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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Find Sydney West

Yesterday represented a somber anniversary for many here in Pleasanton.

Exactly one year ago — Sept. 30, 2020 — was the last time former Foothill High School student Sydney “Syd” West was seen before her parents reported her missing to San Francisco police.

West, who had moved to Chapel Hill, N.C. with her family during high school, was back in the Bay Area preparing to study at UC Berkeley.

She had a lengthy phone conversation with her dad the night before, and he expected the two would talk the next day. But the call never came. She was last spotted early that morning near the Golden Gate Bridge in the area of Crissy Field, and there has been no new information about her whereabouts since.

The case almost immediately struck a chord in her former hometown of Pleasanton and her adoptive home in North Carolina. It still does.

That’s in no small part due to Sydney’s parents, Jay and Kimberly West, continuing to keep their daughter’s case in the spotlight.

“Hey Syd ... It’s been a year. A year without somebody that you cherish is so hard,” father Jay said in an emotional video posted on the “Find Sydney West” Facebook page.

“We pray every day that you’re out there, and by the grace of God, by some miracle, you come home to us alive,” he added. “I’ve said it a million times; find your way home girl. We love you, and you’re inseparable to all of our souls.”

Kimberly echoed similar sentiments when I connected with her via email last weekend.

“It has been an emotional roller coaster that no one can imagine,” she said. “As time moves on, it gets harder and harder to have so many days lapse without talking to Sydney, seeing her face, hearing her voice and laughter. There is hope when we have a lead, and defeat when it does not pan out.”

The family has hired Bay Area private investigator Scott Dudek to pursue leads from the public, and tips continue to come in.

“It only takes one tip; maybe it’s the one tip that finds her,” Kimberly said. “The bridge was quite busy (that day). Someone must have seen something ... Nothing is being ruled out.”

I have visited the Find Sydney West website and Facebook page periodically over these past months



Sydney West

to look for any new information. The Facebook account is particularly moving, with posts often from her parents recalling fond family memories or reflecting on their daughter’s absence or raising awareness about her case. They paint the picture of a young woman deeply loved and deeply missed.

Support for Sydney and the Wests is definitely bicoastal — as shown by videos and photos from Kimberly’s hometown of Buffalo, N.Y., where this summer the Find Sydney West team raised money and awareness for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

It also struck me that Sydney’s family posted last week in reaction to the sad news of Gabby Petito’s death, a case grabbing national headlines this summer. The Wests’ posts demonstrate just how interconnected families with missing loved ones feel with each other.

I pause when I read the news updates on the Petito case, in part in recognition of the conversations critical of media response to the saga.

National news organizations and social media traffic are often guilty of selective mob mentality when it comes to criminal cases. I like to think we avoid such blinders amid our coverage at the local level here.

We as a news industry — and as a society — need to better prioritize missing persons cases, especially those involving children or young women who have been abducted or otherwise victimized.

But we all need to also pay extra close attention to abductions targeting girls and women of color. There are families and other important sources telling us that in many instances in America these victims’ cases are — consciously or unconsciously — deprioritized compared to when the missing person is white. That can’t happen. Their lives cannot be undervalued.

We must keep a focus on missing persons cases as often as we can. Because our common goal as a community should be to help these families reunite or find closure.

With that, I urge anyone with information about Sydney West’s whereabouts or who may have seen what happened with her that morning near the bridge to come forward and contact Dudek at 925-852-4204. Let’s #FindSydneyWest. ■



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A ground-level view of East Pleasanton, a section of town where Amazon recently acquired a swath of undeveloped land with plans to open a distribution warehouse in the future. Photo by Jeremy Walsh. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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If you are traveling and see a passenger on your plane being rude or disrespectful to a flight attendant, how do you react to that?



Joss Flanzbaum
Pediatrician

I would ask the flight attendant if he or she needed any help. Then, I would do my best, using calming language, to find out why the passenger was so upset and try to help resolve the situation.



Debi Ropp
Hospitality

Initially, I would not say anything, but would wait to see if the flight attendant was able to diffuse the situation. If the passenger then became abusive or violent to the flight attendant, then I would want to group together with other passengers to calm the passenger down and help diffuse the situation.



Marcie Rodgers
Retired

I would kick the (expletive) out of anyone being rude to a flight attendant. They are working hard to do their job and people really need to respect their authority.



Geoff Rodgers
Sales leader

I would react. I would tell the person their behavior was inappropriate and that they should be kind and respectful toward people whose job it is to help them.



John Ropp
Semi-retired

It's very situational for me, depending upon how rude the passenger is being. I would make every effort to not get involved. But if I thought a true safety issue were involved, I would absolutely intervene, starting with, "Dude, you need to back off."

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Rotary summit

Rotary District 5170 has selected the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton as the host site for its annual Avenues of Service conference, an all-day event that will be held Saturday and will be open to the public.

“Both current and prospective Rotary members will learn about the numerous projects undertaken by the district’s 61 clubs along Rotary’s five avenues of service — club, vocational, community, international and youth service,” organizers said.

For more information on the event, visit www.rotarydistrict5170.org.

Mail ballots for all

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill Monday to make permanent the state’s pandemic-era process of mailing an election ballot to every active registered voter in the state.

The law, Assembly Bill 37, will continue the state’s mail voting practice that began during the November 2020 election and continued to this month’s failed election to recall Newsom from office.

California joins Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Vermont and Hawaii as states that send a ballot to all registered voters by default.

Voters will still have the option to forfeit their mail-in ballot if they want to vote in person. State residents can register to vote at registertovote.ca.gov.

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

Diaper need

Pleasanton-based nonprofit Hively is shining a spotlight on the struggle many families have in affording diapers and wipes for their babies, putting the issue at the forefront in honor of Diaper Need Awareness Week, which was this week.

One in three families in Alameda County have had difficulty fulfilling their diaper needs since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, according to Hively.

The nonprofit expects to distribute 45,000 diapers to over 300 families in need this month alone. To donate, visit behively.org. ■

For the record

Last week’s article “Staying Healthy: Work-life harmony as a ‘three-legged stool’” misspelled the name of the author’s daughter, Ritika Gupta. Additionally, the Newsfront article about the Walnut Grove Elementary School principal situation failed to reflect that Pleasanton Unified had removed Dwight Pratt’s interim tag to make him permanent principal. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the errors.

Amazon buys large property for new warehouse in East Pleasanton

Mayor says online retail giant’s expansion project will not affect city’s east side plan

BY JULIA BAUM

Amazon recently acquired a large swath of undeveloped land in eastern Pleasanton for about \$75 million and plans to open a distribution warehouse in the future, adding to the e-commerce retail giant’s growing footprint in the Tri-Valley.

Located near the corner of Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue, the 58.5-acre parcel zoned industrial is bordered by the Pleasanton Garbage Service, Cope Lake and several quarries to the north, with Shadow Cliff Lake directly south across Stanley.

Mayor Karla Brown told the Weekly in an interview on Sept. 23 that the site is “designed and well-suited for

an e-warehouse use.”

“In addition, it helps to separate residential from the dangerous and dirty industrial uses of gravel mining, so I support the Amazon warehouse use in that site,” Brown said.

Amazon representatives did not respond to a request for comment as of press time Wednesday.

The site is completely within city limits as well as the urban growth boundary line, unlike the adjacent parcels to the east, and will not affect the East Pleasanton Specific Plan in any way, according to Brown.

Besides being next to the garbage transfer station, Brown said the site isn’t suitable for building housing because it’s “right next to the rock

quarry so it’s dirty, noisy.”

“It’s just a very small portion of the property and some of the least desirable parts,” Brown said. “It backs up to Stanley Boulevard and the railroad tracks; this is not prime property.”

The warehouse is likely to be a jobs center and source of tax revenue for the city, though Brown said she doesn’t “know the numbers” yet.

“I’m pleased Amazon’s coming forward,” Brown added. “I appreciate the new jobs, the potential revenue from having jobs and businesses in Pleasanton. I think that’s exciting.”

The warehouse isn’t anticipated to significantly increase traffic; Brown said “it’s not really creating a lot more traffic” and that trucks and vans will

have several routes available routinely used by other delivery vehicles.

“The large trucks will come down Stanley, turn on Busch, or take Highway 84, hit Stanley, go down Valley to Busch Road,” Brown said. “They’re not cutting through neighborhoods, and the minivans are driving in Pleasanton already making product deliveries.”

Two years ago Amazon moved into the former Circuit City warehouse in Livermore off I-580 near Vasco Road, which serves as the company’s California Delivery Station. Amazon also has other warehouses and distribution centers in other East Bay cities including Hayward, Dublin and Milpitas. ■



PAUL FERRADAS

East Bay Community Energy and local officials marked the commercial commencement of the new Scott Haggerty Wind Energy Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 24.

Officials unveil new wind farm

Altamont Pass facility aims to bring clean energy to residents, businesses

BY CIERRA BAILEY

The Altamont Pass in Livermore is officially home to the new Scott Haggerty Wind Energy Center, a re-powered source of clean energy for residents and businesses spanning across 14 cities and Alameda County.

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) — a nonprofit public agency that governs this Community Choice Energy service — marked the commercial commencement of the center with a ribbon-cutting event last Friday.

“With the consequences of climate change more evident than ever, our new Scott Haggerty Wind Energy Center is an emblem of a new era of inclusive clean energy,” EBCE CEO Nick Chaset

told the Weekly in a statement.

Corina Lopez, board vice chair at EBCE and San Leandro City Council member, highlighted the collaborative effort that the Sept. 24 ceremony represented. “The ribbon-cutting at Altamont today underscores what we can accomplish when community organizations have a voice in the development process of our clean energy choices,” she said.

“We look forward to meeting our goal of providing all our customers with 100% clean energy by 2030, well ahead of California’s official 2045 target date,” she added.

The wind farm’s name honors former Alameda County supervisor Scott Haggerty, who for

20-plus years represented District 1 which includes the Tri-Valley. Haggerty is also a longtime advocate for renewable energy who was instrumental in the development of EBCE. Although Haggerty has moved to Tennessee since retiring, he returned to the area to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Haggerty told the Weekly that it was “humbling” to have the facility named after him.

“I’m extremely gratified by the board who voted to name it after me, but I think more importantly that this really is a major step in securing my vision that I had when I started East Bay Com-

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No charges in death of NFL’s Knapp

Danville driver avoids criminal culpability for crash that killed cyclist

BY JEREMY WALSH

Contra Costa County prosecutors last week declined to pursue criminal charges against the driver of the vehicle that struck cyclist Greg Knapp, a prominent NFL assistant coach who died at a local hospital five days after the collision in San Ramon in July.

San Ramon police, who first confirmed the no-filing decision by the county District Attorney’s Office to the Weekly on Sept. 23, concluded the primary cause of the deadly collision on Dougherty Road that summer afternoon was inattention by the unnamed driver who was glancing at his cellphone that was in a hands-free position.

But prosecutors determined the actions of the driver did not rise to the level of criminal culpability under the law.

“The San Ramon Police Department’s investigation has concluded and it was submitted for review. We received official word from the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office that they will not be filing criminal charges on the driver involved in the collision,” San Ramon police Lt. Tami Williams said on Thursday afternoon.

The DA’s office followed up with a

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Pleasanton council passes active ground-floor use policy

Street-level units on Main St. must now be 100% 'active' businesses

By JULIA BAUM

Businesses occupying ground-floor units on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton will now be required to have fully "active" uses after the Pleasanton City Council voted 3-2 to modify the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) last week.

"We have a downtown that's very special; I hear people say they moved to Pleasanton for this downtown, they love it, it's the heart of our city," Mayor Karla Brown said before voting at the Sept. 21 council meeting. "It's a thriving downtown and they want it to continue to do so, and to do that means active business uses, it means restaurants and retail."

"Let's give it a first try, if it doesn't work, you have great flexibility to rent to a salon or a barbershop or an accountant or a real estate office," Brown added. "But in the first six months — ground floor. We want it to be worth getting in your car and coming down and shopping or eating and having a dine-in experience."

Vice Mayor Julie Testa and Councilmember Valerie Arkin voted for the updated policy along with Brown, while councilmembers Kathy Narum and Jack Balch voted No.

Like the original "active ground floor use overlay" policy, the new version aims to promote "active pedestrian environment on the ground floor of a commercial building" on Main Street, such as restaurants, bars and retail stores.

Previous DSP regulations re-

quired an "active use" commercial operation for the front 25% of the depth of multi-use tenant space, with some exceptions for vacancies lasting more than six months and purpose-built bank buildings. Instead, the council decided last week that "the entirety of a tenant space subject to the active ground floor use occupancy be occupied with an active use."

With some businesses struggling to find workers during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and others relying on government assistance to stay afloat, Balch said the city "should be cutting the red tape, putting carrots out and frankly, as my son says, we should be dipping them in high fructose corn syrup."

"If you want to be a continued destination for people, you must be open to trying new things and enhancing the experience you provide, just like we've started to do with Weekends on Main and the popups," Balch said.

Labor shortages along with statewide commercial and residential eviction moratoriums sunset in the near future were among the other reasons Balch cited as he urged his colleagues to reconsider.

"I have seen our active users in the downtown shut down because they do not have sufficient labor," Balch said. "Vacancy is currently synthetically propped up by state mandates. We do not know who is paying rent and who is not."

Balch continued, "I can tell you, since I am a landowner and

landlord, that people are not paying their rent. The city has not invested in its DSP; it's not the city's fault, it's just the reality of the fact that it only went into place seven months before COVID hit."

"I understand we want vitality, but what we're doing about arguing over 25 versus 100% active ground-floor use is like arguing about what color the propellers are on the Titanic," Balch added.

Brown objected to Balch's comments and accused him of "spreading fear where it doesn't exist."

"We're just talking about a very small area of Pleasanton, we are not talking about the entire Downtown Specific Plan, and sweeping comments that make it sound like the sky is falling, I actually take offense to because I think you're fear-mongering," Brown said.

The city "invests heavily in downtown, the entire downtown," Brown said, adding that she believes businesses benefit "because we allow the city's roads to be used as popup parklets," in addition to increasing the amount of business loans and zero-interest unsecured loans in the downtown area, "specifically with a bump up because it cost more to be downtown," as well as investing more than \$50,000 for street closures each weekend.

Brown concluded, "We invested in the city each weekend for street closures throughout months and months and months. Why? Because we support our downtown businesses." ■

Dublin principal returns to duty after admin leave

District investigates confrontation with parent, student

By JULIA BAUM

A Dublin middle school principal who was placed on administrative leave last week was back at work this week, Dublin Unified School District officials confirmed.

Following a district investigation that lasted several days, DUSD assistant superintendent of human resources Heather Duncan said last Friday that Wells Middle School principal Mark Neal "will be back on work on Monday, Sept. 27."

Neal was placed on paid administrative leave on Sept. 20 after a volatile confrontation with a mother and her teenage boy during a meeting at the campus earlier that same day about another incident at

the school involving the boy.

While a video recorded by the boy does not show that the heated argument physically escalated, the incident caused a stir online, where the recording was posted by the boy's mother. The boy's mother told Bay Area News Group last week that Neal slapped the phone from his hand, then pushed a table, and said she "was afraid he was going to hurt my son."

In a letter sent to Wells staff on Sept. 24, Duncan said, "In relation to an incident on the Wells Middle School campus on Monday, September 20, 2021, the district has completed its investigation."

Duncan continued, "We're happy to announce that Mr. Neal

will be back on work on Monday, Sept. 27. Thank you for respecting the process and the outcome in order to support Mark and the school in an effort to move forward."

The district conducted the investigation after placing Neal on leave, which "it seems like it ended today given our director of HR is sharing that information, but that's a guess on my behalf," spokesman Chip Dehnert told the Weekly on Sept. 24.

"I'm glad to say that the process took place; our superintendent wanted a thorough and fair consideration of the situation and it appears that happened," Dehnert said. ■

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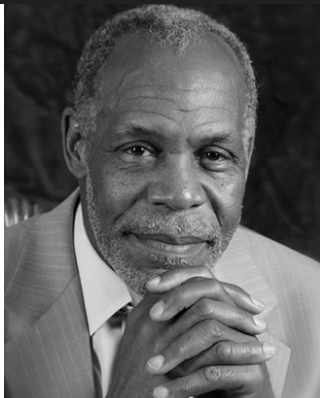
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Preliminary deal approved for better mental health care at Santa Rita Jail

‘Will bring much needed improvements and resources to our criminal justice system’

U.S. Magistrate Judge Nathanael Cousins has preliminarily approved a settlement in a federal class action lawsuit against Alameda County over mental health care at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and at any other Alameda County jail.

Cousins provided an initial endorsement to the deal at an 11 a.m. virtual hearing on Sept. 22 before attorneys for both sides.

“I am inclined to approve the settlement,” Cousins told the attorneys and others present at the hearing.

The judge also agreed to extend the date for the final approval to Jan. 19. The hearing for the final approval was previously set for Dec. 15. The extended time will give attorneys more time to educate the jail’s incarcerated people on the agreement and more time for people to raise objections to the settlement if they choose to.

The settlement will require sweeping changes at the jail, not only for people with psychiatric disabilities but for incarcerated people in general. Changes will be made over the next two years and the agreement

will be in effect for six years, depending on the progress made.

Besides mental health care, changes will be made to out-of-cell time, ADA accommodations at the jail for people with mental health disabilities, use of force, discharge planning and among other things suicide prevention.

Recent suicides at the jail prompted the lawsuit. Nineteen people died by suicide since 2014 and 31 more died at the jail from other causes. Fifty deaths are a lot for a jail with a population the size of Santa Rita, attorneys for the incarcerated people at Santa Rita said.

Attorney Jeff Bornstein, one of the attorneys representing the jail’s incarcerated people, said significant changes need to be made and they are underway.

Already, a lot fewer people are in restrictive housing, he said.

But, he said, “We have a long way to go.”

“We’re cautiously optimistic,” he said.

The goal is to make things right at

the jail rather than simply meeting the minimum requirements for the treatment of the incarcerated people there, Bornstein said.

He said it would be great if people with mental illness didn’t have to go to jail at all.

A big issue addressed in the agreement is how incarcerated people are treated when they are released. In the past, incarcerated people have been turned out onto the streets.

Under the settlement, incarcerated people with serious mental health issues will get a “warm handoff” to community-based providers who can help secure needed resources for the formerly incarcerated people when they are released.

Besides the provision of adequate mental health care, the agreement calls for adequate out-of-cell time each day, including increasing out-of-cell time in the first three months of the agreement.

The agreement also calls for measures to prevent suicide and self-harm among incarcerated people, including limiting the use of safety



HARIKA MADDALA/BCN

Alameda County’s Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, as seen last week.

cells, a small room with nothing but a grate in the floor. The county will be building suicide-resistant cells as part of the agreement and limiting the use of and hopefully phasing out safety cells, Bornstein said.

In all, seven major changes are in store for incarcerated people at the jail. Progress at the jail will be monitored by joint neutral experts and attorneys.

“Our agency is in full support and

agreement,” Alameda County Sheriff’s Office spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly said. “This has been an extensive process that will make our jail safer for staff and those in custody while addressing the specific needs of our population.

“The agreement will bring much needed improvements and resources to our criminal justice system in Alameda County,” he said. ■

—Keith Burbank, BCN

KNAPP

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written public statement late the next morning, on Sept. 24, as news of its decision began to grab headlines nationally with news and sports media tracking the case that involved a well-respected football coach with deep personal and professional ties to the Bay Area.



Greg Knapp

“Bicycle fatalities are devastating events. Following thorough review of the investigation, the Office of the District Attorney has determined that there is insufficient evidence to satisfy the requisite standard of criminal negligence on the part of the suspect driver. The dangers of distracted driving are well known; to truly promote road safety, motorists need to be attentive drivers as well,” the DA’s office said.

DA’s office representatives this week declined to answer follow-up questions about the reasoning for the no-charges decision.

Knapp, a 58-year-old married father of three daughters and longtime NFL offensive coach set to begin his first season as passing game specialist for the New York Jets, was riding his bicycle on Dougherty Road in eastern San Ramon just north of North Monarch Road around 2:50 p.m. July 17 when his bicycle was struck by a vehicle traveling in the same northbound direction.

Knapp, who never regained consciousness after the impact of the

collision, died at a Walnut Creek hospital on the morning of July 22.

The story of Knapp’s death became an emotional rallying point for cycling groups and bicycle safety advocates in the Bay Area and across the country — as has last week’s news of the DA’s office decision not to file criminal charges against the driver who drifted into an occupied bike lane.

The final police report, which was completed in early September, confirmed the initial indication at the scene that Knapp was fully within the designated bike lane when the vehicle struck him, according to Williams.

Knapp, who was wearing a helmet, was riding northbound on a stretch of Dougherty Road with three driving lanes and a marked bicycle lane in his direction, not far after the traffic signal intersection at North Monarch Road.

The reason that the vehicle, which was traveling in the right-most driving lane, drifted into the bike lane was ultimately attributed to driver inattention, according to Williams. The lieutenant later confirmed the reason for the distraction was the driver glancing at his cellphone, which wasn’t in his hands as prohibited by law but rather sitting in a hands-free position.

The investigation and toxicology testing ruled out drug or alcohol impairment, and police previously indicated they would examine cellphone records for evidence of potential distraction. Police had reported that the driver remained at the scene and cooperated with investigators.

The San Ramon police investigation was finalized shortly after receipt of the toxicology report, and the case was then forwarded to the DA’s office for review and determination of whether to pursue criminal charges on Sept. 2.

Williams said police were informed of the no-filing decision via letter dated Sept. 20.

The DA’s office declined to comment this Tuesday when asked for further clarification about why the

traffic violation of an unsafe lane change was not enough of a legal violation to support a manslaughter charge, as well as whether the cellphone use being hands-free played a role in their decision.

The name of the driver, a 22-year-old man from Danville, has not been revealed publicly to date.

“The driver’s identity will not be released as a matter of privacy as he is not being criminally charged,” Williams said, citing California Vehicle

Code sections 16004 and 20012 for the department’s policy to keep the name confidential at this point.

San Ramon police did not issue a traffic citation to the driver because the case was referred to county prosecutors for consideration.

Knapp, whose family maintained an offseason home in neighboring Danville, worked for seven teams during his 26-year career as an NFL assistant coach, including time with the 49ers and Raiders. ■

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Governor signs bill aimed to better streamline Valley Link project delivery

SB 548 also lets Valley Link connect with ACE at 'most optimal location'

By JULIA BAUM

Certain regulation provisions laid out by California cities and counties on building, zoning and other matters will no longer apply to the Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a new law designating the authority as a rail transit district last week.

In addition to clarifying that the authority can operate the Valley Link project, Senate Bill 548 also resolves that the project may be planned to connect with the Altamont Corridor Express rail system "at its most optimal location,"

officials said in a statement. The bill was unanimously approved by both the State Senate and Assembly before being signed into law on Sept. 22.

Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez, who also serves as vice chair of the Regional Rail Authority's Board of Directors, called SB 548 "truly a significant step toward streamlining project delivery."

"Valley Link will not only connect people to work but also create jobs — an estimated 22,000 during construction, and when operational, support 400 jobs per year," Hernandez said. "It is vital to our

economy given the recovery needs we are now facing."

The bill was also co-authored by State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) and Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda), both whom Tracy Mayor and Board Chair Veronica Vargas publicly thanked last week for their efforts, along with several other elected officials including lead author State Senator Susan Eggman (D-Stockton).

"The legislation will enable fast and efficient project delivery for an urgently needed project that will fundamentally change the lives

of more than 98,000 Bay Area workers who now commute daily through the Altamont Pass," Vargas said on Sept. 22.

According to Vargas, so-called "super commuters" can spend upward of three hours commuting each day "as they travel from affordable housing in San Joaquin County to prevailing wage jobs throughout the Bay Area."

In turn, Vargas said this hurts the environment, economy, and "this hurts our communities and our families."

The Valley Link commuter light rail project is expected to close a

"critical gap" by connecting those commuters in the San Joaquin Valley to BART in the Bay Area, along with nearly 500 miles of commuter and intercity rail, and "equitably serve" households and communities experiencing some of California's highest poverty rates by connecting them to high paying jobs in the Bay Area.

An estimated 33,000 daily passengers are expected to be served by Valley Link's 74 daily round trips in 2040, eliminating 141 million vehicle miles traveled per year and up to 42,650 metric tons of GHG emissions. ■

Pleasanton records county's first West Nile virus case of 2021

Dead crow found north of Orloff Park tests positive

By JULIA BAUM

Alameda County's first case of West Nile virus of the year was confirmed on Monday, when officials announced that a dead bird found in Pleasanton near Orloff Park tested positive for the virus.

Transmitted to animals and people through an infected mosquito's bite, West Nile virus has no cure and is commonly considered to be most active during summer. But according to Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District General Manager Ryan Clausnitzer, "this is usually the time of year when we see an increase in West Nile virus in our county."

"With light showers in the mornings followed by warm weather in the afternoons, mosquitoes still have plenty of opportunities to breed and flourish," Clausnitzer

said in a statement.

The dead crow is the county's first indication of active West Nile virus transmission in 2021, and "was found in the area north of Orloff Park, but of course birds can fly long distances between their day of infection and day of death," district spokesperson Judith Pierce Davison told the Weekly.

As of Sept. 27, California has confirmed 192 dead birds, 2,126 mosquito samples and 57 humans test positive for West Nile virus, according to the district.

"While we are not detecting high numbers of mosquitoes in the area where the bird was found, there is an increased risk of West Nile virus with every mosquito bite," Clausnitzer said.

Mosquito monitoring and larval

control efforts have increased around the area where the bird was discovered, and the district has "set up multiple mosquito traps in direct vicinity and a few miles further to see if there are any WNV positive mosquitoes," though Davison said none have been detected so far this year.

The district is making efforts to locate areas of standing water where mosquitoes may breed such as swimming pools, catch basins, and storm drain systems, but officials said "anything that can hold water for more than four days such as buckets, tires and fountains can breed mosquitoes."

Residents are asked to help minimize the spread of West Nile virus by removing standing water from their property, and to protect themselves from mosquito bites by wear-

ing insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus, and long and loose clothing. Limiting outdoor activities at dawn and dusk, when mosquito activity peaks, is also advised.

Dead birds "play an important role" in monitoring West Nile virus in the county — with crows and ravens being "especially good to test" for the disease, according to Davison — and public reporting them is "vital" to the district's surveillance program. To that end, residents are asked to report dead birds or squirrels found anywhere in the county by calling 877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473).

Approximately one in five people who are infected with West Nile virus will develop symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, vomit-

ing, joint pains, or a rash. Less than one percent will develop serious neurological illness such as meningitis or encephalitis.

Adults 50 and older and people with compromised immune systems are at increased risk of serious complications. Anyone who develops symptoms is advised to seek medical care immediately.

Horses are "very susceptible" to West Nile virus and vaccines are available. Horse owners should contact their veterinarians regarding vaccine schedules.

For more information about mosquitoes, West Nile virus, or to request any services from the district including mosquitofish for fish ponds, horse troughs, or neglected swimming pools, visit www.mosquitoes.org or call 510-783-7744. ■

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community Energy," Haggerty said. "I want Alameda County to be truly sustainable, meaning that they are

reliant on no other county and no other energy company other than the windmills and solar farms within our county."

The new facility represents a \$20 million investment into Alameda

County through tax revenue to support public services and will also sustain numerous clean energy jobs across operations and maintenance, following an initial output of more than 115,000 hours of union labor,

officials said in a statement.

The project replaces 569 one-hundred-kilowatt turbines with 23 state-of-the-art environmentally and wildlife-friendly turbines and is expected to produce lower-cost

electricity for thousands of residents and businesses, according to officials.

The clean electricity created from the new turbines will serve as a main supply source for EBCE's Renewable 100 program, a power mix of wind and solar energy servicing about 100,000 customers.

"In just a few years, we've made great strides in bringing more affordable renewable energy and reinvesting our earnings back into the community to drive local green jobs, valuable programs and more clean power projects," Chaset said.

Other local officials who participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony included Livermore City Council member Brittini Kiick, State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) and Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez, who said that the project will help the city of Dublin be the first Tri-Valley city to serve and provide 100% renewable energy to its residents. ■

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San Ramon students serve as major players in cancer activism

Lights of Hope just one of many awareness projects for DVHS volunteers

By JEANITA LYMAN

While the coronavirus pandemic and its implications have dominated headlines and public health policy discussions recently, a number of local high school volunteers have maintained their focus on garnering awareness for what has been a leading cause of death since long before COVID-19.

Led by local youth volunteers, San Ramon community members gathered at Six Pillars Park on Sept. 18 for a downsized, local Lights of Hope event, aimed at putting faces and names to the ongoing impacts of cancer.

“Throughout the pandemic, cancer hasn’t stopped and neither have we. We’re still here advocating for cancer patients and survivors, for cancer research funds and access to health care” said Isha Sarkar, a Dougherty Valley High School senior and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) student ambassador.

Localizing and downsizing the event was an answer to challenges posed by the pandemic.

Lights of Hope has long been ACS CAN’s signature event, which typically draws a significantly larger crowd from around the country to the national monument in Washington D.C. Given cancer patients’ increased vulnerability to COVID, the organization has instead opted for a series of smaller, community-centered and virtual events in the wake of the pandemic.

The shift to community events placed the task of organizing squarely on the shoulders of local volunteers. Locally, this gave highly engaged ACS CAN volunteers at Dougherty Valley the chance to put their aptitude for community engagement, outreach and organization to use, and to enjoy the benefits of their hard work.

“People cried because of the caregiver stories, then they would stop crying, then the music started, and people just started crying even more,” Sarkar said. “Seeing people spread their stories like that really touched my heart and gave a space to what I’m doing.”

Sarkar has been volunteering with ACS CAN through Dougherty Valley High since her freshman year. She cites numerous personal reasons, including inspiration from her great-grandmother who had cancer, as well as her own battle with epilepsy, as among her motivations. However, according to Sarkar and her fellow volunteer and classmate, Arya Ghosalkar, it was the well-established community of cancer activists at their school that has kept them inspired, and made them want to be as involved as possible.

“For students at DVH, it’s always kind of been homecoming, relay and prom,” Sarkar said.

Going to the school’s Relay for Life event, which generally draws roughly 400 people annually, is what Ghosalkar cites as key for her own involvement with ACS CAN at Dougherty Valley. She and Sarkar have moved up the ranks since their freshman years, currently serving as student ambassadors for the network.

“Being able to have that empathy for other people and know that it affects so many people, not just in the U.S. but across the world, is something that resonated so much and that I wanted to continue,” Ghosalkar said.

In addition to providing a communal space in which to give faces and names to people affected by cancer, Sarkar and Ghosalkar, as well as other student volunteers, aim to draw the attention of policymakers. Speakers at the Lights of Hope event reflected that goal, bringing the conversation back to matters ranging from flavored tobacco bans to battling health inequities.

According to ACS CAN regional grassroots manager Mary Kemp, Dougherty Valley students are well-represented in the network, not just due to a culture in which Relay for Life is seen at the same level as homecoming and prom, but also because of their relative independence, compared to other schools she works with.

“They don’t have that typical one-on-one support that larger ACS events around the nation might



COURTESY OF MARY KEMP

Decorated bags dedicated to lives impacted by cancer at Six Pillars Park in San Ramon on Sept. 18.

have,” Kemp said. “I think that demonstrates the ingenuity and creativity that students can and do have when we let them take things on themselves.”

Although Kemp works with students throughout the region and is accustomed to being touched by their hard work at emotionally charged events, she noted that the Lights of Hope event at Six Pillars even brought her to tears. While her role is to provide support to students, she also said watching students take initiative is a major source of inspiration.

“Sometimes I think adults, we overthink things, and spend so much time planning that we don’t accomplish or get to the end point of what we wanted to do,” Kemp said. “These students really decide ‘I’m going to do this’ and do it. Their sense of accountability and commitment is amazing. I think there’s a lot of lessons adults could learn from them.”

The next public event hosted by ACS CAN volunteers at Dougherty Valley is set to be a “Pinkout” game, aimed at breast cancer awareness, on Oct. 15.

“We’d love anyone in the community to come support our football team, but also the ACS community,” Ghosalkar said. ■



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Community members gathered for the Lights of Hope event in San Ramon on Sept. 18.

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Red Cross urges public to give blood due to shortage

10,000 additional donations needed each week to help patients

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood and platelet shortage and is urging the public to donate in order to meet the needs of patients this fall.

Red Cross officials said they must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week throughout October in order for their blood supply to recover and

help patients in need. A sharp drop in blood donor turnout has resulted in the lowest post-summer blood inventory level in six years.

"Fall is typically a time when the blood supply rebounds as donors are more available to give than during the busy summer months, but this year has presented a unique and serious challenge," said Dr.

Pampee Young, chief medical officer for the Red Cross.

People of all blood types, especially type O, are asked to make an appointment immediately to make a blood donation.

Donor turnout has declined drastically this year due to the recent surge of COVID-19 cases across the country, people returning to work, and in-person learn-

ing, American Red Cross said.

"While it's clear the pandemic continues to weigh heavily on our minds, the Red Cross asks the public to remember donating blood and platelets is essential to the many patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions every day," Young said.

The organization said in August that participation from blood do-

nors was down 10%, but blood product distributions continue to remain strong.

People donating in October will receive a link by email to claim a free Zaxby's Signature sandwich reward or can receive a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.

Appointments can be made at www.redcrossblood.org. ■

—Victoria Franco, BCN Foundation

Residents encouraged to apply for rent, utility relief

\$7 billion available statewide as eviction moratorium ends

State officials urged residents across the state Monday to seek COVID-19 rent relief funding as the state's eviction moratorium ended this week.

The moratorium, which ended Thursday, prevented property owners and landlords from evicting tenants who have lost income due to the pandemic and subsequently missed rent payments, provided that tenants pay a quarter of their rent each month.

With the deadline in mind, state Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramirez urged renters to take advantage of the more than \$7 billion the state has made available for

rent and utility payment assistance.

"Applying for rental assistance is the best way to protect yourself against being evicted," Castro Ramirez said during a briefing at Shelter Inc. in Concord, an organization seeking to prevent homelessness.

In addition to the state's moratorium ending, some local eviction moratoria were also set to end Thursday, including Contra Costa County's.

According to Castro Ramirez, roughly 4,800 Contra Costa County residents have sought rent relief funding totaling roughly \$55 million.

Statewide, \$1.69 billion in funding has been dispersed in support of households who are behind on their rent or utility payments, according to

state officials.

State legislators have previously extended the moratorium multiple times, but were unable to do so past Sept. 30 before the state's legislative session ended on Sept. 10.

Part of the reasoning behind that decision was the payment assistance that state and local jurisdictions are dispersing.

In July, state legislators approved the use of \$5.2 billion in federal pandemic relief funds for rent relief payments and an additional \$2 billion for households behind on their utility payments.

Regardless, some state officials and tenants' rights advocates have warned that the state will inevitably cross over an "eviction cliff" due to the sheer number of residents across the state who faced difficulty paying

their bills during the pandemic.

Assemblyman David Chiu (D-San Francisco) called on local governments earlier this month to do everything in their power to prevent renters from losing their homes and facing the eviction lawsuit process on their own.

Chiu, who helped author the previous extensions of the eviction moratorium, said he had initially hoped that the state would extend it well into 2022.

"Things are not going to end on Sept. 30 — in fact, things could get much worse," Chiu said in a virtual discussion with tenants' rights activists on Sept. 17. "So we really need to do everything we can to make sure that California does not see an eviction tsunami that we've all been worried about."

Chiu added that while eviction proceedings will be allowed to begin starting Friday, tenants who apply for relief funding by March 31, 2022, could have their proceedings paused to allow for the funds to disperse.

Both landlords and renters can apply directly to the state's rent relief program, which considers applicants regardless of their immigration status. Relief funds are then paid directly to the person or organization to whom the outstanding payment is owed.

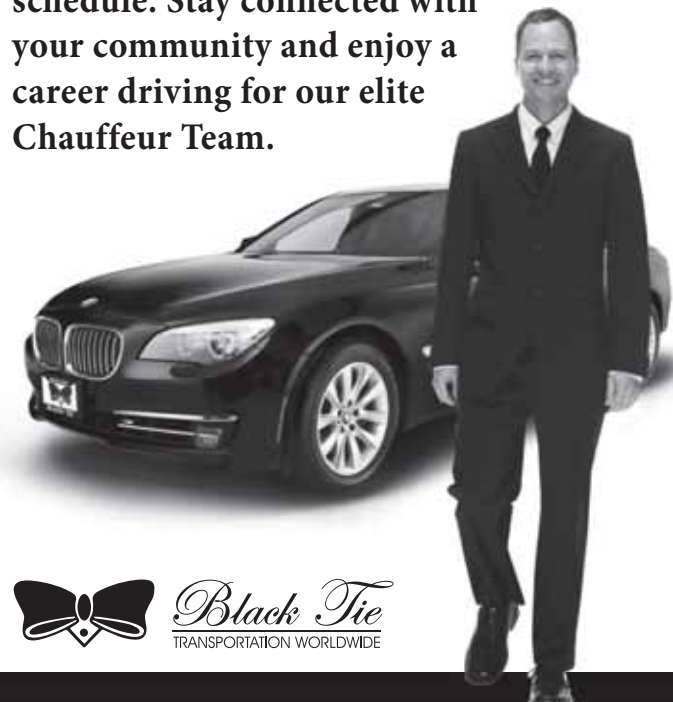
Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the entirety of the funds have been allocated, according to the state.

The rent and utility relief application can be found at housing.ca.gov. ■

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State announces plans to roll out COVID vaccine boosters

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State officials unveiled their plan last week to roll out COVID-19 vaccine booster doses to eligible residents once they are fully approved by the federal government.

The state intends to ensure that enough doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and vaccine administrators will be available to meet demand once boosters are fully approved for people over age 65 and those at high risk to contract the virus and develop serious illness.

The state's MyTurn vaccination scheduling tool will soon add a booster vaccine eligibility screen and send alerts to state residents if they are eligible, according to Gov. Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Public Health.

"Along with boosting protection to those that need it and proactively reaching out to newly eligible individuals, the state will continue to focus much of our vaccination efforts on reaching the unvaccinated and encouraging them to get vaccinated to keep themselves and their community safe," state

Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly said in a statement.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued its approval Sept. 22 of an extra dose of the two-dose Pfizer vaccine for those 65 and older as well as people aged 12-64 who are at higher risk of serious illness because of some medical conditions or the nature of their job.

An advisory panel to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control also gave its approval on Sept. 23 of an additional Pfizer dose for the same demographics with the exception of those at risk because of their jobs.

Once fully approved by the CDC in addition to the FDA, people eligible for booster doses will be advised to get them at least six months after getting their second dose of the vaccine.

State and federal officials have argued booster doses will be necessary for at least some people given the propensity for the high level of immunity offered by the two-dose

Moderna and Pfizer vaccines to reduce over time while still preventing serious illness and death.

"CDPH is working with local partners and health care providers to ensure California is ready to immediately begin administering booster doses to eligible Californians once these recommendations have been made," state Public Health Officer and CDPH Director Dr. Tomas Aragon said.

State officials also announced Sept. 23 that they're laying the groundwork to begin administering COVID-19 vaccines to children younger than 12, which are expected to be approved by federal regulators in the coming weeks.

Ghaly noted that state public health officials are also discussing a potential statewide COVID-19 vaccine requirement for students age 12 and older.

The state already requires students to get vaccinated against various illnesses, including measles, polio, chickenpox, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

As California's drought deepens, water use drops only 1.8%

'We're planning for the worst, but we are hoping for something better'

By RACHEL BECKER / CALMATTERS

Californians reduced their water use at home by a meager 1.8% statewide in July compared to last year, even after Gov. Gavin Newsom urged residents to conserve 15% and drought continues to spread across the state.

Officials last week warned water providers south of the Delta who rely on state water allocations — already slashed to 5% this year — to brace for the possibility of zero supply next year.

The Department of Water Resources also cautioned that next year's cuts in supply could expand to growers and others known as settlement contractors, whose claims to the water predate California's massive systems of reservoirs, aqueducts and canals.

"Californians always have hope, and that's healthy. But we need to be prudent," Karla Nemeth, director of the state Department of Water Resources, said in an interview. "We're doing more conservative planning than we've ever done."

Drought conditions deemed extreme or worse now cover nearly 90% of the state. Hundreds of domestic wells are running dry, and levels in major reservoirs have dropped drastically below historic averages — which bodes ill for supplies next year.

"The challenge is there is no water," Nemeth said.

"We're planning for the worst, but we are hoping for something better," Nemeth added at the Sept. 21 meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board.

Who's conserving and who's not?

In early July, Newsom urged Californians to voluntarily cut domestic water use by 15%, but in the absence of a statewide mandate, a patchwork of restrictions has emerged. The result: Californians used about 191.5 billion gallons of water in their homes, businesses and other industrial or institutional spaces in July, only 1.8% less than a year earlier.

"I'm not here to say 1.8 is a good number," said Joaquin Esquivel, chair of the State Water Resources Control Board, at a Monday press briefing. "We're going to have to continue to dig in deeper and look forward to seeing what the numbers show then in August."

When asked when to expect statewide conservation orders, Esquivel said that for now, the board is reflecting on the data. "We need to continue to see that response and decision-making, and the state's here to make sure that if we need to go mandatory, that's where we're going."



A heron wades in the shallow waters of the Lexington Reservoir in Los Gatos on July 7.

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The biggest drops in household water use were along North Coast, with a nearly 17% reduction in July 2021 compared with July 2020. The Sonoma County city of Healdsburg led the state by cutting its water use by more than half, and Cloverdale, which reduced its use by 37%. Both cities enacted mandatory water use restrictions.

Water use in the South Coast region, which includes Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and Ventura counties, was roughly even with last summer, down 0.1%. However, about 40% of water suppliers in the area actually used more water.

"There's always more we can do. But...Southern California has done a lot" to conserve in recent years, said Demetri Polyzos, the Metropolitan Water District's team manager of resource planning.

The biggest increases in water use came in El Segundo, up 31%; the Mission Viejo-Laguna Niguel area, up 15%; and the cities of Downey and Poway and Ventura County's Casitas district, up 14%. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the city of San Diego used about 1% more.

San Francisco Bay Area residents cut their water use by 8.4%. Northern and southern San Joaquin Valley residents reduced use by 0.8% and 1.6%, respectively.

The statewide calculation doesn't include two suppliers—the city of Exeter in Tulare County and the Desert Water Agency in the Coachella Valley — that had unexpectedly high water use. "Their percent increase was higher than reasonable and my attempts to confirm both 2020 and 2021 numbers received no reply," said water board data specialist Marielle Pinheiro.

A squeeze south of the Delta

Officials warned that major cuts could come for irrigation districts, cities and other water users south of the Delta relying on supplies from the State Water Project, which provides water to 27 million Californians and 750,000

acres of farmland.

At this point, Nemeth said there's "a slim likelihood" of supplies for these water systems, which includes the giant Metropolitan Water District, which provides imported water to 19 million people in Southern California. Worst-case scenario, she said, "we've asked them to plan for no allocation from the State Water Project."

Those suppliers, including in the Bay Area, Southern California, the Central Coast and the San Joaquin Valley, have seen steep cuts before, during the last drought in 2014. But this time is worse: Even a wet year is unlikely to bring relief.

"We're starting with record low (reservoir) storage," Nemeth said. "We would have to have north of 140% of (average) precipitation to generate average runoff into the reservoirs that would begin filling that hole." ■

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'Conversation Pieces'

Tri-Valley Writers student members contribute to new banner exhibit

By **CIERRA BAILEY**

A new invitational youth exhibit titled "Conversation Pieces" is headed to Bankhead Plaza in downtown Livermore later this month.

The exhibit, conceived by Livermore artist Thomasin Dewhurst, brought together young artists from throughout the Tri-Valley to collaborate on a series of hand-painted banners in "diversely individual and personal ways," according to organizers.

"I wanted to do something that would beautify the community and get people to work together, so you get this community spirit and you feel that you're actually making contact with other people," Dewhurst told the Weekly of her vision behind the project.

"Also, as an outdoor exhibit — mainly I wanted that because of COVID — but then also being outdoors it's welcoming to everybody whereas an indoor exhibition kind of feels exclusive," she said, adding that the exhibit is meant to reach the community and bring people together.

Dewhurst works with youth as an art instructor, and she said she recognized that her students had a lot to say and skills to share. So, she decided to invite other local youth to get involved in the project and give back to their community and represent the organizations they're a part of.

Some of the participating groups include the Pedrozzi Foundation scholarship recipients, Quest Science Center, JazzLab/Element 116, Del Arroyo 4-H Club and Dewhurst's own art students.

The banners will be on pub-

lic display beginning Oct. 17 and exhibited through the end of the month. The opening event is set for 3-5 p.m. and will be open to the public. Dewhurst said that the participating organizations will have tables set up at the event with flyers and members providing information about their respective groups.

The Tri-Valley Writers (TVW) — a regional branch of the California Writers Club (CWC) — was among the local organizations selected to be involved in the project.

The group sought participation from its student members and its 2021 high school writing contest winners to contribute to the group's banner, which honors notable writers associated with CWC and TVW, including Jack London, Andy Weir, Ann Parker and Kanchan Naik, the 2019-2020 teen poet laureate for the city of Pleasanton, according to TVW president Jordan Bernal.

Bernal said that the project was a unique opportunity for their young members to connect and collaborate with each other in person and meet other writers and artists from other schools and organizations, which they hadn't previously been able to do due to pandemic restrictions.

Over the course of about two weeks, the students used their own prose, poetry and artistic skills to create life-like images of each author.

"I really enjoyed working on the banner project and felt like it gave a voice to the youth of our community to express our opinions through an artistic project," said Rohan Chandran, a senior at Monte Vista High School and two-time TVW essay competition winner.

"My words on the banner related to my essay on 'Keeping Down the Negativity,' about how our society has developed a propensity to value negative experiences more than positive ones and how there is a need for all of us to go on a 'low-bad' diet by limiting our 'consumption' of negative news," he added.

Mikayla Marinko, a junior at Livermore High School, told the Weekly that she has been recognized by TVW in the past for her poetry. She said she was glad that the group reached out to her and proud to have helped create the banner for "Conversation Pieces" because it turned out "amazing."

She contributed two of her original poems to the banner, including one titled "Depression," which aims to spread awareness about mental health and another called "Not All Men" that focuses on sexual assault awareness.

"I'm really looking forward to people being able to see (the banner) because it's so cool and it definitely is a conversation piece," Marinko said. "Because if you look at the images, it's one thing; but then when you start reading the words it really adds to the whole experience."

Upon leaving Bankhead Plaza at the end of the month, Dewhurst said the exhibit is set to move to Marilyn Avenue Elementary School in December, then Wente Vineyards in February for an event and possibly the Livermore Public Library after that. Dewhurst said one of her goals is to eventually display the exhibit in neighboring cities, including Pleasanton and Dublin. ■



COURTESY OF TVW

Tri-Valley Writers student members contributed poetry and prose to the group's banner honoring notable writers.



COURTESY OF THOMASIN DEWHURST

Each banner in "Conversation Pieces" represents the different organizations that the youth artists are involved in.

'Celebrate!' return of Livermore Valley Opera

Ensemble performances mark start of company's 30th anniversary season

By **JEREMY WALSH**

The Livermore Valley Opera is ready to welcome its performers back to the stage live and in-person for the first time since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic with its "Celebrate!" operatic ensemble shows next weekend at the Bankhead Theater.

Taking place Oct. 9 and 10, the performances represent the start of the 30th anniversary season for the Tri-Valley's nonprofit professional opera company.

"Celebrate! is a unique, live gala-concert and the perfect opera experience for all ages," artistic director Erie Mills said in a statement.

"Celebrate! An Evening of Favorite Operatic Ensembles" will feature recognizable LVO singers

and ensembles performing pieces from productions of "Carmen", "The Magic Flute", "The Barber of Seville", "Madame Butterfly", "La Boheme", "Lakme", "The Merry Widow", "Der Rosenkavalier" and "La Traviata."

The performers will include Marie Plette, Liisa Dávila, Shawnette Sulker, Nikola Printz, Molly Mahoney, Alex Boyer, Thomas Cilluffo, Eugene Brancoveanu and Robert Mellon.

Maestro Alex Katsman will conduct the orchestra. Ensemble numbers will be sung in their original languages with English supertitles.

The "Celebrate!" performances will be held at 8 p.m. Oct. 9 and Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. Tickets range from \$20 to \$95; visit



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Performers next weekend will include (from left) Alex Boyer, Marie Plette, Shawnette Sulker and Eugene Brancoveanu.

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The traditional Opening Night Dinner event (with separate ticket purchase required) will be held at nearby Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard with check-in and welcome reception starting at 5 p.m. Oct. 9.

The Bankhead Theater requires proof of vaccination for indoor

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LETTERS

'Who do you represent?'

Dear Editor,

I want to commend you on your excellent What a Week column (Sept. 17), "Who do you represent?"

There are other recent decisions by this board that make you wonder what their motivation is and who they represent.

Additionally, after your column, I see that a lawyer has "threatened" a lawsuit if we don't go to district voting. Do you think your column had something to do with that?

Your question of "Who do you represent?" is very relevant, and I too hope voters pay close attention to what's going on.

November 2022 is almost here.

—Dennis Goode

Pawse Club fundraises for animal rescue saving senior dogs

Pawse is a student-led nonprofit organization with branches across California. Pawse's mission is to advocate pet adoption by hosting events that focus on animal rescue, educating our community, and partnering with local animal rescue organizations.

A few weeks ago, Pawse organized a fundraiser on behalf of Thulani Senior German Shepherd Rescue (TSGSR). Their mission is to rescue and save senior or terminally ill German Shepherd dogs from life-threatening situations. TSGSR commits to covering medical expenses for life, even after adoption.

Pawse's members were so moved by their mission that they knew they wanted to support them and amplify their message. Together, with the help of our community, Pawse was able to raise a few hundred dollars for TSGSR.

In the past, Pawse has hosted educational webinars with the founder of dog rescue Love and Second Chances and with the directors of the Best Friends Animal Society Action Team. To support the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, they have also held a pet bandana fundraiser. During the holidays, Pawse organized a donation drive for the East County and Hayward animal shelters where they collected over \$1000 worth of pet supplies.

One of Pawse's largest projects was creating a documentary on the importance of pet adoption and fostering. The documentary is titled "Saving Lives, One Paw at a Time" and can be viewed on YouTube.

Pawse is currently working on exciting plans to host an adoption event in collaboration with a local animal rescue.

—Hannah Yu

WINGS merger

The WINGS Ministries of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton and The Catholic Community of St. Charles Borromeo in Livermore have merged.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) is a faith enhancement ministry for women of all ages, and all stages of life who desire to grow in relationship with God and one another.

We meet on Thursday mornings beginning Oct 7 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo or on Zoom. St. Charles Borromeo is located at 1315 Lomitas Ave. in Livermore.

For information about upcoming speaker presentations, how to become a member or general information about WINGS, visit our website at www.stcharleslivermore.org/wings

—Janet Schott

Walnut Grove

Why is Walnut Grove a graveyard for careered principals? Four to five principals in seven years. My 13-year-old attended WG begrudgingly as he disliked his teachers. I feel sorry for Mr. Pratt because he will not last long. This story needs further investigation, the problems will not go away with Mr. Pratt.

—Zarina Kiziloglu

'Freedom to Vote Act'

I urge Sens. Feinstein and Padilla to do whatever it takes to swiftly get "The Freedom to Vote Act" passed in the Senate and signed into law.

The right to vote is under attack by extremist state lawmakers across the country who want to put up deliberate barriers to make it harder to vote — especially for people of color.

Congress must act now to implement national standards for federal elections. The same Republican senators who spread lies about our election and blocked a bipartisan investigation into a deadly attack on our Capitol are blocking legislation that the majority of Americans across the political spectrum have overwhelmingly demanded to protect our freedom to vote.

This is a turning point for our nation, and the Senate needs to act now. Our democracy can't wait. The Senate must let nothing, especially the Jim Crow filibuster, stand in their way of passing the "Freedom to Vote Act."

Congress must also provide \$4 billion in emergency funding for elections.

Failure is not an option. Together, we can transform our democracy into one that represents, reflects and responds to all Americans.

—Ward Kanowsky

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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>

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Review Municipal Code Section 2.39.020 Regarding Civic Arts Commission Duties and the Library and Recreation Strategic Plan 2019-2024
- Select Public Art Website subcommittee
- Select Mobile Wallpaper and Virtual Background Art subcommittee
- Review Civic Arts Project Status Report

City Council

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Public Hearing – Consider adoption of an urgency ordinance declaring a Local Drought Emergency; and adopt a resolution declaring a Stage 2 water shortage and mandate a 15 percent reduction in water use
- Review of conceptual designs for the Skatepark at Ken Mercer Sports Park
- Review of conceptual designs for the All-Abilities Playground at Ken Mercer Sports Park

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Consider Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2022/23 Housing and Human Services Grant Program Statement of Priorities and Evaluation Criteria

Library Commission

Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- Update Library's Internet Use Policy

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Police: Teens arrested after armed robbery attempt in mall parking lot

Three teenagers were taken into custody after Pleasanton police allege they attempted to rob a woman at gunpoint in the Stoneridge Shopping Center parking lot on Monday afternoon.

The investigation began at about 1 p.m. when Pleasanton police received calls about a possible armed robbery in the “D” parking lot at the mall in northwest Pleasanton, according to Lt. Erik Silacci.

The woman was getting out of her vehicle when three strangers approached her and demanded she hand over her purse and her car keys, according to Silacci.

During the encounter, one would-be robber grabbed the victim by the arms while another pointed a semiautomatic pistol toward her face, Silacci said.

“The victim pulled away from the suspects and yelled for help. The suspects fled on foot into the Stoneridge Shopping Center and, fortunately, the victim was uninjured when officers arrived on scene,” the lieutenant said.

Working with BART Police Department officers and mall security, Pleasanton police officers and detectives soon located all three suspects and recovered a gun, according to Silacci. Two of the suspects were arrested at the nearby West Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station while the third suspect was apprehended inside the mall.

The three suspects, each of whom was an underage teenager from a city outside of Pleasanton, were taken to Alameda County Juvenile Hall and booked on multiple

felony charges, according to Silacci. The arrestees’ names were not released publicly due to their age.

All three face suspicion of conspiracy and attempted robbery, although the latter charge could change to attempted carjacking, pending further investigation, Silacci said. One of the arrestees could also be charged with possessing a gun with its serial number defaced as well as being a minor in possession of ammunition.

Anyone with information related to the case can contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 925-931-5100.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

- United States Postal Service inspectors confirmed they are investigating a break-in that took place on Sunday at a post office in Pleasanton, where an unconfirmed number of large postal boxes were broken into.

Postal Inspector Jeff Fitch told the Weekly that the crime happened at 4300 Black Ave. on Sept. 26, but he said did not have details about what time it occurred, how many suspects were involved or how many victims were affected.

“I talked with the supervisor of our mail theft team; they’re already investigating so there’s already an investigator that’s actively working on this,” Fitch said. “I’m sure an investigation will determine what time the attack took place.”

According to Fitch, each of the affected box holders will be contacted by USPS, who will work with them to determine what was taken from each postal box.

Anyone who has their mailbox or contents broken into or stolen is advised to report the crime and keep an eye on their credit card and bank statements over the following

month for signs of unauthorized use.

“It’s not just when the break-ins happen; it’s three or four weeks down the line when you get your credit card transaction statements,” Fitch said. “Convenience stores, department stores that financial information is being used at are critical to helping identify the individuals responsible for the break ins and thefts.”

Mail theft is a federal crime and carries a potential penalty of up to five years in a federal penitentiary or a fine up to \$250,000. A standing reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the information of those responsible for the crimes is offered.

Anyone with information about the break-in at the post office on Black Avenue is asked to call the USPS dispatch number at 877-876-2455.

—Julia Baum

- A driver died after losing control of her car on Interstate 680 south of Pleasanton and overturned multiple times down a hill next to the freeway on Sunday morning, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The Alameda County Coroner’s Bureau later identified the decedent as Larisa Elena Banoff, 24, of Antelope in Sacramento County.

The situation unfolded at approximately 10:40 a.m. Sunday when a black Mazda 3 traveling southbound on I-680 in the far-left lane lost control just south of the Happy Valley Road underpass in Pleasanton, according to CHP Officer Tyler Hahn.

The car drifted into the center divider on the left and then went across all lanes to the right before going off the freeway down a dirt embankment. The car overturned a few times before landing on its tires

about 75 feet down the hill, Hahn said.

Cal Fire personnel pronounced the driver dead at the scene. She was the only occupant of the vehicle, Hahn said.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. “Witnesses say the vehicle was not hit by another vehicle or cut off to make it go down the embankment,” Hahn said.

Anyone who may have information about the fatal crash can contact the CHP-Dublin office at 925-828-0466.

Banoff’s death marked the sixth traffic fatality for the greater Tri-Valley in exactly one month, dating back to Aug. 26.

The coroner’s bureau this week confirmed for the first time the identities of two other people who died among those fatal crashes at the beginning of September after investigative holds were lifted to allow the release of names.

In the earlier crash, 54-year-old Traci Lee Joiner was identified as the woman killed after she was struck by an SUV while walking on the travel lanes of I-580 in Livermore at approximately 4 a.m. Sept. 2.

Hahn reported at the time that the Livermore woman was walking on the right shoulder of westbound I-580 near the Las Colinas Road overpass — between First Street and North Livermore Avenue — when for an unknown reason she moved into the driving lanes where she was hit by a Ford Explorer.

Joiner was pronounced dead at the scene. The collision remains under investigation, but Hahn said alcohol was not a suspected factor for the Explorer driver, whose name was not released.

The coroner’s bureau also publicly identified the boy who died when his family’s car was struck by

an SUV on Highway 84 in Sunol over Labor Day weekend. The decedent was 11-year-old Damarion Jenkins of Fremont.

The boy was among four occupants in a Dodge Charger traveling eastbound on Highway 84 east of the I-680 interchange at about 6:05 a.m. Sept. 5 when it was struck by an oncoming Chevrolet Tahoe, whose driver decided for unknown reasons to turn left from the westbound lane into the east lane, according to Hahn.

All five people among the two vehicles sustained major injuries; 11-year-old Jenkins succumbed to his injuries later that morning. The investigation is ongoing, according to Hahn.

—Jeremy Walsh

- Top executives at a Danville-based software company were charged this month by federal prosecutors with allegedly trying to acquire more than \$300,000 in fraudulent incentive payments from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) related to contract work for a school district outside of Nashville.

Anthony “Tony” Gigliotti, 74, the CEO of Autonomic Software, Inc., faces one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, three counts of mail fraud and three counts of wire fraud while Autonomic vice president Alexander Gigliotti, 36, is charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

Both men were arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service in Danville on Sept. 10, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Tennessee.

They were subsequently released from custody, and they were scheduled for video arraignment this Wednesday morning where they were expected to enter a plea

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Truck crashes into Hallmark store; driver arrested

Police suspect DUI in non-injury wreck that caused heavy damage in Amador Center

By JEREMY WALSH

A GMC pickup truck plowed into the Hallmark store on Santa Rita Road just before midnight on Sunday night, causing extensive damage to the building and resulting in the driver’s arrest on suspicion of drunk-driving, according to Pleasanton authorities.

The call came in at about 11:53 p.m. Sunday — hours after the card-and-gift store closed for the day — about a vehicle having crashed into the wall of the Hallmark store in the Amador Center,

according to Teri Yan, community and public relations coordinator for the Pleasanton Police Department.

Officers arrived to find a GMC pickup truck had smashed a hole in the wall on the Valley Avenue side of the building and had come to rest fully inside the store, almost two car-lengths from the exterior. Nobody was injured in the crash, Yan said.

The driver, who was the only occupant of the truck, was spotted exiting the building when police got to the scene, according to Yan.

The driver — whose name was not released — was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department responded with two engines, one truck and a battalion chief as well. The building sustained major structural damage as a result of the crash, according to LPFD battalion chief Craig LaRont.

The Hallmark store was closed throughout the day on Monday as workers began to address the interior and exterior damage. ■



KRISTYN THOMPSON

This was the aftermath on Monday morning of the crash at the Hallmark store in Pleasanton that occurred late on the night before.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Sept. 26

Drug violation

■ 8:37 a.m. on the 3500 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

■ 11:53 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Sept. 25

Warrant arrest

■ 10:28 a.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Sept. 24

Vehicle tampering

■ 12:36 a.m. on the 900 block of Sycamore Creek Way

Warrant arrest

■ 1:45 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Fraud

■ 1:49 p.m. on the 500 block of Tawny Drive

Theft

■ 2:16 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

■ 2:51 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Domestic battery

■ 11:42 p.m. on Bernal Avenue

Sept. 23

Warrant arrest

■ 2:31 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 2:26 p.m. on the 5300 block of Broder Boulevard

■ 7:19 p.m. at Pimlico and Brockton drives

Arson

■ 3:05 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Vehicle tampering

■ 3:05 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Sept. 22

Drug violation

■ 3:23 a.m. on the 2500 block of Stanley Boulevard

■ 9:41 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

■ 8:47 a.m. on the 1700 block of Nursery Way

Theft

■ 11:02 a.m. on the 3300 block of Busch Road

■ 1:44 p.m. on the 5600 block of San Juan Way

Domestic battery

■ 11:09 a.m. on Vineyard Avenue

■ 6:13 p.m. on Mirador Drive

Sept. 21

Drug violation

■ 1:36 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Fraud

■ 12:10 p.m. on the 7500 block of Olive Drive

Shoplifting

■ 1:13 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Domestic battery

■ 9:11 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

■ 9:11 p.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Missing person

■ 9:23 p.m. on the 4800 block of Willow Road

Sept. 20

DUI

■ 12:01 a.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

■ 5:55 a.m., 3800 block of Stone Pointe Way; auto theft

■ 10:42 a.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 6:00 p.m., 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 7:46 p.m., 5700 block of Johnson Drive

Drug violation

■ 1:38 p.m. on the 800 block of Division Street

Vehicle tampering

■ 4:52 p.m. on the 5500 block of San Juan Way

Warrant arrest

■ 10:15 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive

■ 10:21 p.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

Sept. 19

Vandalism

■ 9:20 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Theft

■ 12:15 p.m., 4100 block of Suffolk Way; theft from auto

■ 1:00 p.m. on the 5000 block of Golden Road

■ 3:37 p.m., 6600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

■ 4:29 p.m., 5100 block of Case Avenue; theft from auto

Warrant arrest

■ 2:18 p.m. on the 6400 block of Paseo Santa Cruz

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to the charges. Results of the hearing were pending as of press time.

Defense attorney Lawrence Arnkoff did not respond to a request for comment about the Gigliottis' case as of Tuesday evening.

According to prosecutors, the case originated in the wake of contracted work Autonomic did in 2016 in installing power management software for Rutherford County Schools, a school district based in Murfreesboro, Tenn., southeast of Nashville.

The work was in connection with the TVA's EnergyRight effort, "an incentive-based program designed to save energy and reduce costs through the installation of energy-saving software. To be eligible for the energy conservation funds, customers were required to pay a portion of the software materials costs," prosecutors said.

Investigators allege Autonomic personnel falsely represented to the district that schools would not incur any costs associated with the software installation. But after installing the software, the company allegedly submitted 47 invoices worth \$588,240 to Lockheed Martin — the contract administrator for EnergyRight — that were made out to Rutherford County Schools for costs incurred by each school

for Autonomic work.

Prosecutors allege Alexander Gigliotti emailed Lockheed Martin with a breakdown of an invoice that claimed a school paid \$22 per computer related to software and \$8 per computer for support.

"In fact, Rutherford County Schools did not incur any costs associated with any invoice from Autonomic," authorities said. "Lockheed Martin then mailed incentive payments to Autonomic that corresponded to each invoice."

The indictment against the pair also alleges that Tony Gigliotti lied to TVA agents by falsely claiming Alexander Gigliotti was not involved in any previous TVA or Rutherford County work.

To boot, "The Autonomic software failed to function as initially represented and approximately one year after the installation, Rutherford County Schools purchased energy saving software that could effectively quantify energy savings and which cost substantially less than Autonomic's total purported materials costs," prosecutors allege.

The defendants face up to 20 years in prison if convicted of the allegation. The investigation was led by the TVA's Office of Inspector General, and the case is being prosecuted by assistant U.S. attorney Sara Beth Myers. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Foothill football storms back for 21-17 win at Amador

Also: You won't believe what happened in visitor bleachers that night

It sounds like an over-used sports cliché, but learning from a loss can be important in the maturity of a team.

For the Foothill football team that learning moment came three weeks back when the Falcons lost 34-20 to Vanden of Fairfield.

For the Amador Valley team, that moment may have come when they fell 21-17 to Foothill last week.

In the loss to Vanden, the Falcons were overwhelmed in the first half, but rallied in the second half, with the game being closer than the final score indicated.

"I said right after (Vanden) that we needed that loss," Foothill coach Greg Haubner said. "I told the kids

afterwards that I wanted to take that team from the second half of the game and move forward."

Against the crosstown rival Dons, the Falcons fell behind 14-0 early, and with the Amador defense having not allowed a touchdown in four games worth of quarters played, it didn't look good.

"It was no fun being down 14-0 to your rival with the entire town watching either in person or on TV," Haubner said.

Then something happened for Foothill as they went out and did something no team had done to Amador this year — they ran the ball and controlled the clock.

First it was a long drive at the end of the first half, followed by a long drive to open the second half with both ending in touchdowns to tie the game at 14-14.

It put the Dons in a new position they had not been in at any point in their first four games.

"We had never been there before," Amador coach Danny Jones said. "It's tough to win a game when a team scores at the end of the first half, then comes back and scores to open the second half."

The Dons responded with a drive back down the field, with one of the key plays of the game coming when Amador had it third-and-goal.

Amador quarterback EJ Thomsen, who had been running well all night, got a leg cramp after being brought down at the Foothill 2-yard line on third down.

Because Thomsen required medical attention, he was forced to leave the game for a play with Amador facing a fourth down at the two.

That forced Jones' hand to kick the field goal instead of going for the touchdown.

"I had a play ready, but I wasn't going to go for it with the backup quarterback," Jones said. "I love taking the lead and playing defense from there."

Hard to blame Jones for the decision since the Amador defense has been so good the whole season. But when it's a rivalry game, often the norm goes out the window.

The Falcons put together a nine-minute drive to win the game. There was a big third-and-long pickup and the touchdown came on a fourth-and-goal.

Let the learning process begin for the Dons.

"We have to learn how to finish and get off the field," Jones said.



NATALIE WALSH

Foothill players listening to their coach after the 21-17 win over Amador Valley.

"We've got great leadership with this team. It is a tough loss, but we will learn from it and move on."

To me the real winners on the night were the city of Pleasanton as well as the players on both teams. Throughout the game, players were helping players on the other team get up or pat each other on the helmets. Great sportsmanship from both teams.

"It's a great rivalry, great kids — a great game for everyone," Jones said. "I was proud of all the kids on both sides. It was great to see us back to normal and have so many people at the game. Both teams left it all out there on the field."

You can't make this up!

On the negative side of the Foothill-Amador game was an incident in the visitor bleachers.

Every school in the East Bay Athletic League has smaller bleachers on the visitors' side, and that usually leads to parents and students cramming into a much smaller area than usual.

And it always goes off without a hitch — well almost always. It seems Friday night there was a small group of Foothill parents who did not appreciate the students standing up during the game.

The small group asked the students to sit down or move so they could see. The kids in turn asked the parents to find another seat because

they wanted to stand and cheer.

The Foothill administration explained to the adults — and in this case I use the term adults loosely — that the students had every right to stand and support their team.

Remember, these are the same students who have been held hostage by the pandemic and this was the first full Amador-Foothill game in two years. It's their game and school to support.

Well, the admin's response to the group didn't sit well with what has been described as a belligerent Foothill parent who opted to find her own solution by calling 911.

That's right, she called 911 at the police department! The officer at the game, who also works with the school, was on hand and explained there was nothing they could do.

For what it's worth, I think the caller should have been arrested for abusing the 911 line. Like I said above, you can't make this up!

Foothill girls' water polo

The Falcons kept their winning streak alive with a 14-4 varsity win over American.

Top scorers were Elizabeth Williams with six goals, followed by Anna Taylor with three goals. Valentina Avalos had two goals, as did Claire Gersich. Anna Berhard had one goal.

Shristi Rath had eight saves, with Jane Ruby adding two. ■

Olympic gold medal for water polo, after wins in Rio de Janeiro and London previously. During her latest team win in Tokyo, Steffens set an Olympic record for most goals scored by a female water polo player in the course of their Olympic career.

Caldwell, whose four-person team had already held the world record for fastest time to row across the Atlantic Ocean, proceeded to break the world record for fastest time to row across the Pacific Ocean over the summer. Caldwell made it across the Atlantic Ocean in just over 35 days, and across the Pacific in just over 30.

"Danville has produced on its own numerous, numerous talented individuals — everything from athletes to musicians, you name it," Morgan said.

Registration for this week's discussion, with Steffens and Caldwell, is available via danvilletowntalks.org.

The videos are uploaded online for people to view afterward as well. ■

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Occasio Winery
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 581975
The following person doing business as: Occasio Winery, 2245 South Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94550, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Kinney Family Vintners, LLC, 2245 South Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94550, CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Jan. 1, 2009. Signature of Registrant: John Kinney, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Aug. 26, 2021 (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 2021.)

Tri-Valley Steamer
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 582009
The following person doing business as: Tri-Valley Steamer, 2311 Ivy Hill Way, Apt. 828, San Ramon, CA 94582, County of Contra Costa, is hereby registered by the following owner: Mustafa Ayubi, 2311 Ivy Hill Way, Apt. 828, San Ramon, CA 94582. This business is conducted by Mustafa Ayubi, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Mustafa Ayubi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 26, 2021. (Pleasanton Weekly, September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2021.)

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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Hear from Danville athletes

Steffens fresh off 3rd Olympic gold; Caldwell shared in open-ocean rowing record

By JEANITA LYMAN

Tri-Valley sports fans who were intrigued by the Tokyo Olympics, thousands of miles away, will have the opportunity to bring their enthusiasm for summer sports to a venue closer to home today.

In October's installment of Danville Town Talks, Mayor Renee Morgan will host two renowned local athletes: Olympic gold medalist Maggie Steffens and world-record holder Jason Caldwell — both of whom hail from Danville.

"One of the things I was really looking forward to was celebrating them in-person," Morgan said. "But due to the restrictions placed upon us, we couldn't celebrate these two

phenomenal local athletes in-person."

Morgan said that this meant she had to get creative, and consider what other platforms she had for honoring Steffens' and Caldwell's accomplishments. Ultimately, the mayor decided to host them in her monthly Town Talks series.

Given the more casual, community-oriented nature of these webinar events, Morgan said, this has the added benefit of giving community members the opportunity to engage with the two athletes in ways that a formal ceremony might not.

"This is more of an interactive, sit on the couch having a conversation feel," Morgan said.

Steffens is celebrating her third

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., Oct. 1. Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Visit eugeneoneill.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 streets.

DYNAMIC LATIN POP DUO AT THE FIREHOUSE Latin pop duo "Indivíduo" featuring Tiffany Joy and Maqui Reyes, perform their show combining distinctive original repertoire with unique versions of some of the most celebrated Latin music hits. 8 p.m., Oct. 2. Visit www.firehousearts.org. Tickets \$15-\$25.

BANKHEAD THEATER PRESENTS THE WAILIN' JENNY'S International folk act, the Wailin' Jennys, combines three distinct voices in achingly-perfect signature harmonies, creating some of the most exciting and exquisite music on the folk-roots scene. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 4. Visit livermorearts.org. Tickets \$20-\$98.

OPERA RETURNS TO THE BANKHEAD Livermore Valley Opera opens their highly anticipated 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.

LIVERMORE LIBRARY HOSTS LATINX/HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH Livermore Public Library will host a Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration featuring Mariachi San Francisco. Participants will enjoy a live, musical performance and learn about mariachi music, including the various instruments, songs and traditional costumes. 12:00 p.m., Oct. 10, Rincon Branch Library, 725 Rincon Ave.

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.

Comedy

TAPE FACE AT THE BANKHEAD As seen on America's Got Talent, the utterly spectacular and endlessly inventive humor of Tape Face, is mime with noise, stand-up with no talking, drama with no acting. It has to be seen to be believed. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 7. Visit livermorearts.org. Tickets \$20-\$133.

POWERHOUSE COMIC CON Powerhouse Comic Con is East Bay's premier pop culture and comic convention bringing together fans of various fandoms for a day of family-friendly fun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 9. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

Magic

"ALEX RAMON-REAL MAGIC" AT THE FIREHOUSE Alex Ramon "Real Magic" is world-class entertainment at its finest. Smile, laugh and be mesmerized with the whole family. 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Oct. 16. Visit firehousearts.org. Tickets \$22-\$32.

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.

Family

HARVEST FAIR Enjoy an afternoon of old-fashioned fall fun at Heritage Park in Dublin with farm harvest activities, lively music and favorite seasonal foods. Tour the 1910 Kolb House to see how a true farm family lived. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 9. Visit dublin.ca.gov/1560/Harvest-Fair.

STEAM TRAIN RIDES Ride through Niles Canyon from the Sunol Depot. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., Oct. 9-10 & Oct. 16-17. Tickets \$20-\$30. Visit ncry.org.

G&M FARMS PUMPKIN PATCH & CORN MAZE The G & M Farms Pumpkin Patch in Livermore is so fun it was featured twice on the David Letterman Show. Bring the whole family. Oct. 1-31, closed Monday & Tuesday. Visit gmfarms.com. Tickets \$7-\$10. 487 East Airway Blvd.

JOAN'S FARM & PUMPKIN PATCH Joan's Farm & Pumpkin Patch in Livermore is open now through Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., closed on Monday's. Offering hay bale maze, picnic areas, pumpkin bowling and more. The Snack Shack offers hot dogs and pumpkin pie. 4351 Mines Road. Visit joansfarm.com.

Festivals & Fairs

HOME SHOW AT THE PLEASANTON FAIRGROUNDS The Alameda County Fall Home Show is back with lots of ideas to help turn a house into the home of your dreams. See the newest in kitchens, baths, windows, doors, landscaping displays and more. Oct. 1-3. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

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. 7:05-11 p.m., Sept. 30-Oct. 31. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

TASTE OF AFRICA IN THE HEART OF LIVERMORE Cheza Nami presents the 9th annual Taste of Africa in the heart of Livermore, a free family-friendly, outdoor event that promotes and celebrates African and African diaspora cultures, featuring various forms of art, outdoor music and dance performances. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Oct. 2. 2400 First St.

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.

Two tenors concert

Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton is presenting tenors Yo Oh (center) and Rob David (right), accompanied by Dwight Stone on the piano, for a concert this Saturday (Oct. 2) at 7 p.m. at the church at 1225 Hopyard Road. Highlights will include duets of "Bridge Over Troubled Water", "Ave Maria" (Bach/Gounod), Zina Goldrich's "Sim Shalom" and "You Raise Me Up", plus original compositions by David and Stone. Masks and distancing required. Suggested donation is \$20 for general admission and \$10 for students. Visit trinitypleasanton.org for details.

PET OF THE WEEK



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Meet Vinny

Vinny is a happy, goofy boy who doesn't let his condition hold him back! He is affectionate and likes to lean on people to further the connection. Deaf dogs can be taught hand signals instead of voice commands and can make wonderful pets and lead full and rewarding lives. Vinny is 8 months old and weighs 35 pounds. Inquire about adopting Vinny by sending an email to info@valleyhumane.org.

Talks

AN EVENING WITH DANNY GLOVER The Rae Dorrough 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.

WEEKEND RANGER PROGRAM - WOODPECKERS Join Ranger Vickie for a talk about woodpeckers, focusing on the acorn woodpecker and their lives. This includes a short 1 mile walk through the nature study area. RSVP to 960-2400. 2 p.m., Oct. 3. Sycamore Grove Park, Nature Area Entrance.

FREE WEBINAR: WATER-WISE PLANT SELECTION Join Alden Lane Nursery's Jacquie Williams-Courtright in an exploration of California native and drought-tolerant plants suited to the Tri-Valley. This webinar is sponsored by the City of Livermore, Cal Water and Zone 7 Water Agency. 3:30-5 p.m., Oct. 6. Visit bit.ly/WaterwisePlants.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Two-part workshop on Solving Your Brick Wall. This virtual second part 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.

OCTOBER RELIGION CHAT Interfaith Interconnect invites you to their virtual October Religion Chat. The discussion topic is "What Spiritual Practices or Rituals Do You Use to Enrich Your Daily Life?" 5-6:15 p.m., Oct. 13. Email interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY The Livermore Public Library hosts an Astronomy Night

where attendees will learn about astronomy with the Tri-Valley Stargazers and explore the night sky with telescopes. This is a free outdoor event for all ages. 7 p.m., Oct. 14. For further information call 373-5500 or livermorelibrary.net.

Pet Adoption

EMPTY THE SHELTERS During Empty the Shelters, people have the opportunity to save a life by choosing pet adoption or fostering. During this nationwide event, Bissell Pet Foundation will sponsor reduced adoption fees for \$25 or less per dog or cat. Oct. 4-10. Visit bissellpetfoundation.org/empty-the-shelters.

Seniors

SENIOR MOVIES IN THE VINTAGE LOUNGE Senior Movies in the Vintage Lounge are back at LARPD. Next up, "The War With Grandpa," starring Robert DeNiro, Uma Thurman and Jane Seymour. 1 and 3 p.m., Oct. 4. Masks required. Call 373-5761 or email klake@larpd.org. 4444 East Ave.

TUESDAY TALKS WITH FRIENDS Join for a weekly Zoom chat every Tuesday at 11 a.m. with the Pleasanton Senior Center. For more details and to sign up to receive the zoom link, call 931-5365.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Oct. 5. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

CITY OF LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION The next regular Livermore Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Oct. 5, held virtually using zoom. For questions contact The City of Livermore Planning Division 960-4450.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT The regular board meeting will be conducted via Zoom and members of the public are encouraged to observe and participate remotely. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Oct. 5. Visit livermoreschools.org.



TLC-PLEASANTON

San Ramon again pushes out debate on City Village project

Commissioners want to see more images of proposed changes to 404-unit neighborhood



COURTESY OF CITY OF SAN RAMON

Rendering shows a portion of the proposed 404-unit City Village residential development.

By JEANITA LYMAN

Rather than moving the application for an ambitious housing project forward last week, as anticipated, the San Ramon Planning Commission elected to extend public hearings for the proposed 404-unit City Village development into October.

After discussion at a public hearing on Sept. 21, commissioners voted unanimously to continue until next Tuesday (Oct. 5) the hearing on proposed amendments to the project, guided by an updated staff report addressing questions and providing clarifications from that night's meeting. Another meeting on Oct. 19 will center on discussion and public hearings on overall design questions about the project.

"It seems to me that some commissioners are saying that they're not comfortable with voting on these changes without seeing the graphic changes for the streets," Planning Commissioner Rick Marks said at the Sept. 21 meeting. "So that to me begs the notion that we need to take a look at it one more time before a vote is taken."

Although commissioners went over the proposed amendments to the project in detail, with roughly two hours total devoted to discussions on City Village, the complexity and scope of the ambitious, mixed-use project, how it fits into other existing and planned projects in the Bishop Park area, as well as the city's General Plan and Walking District Master Plan, proved too much to address in one night, prior to a vote.

The proposed City Village project would lead to the construction of 404 units on 31 acres of land within a portion of the Bishop Ranch business park. The proposed breakdown of units was initially 114 detached row homes, 154 detached courtyard units and 136 townhome units.

Also included in the proposal is a 2-acre park, which commissioners considered moving from its originally planned location on Tuesday. Some 15% of the housing units are set to be classified as affordable housing, according to San Ramon's inclusionary housing requirements.

City Village's "live-work" model would ideally reduce traffic and commute time, while complimenting city planners' visions for Bishop Ranch as part of a centralized downtown area. However, this poses challenges and complications in terms of zoning, which were one focus

of last week's discussion. Additionally, commuting to the area's office space, environmental sustainability, and limited parking, already pose challenges, as public commenters noted.

Commissioners sought to balance and mitigate these concerns in their recommendations on the project, which include moving a proposed park, mitigating limits to parking posed by alleys and driveways, and incorporating guidelines in the project's environmental impact report to best determine appropriate housing density.

"If the Commission supports the proposed changes on Oct. 5, the specific plan amendment policy revisions will then go to City Council for their consideration," city planning services manager Lauren Barr explained in an email following the meeting.

In general, commissioners weighed in favorably on City Village, and seemed eager to move forward with the application process, with Marks adding that "the applicant has a pretty good idea of where we're going, or at least where most of the commissioners are going."

Barr told commissioners that staff had more than enough information from the night's discussion to present a revised report, clarifying aspects of the North Camino Ramon Specific Plan amendment and addressing questions raised that night. He noted that staff's preference was to present this in a separate discussion, ahead of moving forward with considering the application on Oct. 19.

The commission had been set to consider moving the application forward to the City Council at the Sept. 21 meeting. However, policy questions remained, in particular, about revisions to the proposed North Camino Ramon Specific Plan amendment. These will be addressed by Barr and other staff at next week's meeting. The following meeting on Oct. 19 will center on discussions and public comments regarding broader, more design-related questions about the project.

"Final action on the proposal by the Planning Commission will not occur until such time as the City Council has considered and approved the changes to the standards associated with the North Camino Ramon Specific Plan," Barr wrote.

Staff will present an updated report to the commission on Tuesday (Oct. 5). Commissioners are set to resume consideration of the amended City Village application on Oct. 19. ■

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 6-9 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Aug. 23-31 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 2623 Calle Reynoso** McDougall Trust to S. & S. Verma for \$1,675,000
- 7729 Creekside Drive** Y. & G. Mostitsky to C. & J. Yu for \$1,100,000
- 4114 Fairlands Drive** B. Gao to P. & A. Sharma for \$1,730,000
- 7441 Flagstone Drive** Fredricks Family Trust to R. Palbicki for \$1,720,000
- 2317 Foothill Road #2** Bennett Family Trust to J. Jagur for \$525,000
- 4172 Grant Court** Speas Living Trust to G. & V. Yadavalli for \$2,950,000
- 3373 Hadsell Court** S. Nauroth to M. & O. Suchedina for \$1,471,000
- 3166 Half Dome Drive** Tj Kristi Corp to Schwab Trust for \$959,000
- 5405 Hopkins Court** Mcgraw Family Trust to Y. & P. Huang for \$2,300,000
- 3910 Kern Court** L. & L. Oneal to K. & R. Ranade for \$1,727,000
- 2790 Longspur Way** M. & J. Swadley to H. & N. Ma for \$1,720,000
- 1143 Mataro Court** Kerrigan Family Trust to C. & W. Pak for \$1,810,000
- 3796 Mohr Avenue** Mataras Family Trust to P. & K. Rajamanikkam for \$1,681,000
- 3576 Pimlico Drive** Overgaard Family Trust to N. & P. Mehta for \$1,855,000
- 4449 Pleasanton Avenue** Shawver Family Trust to Lester Family Trust for \$1,500,000
- 3553 Rathbone Way** D. & H. Toor to Y. & K. Liu for \$1,788,000.00
- 8250 Regency Drive** Scholhamer Family Trust to N. & S. Maniyar for \$3,200,000
- 5230 Riverdale Court** M. Ellett to Aligned 1031 LLC for \$1,203,000
- 4137 Silver Street** C. & D. Lindenmuth to M. & J. Kim for \$1,323,000
- 714 Sylvaner Drive** M. Luft to S. & A. Konanur for \$1,757,000
- 4092 Walnut Drive** B. Roudsari to S. & J. Radhakrishnan for \$1,438,000
- 4224 Zevanove Court** J. Agard to W. & G. Malmirchegini for \$1,070,000

Livermore

- 1253 4th Street** D. Ramsey to K. Omarah for \$860,000
- 1682 4th Street** A. & J. Nelson to H. & E. Ortiz for \$850,000
- 2930 Basil Common** K. Marciel to M. & E. Garcia for \$1,015,000
- 1344 Calle De Las Granvas** C. & Z. Ott to R. & Y. Atta for \$950,000
- 867 Curlew Road** M. & A. Lange to T. & T. Vertin for \$960,000
- 1939 De Vaca Way** Mills Family Trust to L. & J. Ottey for \$690,000
- 737 Debra Street** B. Mason to M. & M. Subramanian for \$1,025,000
- 271 Donner Avenue** Lillie Family Trust to S. & A. Aguirre for \$860,000
- 187 Donner Avenue** T. & M. Albright to S. & I. Smith for \$937,500
- 1487 Fallen Leaf Drive** Campbell Trust to S. & V. Sejpal for \$1,080,000

- 6641 Forget Me Not** J. Chang to A. Haycraft for \$650,000
- 1036 Geneva Street** A. & S. Ondek to Shippey Family Trust for \$1,450,000
- 1536 Heidelberg Drive** 2. & M. Mcfadden to S. & A. Vandermeiden for \$1,465,000
- 892 Heidi Court** Cresswell Trust to T. & M. Albright for \$1,420,000
- 376 James Street** Weber Living Trust to A. & B. Daugherty for \$830,000
- 5243 Lilac Avenue** J. & R. Mathat to E. & J. Schmitt for \$850,000
- 4208 Milton Way** Bigley Living Trust to Dykes Living Trust for \$1,120,000
- 5622 Mollie Court** Neupane Family Trust to M. & J. Pulickal for \$1,390,000
- 3619 Montrose Place** L. & E. Lind to S. & V. Karpenko for \$1,550,000
- 1085 Murrieta Boulevard #320** G. & J. Gomes to R. & K. Schempp for \$445,000
- 6332 Owl Way** K. Pun to K. & H. Cao for \$1,330,000
- 3977 Portola Common #5** C. & A. Franco to N. & L. Vishvakarma for \$895,000
- 218 Prairie Way** Burman-Hall Family Trust to Huang Trust for \$1,450,000
- 3539 Ridgecrest Way** G. Plonczak to J. & Y. Margalit for \$1,540,000
- 2763 Rivers Bend Circle** Guthmiller Trust to D. Betando for \$1,325,000
- 55 Riverstone Common** V. Venugopalan to A. & V. Many for \$1,070,000
- 1317 Saint Mary Drive** Marin Living Trust to J. Zhou for \$1,100,000
- 601 Sandalwood Drive #1** H. Shea to S. & D. Battula for \$945,000
- 601 Sandalwood Drive #3** H. Shea to M. & O. Womble for \$960,000
- 2405 Sheffield Drive** Smith Living Trust to Palmer Family Trust for \$2,225,000
- 1166 Spring Valley Common** Leonard Trust to M. & R. Bellamkoda for \$610,000
- 4121 Stanford Way** K. & D. Bloss to H. & B. Maramag for \$1,050,000
- 648 Swallow Drive** Leonard Family Trust to C. & Z. Wang for \$995,000
- 1043 Wynn Circle** R. & J. Mccaleb to L. & M. Franzella for \$1,299,000
- 740 Yosemite Drive** S. & D. Phillips to D. & T. Gomez for \$850,000
- 157 Zephyr Place #109** B. & J. Brantley to N. & R. Balaban for \$865,000

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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- 185 Barber Street** **\$999,000**
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SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (July 6-9)

- Total sales reported:** 22
- Lowest sale reported:** \$525,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$3,200,000
- Average sales reported:** \$1,700,500

Livermore (July 6-9)

- Total sales reported:** 36
- Lowest sale reported:** \$445,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$2,225,000
- Average sales reported:** \$1,005,000

Dublin (July 6-9)

- Total sales reported:** 23
- Lowest sale reported:** \$680,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$2,590,000
- Average sales reported:** \$1,445,000

San Ramon (Aug. 23-31)

- Total sales reported:** 25
- Lowest sale reported:** \$470,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$2,750,000
- Average sales reported:** \$1,300,000

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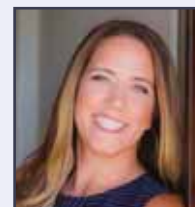


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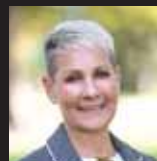
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