BD, 3BA, 2,278sf, Bed & Full Bath on main level, Parkmont School, Near BART, ACE Train, shops. Please call Steve @ 925.580.8011 for details



Pending w/Multiple Offers

5246 Riverdale Court, Pleasanton
Spacious 3BD, 2.5BA, 1928sf townhome Check out VT @ tinyurl.com/5246Riverdale. Pending at \$1,149,000 w/ several offers. Call Farida @ 925.784.2524 to list yours!



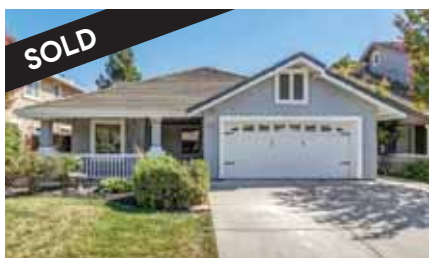
Pending w/Multiple Offers

4424 Fitzwilliam Street, The Courtyards, Dublin
2BD 2 BA, 1292sf condo, 2-car garage Listed at \$758,800, pending way over! Call Steve @ 925.580.8011 to list yours!



PENDING

3420 Finian Way, The Terraces, Dublin
2BD 2.5BA, 1298sf townhome style penthouse unit. Investment property/ Starter home priced at \$748,800. Call Steve @ 925.580.8011 for detail



SOLD

6219 Augusta Way, Livermore
3 BD, 2 BA, 1,463sf. Listed at \$978,000 - Sold at \$1.13M. Completely updated with no seller's out of pocket. Call Farida @ 925.784.2524 for details



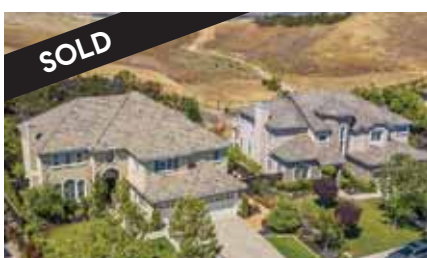
SOLD

932 Winsford Court, San Ramon
Norris Canyon Estates Beauty 5BD+, 5.5BA, 5,125sf & Views. Listed at \$2.89M - Sold at \$3.3M. 42 Showings In 6 Days 12 Offers



SOLD w/Multiple Offers

5501 Bridgeport Circle, Livermore
Entertainer's Delight! 4BD 2 BA, 1,570sf Listed at \$925,000 - SOLD AS IS at \$1,105,000 Call Steve @ 925.580.8011 to list yours!



SOLD

3465 Ashbourne Circle, San Ramon
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1733 Baywood Court, Pleasanton End of Court Charmer!



PENDING MULTIPLE OFFERS

This is it! A Monterey Model in Pleasanton's desirable Pleasanton Valley neighborhood offers 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, formal living and dining room areas, updated kitchen, family room has a fireplace and large slider to see into the backyard. This court location offers a beautiful backyard with plenty of room for a pool or whatever vision you may have. Walk to all school levels, shopping and Downtown Pleasanton!

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5452 LENORE AVENUE, LIVERMORE

2 BD | 2 BA | 967 SF

SOLD FOR \$756,000

PLEASANTON OAK PARK



JUST CLOSED

325 LONE OAK DRIVE, PLEASANTON

3 BD | 2 BA | 1,600 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,260,000

IRONWOOD



JUST CLOSED

1428 BRIONES LANE, PLEASANTON

5 BD | 4.5 BA | 3,900 SF

**SOLD FOR \$3,025,000
(REPRESENTED BUYER)**

VINTAGE HILLS



JUST CLOSED

529 MALBEC COURT, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,050 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,560,000

LITTLE VALLEY



JUST CLOSED

3501 LITTLE VALLEY ROAD, SUNOL

3 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,020 SF

SOLD FOR \$2,200,000

ROSE PARK



JUST CLOSED

1558 POPPYBANK COURT, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 2.5 BA | 1,900 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,280,000

COUNTRY FAIR II



SOLD

6474 CALLE ESPERANZA, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 3 BA | 3,027 SF

SOLD FOR \$2,050,000

VINTAGE HILLS



SOLD

802 CRELLIN ROAD, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 3 BA | 1,942 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,675,000

STONERIDGE



SOLD

7498 HILLVIEW COURT, PLEASANTON

4 BD | 2.5 BA | 3,022 SF

SOLD FOR \$1,925,000

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337 Yearling Court, West Side Pleasanton
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2974 Sorano Court, Ruby Hill
Sold at \$3,930,000



1034 Germano Way, Ruby Hill
Sold at \$3,948,000

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