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VALLEY VIEWS



By **Dolores Fox Ciardelli**

Oh wow, water and weeds

Our Water Our World partnered on a webinar I attended last week sponsored by the Clean Water Program. It was shortened to OWOW, but I don't know whether to pronounce that "ow ow" as in "ouch ouch" or "oh wow."

"Oh wow" is how I respond to the beautiful, sparkling-clean water every time I am in a swimming pool. I have seen too many reports from developing countries of women and girls trekking miles to carry water for their families' needs. How privileged we are to turn on a tap and have clean water flow.

But this is the result of much effort to maintain the purity of our drinking water as well as the health of our waterways, from Arroyo Mocho to the San Francisco Bay. The Clean Water Program facilitates compliance in Alameda County with the federal Clean Water Act, and OWOW works between water pollution prevention agencies and stores selling pest control products.

Which brings me back to the webinar, "How to Manage Weeds Safely and Effectively." In other words: Don't just zap 'em with poisons, which would eventually seep through the drains that lead to the Bay.

Eco-friendly pest control experts Suzanne Bontempo and Charlotte Canner took turns presenting the material. First they defined "weed" and shared a quote from A.A. Milne, author of "Winnie the Pooh": "Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them."

"They're only weeds if you think they are weeds, right?" Canner said. "Does it cause a lot of damage or can we live with it?"

"The goal is to have a healthy garden, which will naturally have fewer pests and make the environment a less desirable place for the weeds to grow," she added.

"A weed is a plant growing in an undesirable place," said Bontempo, who allows weeds in parts of her garden. "You want to make it less desirable for weeds and more desirable for the plants."

They also discussed how weeds enter a garden in the first place — on clothes after a hike, on gardeners' equipment, by wind or from birds were a few ways. Also, be careful about disturbing the soil.

"Unless they have perfect

conditions, they won't germinate. Disturbing the soil will bring them up to where they have more moisture or room to grow," Canner said.

Look at the soil as well as the irrigation, they advised. Mulching is vital to keep weeds from sprouting. It also adds nutrients to the soil and reduces evaporation.

They talked about weeding tools, and I learned about the weed torch — obviously just to be used during the rainy season. There are also weed steamers, line trimmers and mowers. And grazing goats, which, Bontempo noted, can be rented for just a few hours if your plot isn't large.

They also discussed pesticides, understanding how they work, how to read labels and understand exactly what you are buying, and the fact that no pesticide is risk free.

Canner emphasized the direct connection from our yards via the sewer lines to the waterways.

"There is no treatment plant between them," she said.

DIY weed killers, such as salt and vinegar, can be harmful to the soil. And detergents may have ingredients that are worse for the environment than eco-friendly pesticides, Bontempo said. And be careful about what you read on the Internet.

A running chat was displayed during the webinar and questions answered in real time. One was about cats invading yards to use as latrines. It was suggested that laying chicken wire might frustrate their digging impulses. Other comments were about specific weeds and weeding for neighbors.

The organic gardening webinars are held at 5 p.m. Thursdays once a month through June, and afterwards are posted on the Clean Water Program Alameda County YouTube channel. For more information, email info@cleanwaterprogram.org.

"I personally like weeding, I think it's Zenlike," Bontempo said. "Do little sections at a time, and it's satisfying to look at."

She also suggested inviting friends over for a weeding party. This sounds like fun to me, and I have my gardening gloves handy in case anyone gives a shoutout. I'm not sure how long I'll last at bending over to pull weeds but socializing in a garden? Oh, wow. ■

Editor's note: Dolores Fox Ciardelli is Tri-Valley Life editor for the Pleasanton Weekly.

About the Cover

Lilley Nava places a self-administered swab in a test tube at a school test site. District officials say testing is key to their mitigation strategy after the recent surge of COVID cases. Photo by Magali Gauthier. Design by Paul Llewellyn.

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When you take vacation time from work, do you ever do any work just because you enjoy it?



Doreen Harris
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I don't affirmatively do any work, because my vacation time is my time to "disconnect" from the office. I have to admit though that I do check my work e-mails every day while I'm off so that if something important comes up in my absence, I can direct the matter to whoever is responsible for my work while I'm gone.



Tom Reiter
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Never. As in not ever! I think of my time off from work as time that I've worked hard for and earned to just "get away from it all." I know it will all be there for me, ready and waiting, the moment I step foot back in the office.



April Bradley
Business development

I really enjoy my work, and it is very deadline-oriented. So if I don't quite finish something that has a deadline which falls during my vacation, I will work on it during my vacation in order to meet the deadline. It doesn't happen often, so I really don't mind.



Jason Sobel
Physicist

I'm a complete work-aholic. I can barely remember the last time I took vacation time from work at all, let alone vacation time where I didn't do any work. It's just how I'm wired. I'm not really happy and comfortable unless my mind is occupied with thoughts of my work.



Christine D'Alissi
Office manager

Well, I do enjoy my work, but I don't usually do work on vacation because I want to return from vacation feeling really refreshed. I think it's important to give my mind an occasional break from my work. I think of vacation time as a form of mental hygiene.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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On Monday, the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative will host the 22nd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fellowship breakfast virtually for the second year in a row.

Las Positas College President Dyrell Foster is the keynote speaker for the Jan. 24 event, which still has tickets available for sale. Tickets are \$40 per person, and each contribution includes a continental breakfast delivered to the registrant's door on Jan. 23.

Register online at www.pleasanton.org, click on Events on the home page, then select "MLK Fellowship Breakfast" on the calendar. Online registration help is available by calling 925-846-5858. Checks can be mailed by Jan. 20th to: Community of Character Collaborative, 777 Peters Avenue, Pleasanton 94566.

Payment is required at the time of reservation, and a 48-hour cancellation notice is required for a refund or credit. A Zoom link for the event will be sent to the email address provided by the registrant.

Tri-Valley Haven's new food pantry

Tri-Valley Haven is responding to increased local food insecurity by opening a new food pantry in Livermore next month.

Set to open in February, the new, larger pantry at 150 N. L Street is currently being converted to a "bustling food market" with a walk-in freezer and composting bins, among other features.

To help Tri-Valley Haven's new food pantry, all donations made before Jan. 31 at midnight will be matched and doubled by Alan and Mary Burnham, who are contributing \$25,000 to the matching campaign. Donations can be made at www.trivalleyhaven.org.

Pleasanton switches to renewable energy

Pleasanton residents and businesses will start receiving greener electricity from East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), their new local energy provider, this month.

Last year, the city chose to set the default electricity option for Pleasanton customers to EBCE's Renewable 100 service, starting this month. Using 100% renewable energy from local sources, including EBCE's wind farm in Livermore, rates cost about \$5 more per month for a typical home.

Customers can change their EBCE service or return to PG&E service anytime. A series of webinars on EBCE service basics will be available in the near future. More details are available at ebce.org/pleasanton. ■

Downtown split proposed for Pleasanton election map

Two representatives for Hacienda Business Park also discussed

BY JULIA BAUM

Pleasanton's downtown area could be represented by two city council members in the future, an idea also floated for other areas at the Pleasanton City Council meeting on Tuesday.

During the Jan. 18 public hearing on the city's transition from at-large to district-based municipal elections, Councilmember Kathy Narum said, "I'd like to see one option where Main Street is put into two different

districts. I think since that's really the heart of the city, having two people represent it is good, particularly if you have a conflict."

"If it's only represented by one person and they have a conflict (of interest), they're out, and so I think it's important to have two people there," Narum said.

Starting in the November general election, the city will be divided into four separate council districts, with each district represented by

one council member elected by voters living in those boundaries. Each council member will be required to live in the district they represent, but the position of mayor will remain elected at-large.

Using state and federal guidelines, the council will create four districts, each with approximately 20,000 residents. The districts are ideally "geographically contiguous," and "bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the

boundaries of the city," among other criteria.

In addition to how boundaries should look, residents gave the council feedback on Tuesday about which communities of interest they think should remain intact. Communities of interest are local populations that share common interests such as speaking another language besides the one spoken by the community

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Forever in our hearts

The Pleasanton sign is rarely without a banner promoting one good cause or another. For the past few weeks the spot has been reserved to honor Pleasanton's best-known resident, John Madden, who died Dec. 28 at his Foothill Road home. The Madden family moved to Pleasanton in 1967 when Madden joined the Oakland Raiders coaching staff, and invested in real estate in the Pleasanton and Livermore downtowns.

Dublin Councilmember Shawn Kumagai announces bid for state Assembly

Only Tri-Valley candidate running for Assembly District 20 so far

BY JULIA BAUM

First-term Dublin City Councilmember Shawn Kumagai became the Tri-Valley's first candidate to announce plans to run for California Assembly District 20 earlier this week.

"I'm running for Assembly because we need trusted leaders who have the experience and judgment to take on our community's biggest challenges and find solutions," Kumagai said in a statement on Tuesday. "The voters of Alameda County are looking for elected leaders with the proven ability to deliver solutions, and I am stepping up to serve."



Shawn Kumagai

Kumagai is seeking to replace outgoing Assemblymember Bill Quirk, who announced last month that he will not seek another two-year term this year, following a decade serving in the State Legislature. Quirk said he plans to work full time on climate change solutions.

Elected to the council in 2018, Kumagai is Dublin's first openly gay councilmember and the only Asian-American candidate so far running for the newly redrawn District 20, which includes the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, Hayward, San Leandro and Union City, as well as the unincorporated Alameda County communities of Castro Valley, Fairview, San Lorenzo, Ashland, and Cherryland.

Prior to redistricting, Dublin and Pleasanton were both part of District 16, which is represented by

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda).

Currently the only candidate from the Tri-Valley, Kumagai is up against a field of contenders including Jennifer Esteen, Shay Franco Clausen and Liz Ortega. Among the issues that Kumagai said he plans to address are housing affordability and criminal justice reform, advocating for veterans, helping local businesses recover from the pandemic, and fighting anti-Asian violence and hate.

A third-generation Navy veteran and lifelong Democrat, Kumagai earned a bachelor's degree in Mandarin Chinese and a master's in instructional science and technology from CSU Monterey Bay. A workforce education specialist, Kumagai lives in Dublin with his husband Alex.

The statewide primary election will take place on June 7. ■

Groundwater management plan in

Water agency 'will only receive enough water' for the short-term

BY JULIA BAUM

Ahead of a deadline this month, the Zone 7 Water Agency recently submitted a plan for groundwater management to state officials.

Approved at the Dec. 15 Board of Directors meeting, the plan outlines actions for maintaining and improving the 69,557-acre Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin, which provides about 30% of the agency's water supply.

As a water wholesaler, Zone 7 provides water for approximately 250,000 Tri-Valley residents through sales to agencies including the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore and Dublin-San Ramon Services District (DSRSD).

In a statement on Friday, Zone 7 groundwater resources manager Ken Minn said the plan was developed "very methodically" and in cooperation with state water officials, "so that we put out a product that meets their criteria."

Most of Zone 7's water comes from the State Water Project (SWP), but the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced last month that the forecast for drought conditions into 2022 means that Zone 7 "will only receive enough water to meet basic health and safety needs in the upcoming months," according to officials.

The agency said, "It's still too early to tell if the precipitation experienced in December will be sufficient to allow a greater water allocation from DWR. Drought conditions like those the state is currently experiencing

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Fate of Harlan family's 'El Nido' house: Many 'adamantly opposed' to senior housing proposal; Harlan descendent voices support

By JEANITA LYMAN

In a joint meeting on Dec. 21, the San Ramon Planning Commission and City Council, along with numerous members of the public, debated plans for the future of the historic El Nido house, built in the 19th century by the Harlan family, at San Ramon Valley Boulevard and Westside Drive.

On the table for the public hearing was a proposal for a three-story, 27,947-square-foot senior care facility with a capacity of 84 beds on 0.7 acres, which would include renovating the longstanding Harlan house and incorporating it into the development.

The property owner, San Ramon resident Sohail Siddiqi, presented on the complicated recent history of the project, after years of efforts from numerous parties to develop the property. He emphasized in his presentation a "collaborative" approach to developing plans for the property, having listened to, addressed, and incorporated community feedback.

Siddiqi said that he'd been "taken aback" coming into the first planning commission meeting on the project in 2017 at the amount of pushback from the public on proposed developments for the property.

"Right then I decided that hey, we can just not develop and design this project in a vacuum," Siddiqi said. "We've got to engage our neighbors. So we did."

Siddiqi pointed to efforts that included town hall meetings for residents at his family's house, open house events on the property, meetings with homeowners associations



The 'El Nido' house at San Ramon Valley Boulevard and Westside Drive was built in the mid-19th century.

near the property, and collaborating with local historical societies and city officials.

Previous plans explored for the El Nido house involved moving the historic, former home of the Harlan family to a different location in order to clear the way for development, or to demolish the building entirely. Restoring the building, and incorporating it as part of a proposed senior care facility, is an option that has emerged following logistical problems with the former, and public outcry at the destruction of a historic building when it comes to the latter.

Siddiqi pointed to preserving the city's history with the restoration of the house, with plans to hold tours and events at the property organized by the San Ramon Historic Foundation, as well as adding jobs and volunteer opportunities to the area.

As an additional effort to address community concerns, Siddiqi said the proposed project would consist not just of restoring and

incorporating the historic house into the new development, but of architecture inspired by the house and aimed at complementing it.

Nonetheless, some community members continued to be skeptical about what changes the development might bring to the neighborhood, citing traffic as a major concern, with some questioning Siddiqi's motives.

"This is a commercial entity for all intents and purposes, and any notion that it is done for altruistic reasons is misplaced," said Anthony Deangelis in a public comment. "This project is going to cause a fair amount of inconvenience to the people living in the surrounding areas."

"I am opposed adamantly to this project as a healthcare facility," Brea Fisher said. "Having worked in healthcare for a number of years, no one seems to be mentioning the tremendous amount of trash, chemicals, waste, laundry, noise,

and light pollution that a healthcare facility will generate. This is an inappropriate area to place a healthcare facility."

Overall, neighboring residents expressed concerns about increased traffic, noise, and continued aesthetic concerns over architecture as overarching concerns, and asked for the council, commission, and applicant to consider these issues.

Other residents, however, pointed to a dearth of senior housing in the area, and were hopeful that the proposed facility could help San Ramon Valley seniors stay in the area rather than moving elsewhere in the state or country to find an assisted living facility.

"I am in my 80s," Mary Lou Oliver said. "I'm one of those people who's looking around for what kind of facilities are available, and there is a real dearth in San Ramon."

Oliver added that as a longtime San Ramon resident, she'd seen numerous arguments against new developments over the years, while watching the city continue to grow.

"When I moved here, it was the first subdivision built north of Montevideo Drive," Oliver said. "There was nothing between Montevideo Drive and my property ... Most of the people, if I had said the kinds of things I heard tonight, they wouldn't have a home here."

Some further expressed frustration that, as debates over the future of the Harlan house have raged on, the house itself has fallen into further disrepair as it and the surrounding property sit unoccupied. One of these commenters was Bill

Harlan, a descendant of the house's original owners.

Harlan said that when he'd come to San Ramon in 1985 to work toward a new college in the area, he found himself unexpectedly involved in the saga of his ancestors' house, and had been watching and participating in these discussions closely over the years.

"At about the same time, I got involved, because of my name and my background, the fact that my great-great-grandfather was raised in that house back in the 19th century, I was also sucked into this whole ongoing soap opera of the Harlan house," he said.

Harlan was part of the city commission that had looked for property to move the house to in the efforts that fell through in 2015.

"While all of that was going on, the house deteriorated, much of the damage done to the house was wonton and conscious and part of a political effort, and now I listen to people worrying about walking their dogs and having cars turn around on Westside Drive," Harlan said. "Joe Harlan, who built that house originally in the 19th century, brought his grandmother, Mrs. Duncan, who was 93, across the planes in a covered wagon in 1846."

"That spirit, that attitude, has survived all of the years of degradation to that house, and the Harlan Family Association of the United States of America ... is really behind this plan," Harlan continued. "It makes sense to use the history as a springboard to deal with our current issues in the community."

The Dec. 21 hearing on the proposed El Nido senior living project was for informational and discussion purposes only, with no action set to be taken by the council or commission. Both bodies voted unanimously to approve the next step of discussions on the project. ■

Alameda County Sheriff candidates talk jail deaths, government mandates in forum

Guns, transparency and COVID-19 among other discussion topics

By CIERRA BAILEY

Three contenders competing to become Alameda County's next sheriff faced off in a virtual forum earlier this month hosted by community group Livermore Indivisible.

Incumbent Gregory Ahern — who has held his seat at the helm of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) since 2007 — and his challengers ACSO Division Commander Yesenia Sanchez and veteran San Francisco Police Department Officer JoAnn Walker participated in the two-hour discussion, each answering questions about their plans for the position should they be elected.

Livermore Indivisible member Helen Machuga moderated the Jan. 9 forum, asking 12 questions that had been compiled beforehand followed by a Q&A period with viewers

facilitated by Karen Jefferson. The virtual event was co-sponsored by Livermore Vine, Pleasanton Weekly and The Independent.

Gun violence

Following their opening statements, one of the leading questions the candidates were asked was about their plans to make communities in the county safer from gun violence.

Ahern said that the sheriff's office is already working toward addressing the issue and that units have already seized hundreds of weapons in the past year and apprehended a number of violators who have been prohibited from possessing handguns.

"The gun violence in Alameda County is very tragic. Within the city



Gregory Ahern

Yesenia Sanchez

JoAnn Walker

of Oakland there were 139 people that have died by gun violence this year," he said, adding that the ACSO has assigned units to Oakland to try to reduce that number as well as established a gang suppression unit to address gang violence. He said that Oakland saw a record number of homicides as well as a record number of shooting victims, with 531 victims of gun violence brought into Highland

Hospital this past year alone.

Walker said that while enforcement of laws is already occurring, the department should be assigning more investigators to work through the process to figure out what is needed to reduce violence from guns altogether.

"The community is afraid of a lot of things that they feel are out of their control," she said. "Arresting is one way to handle the problem temporarily, but what happens in the future when the person is afraid again?" she added.

Walker said that connecting with the community more, particularly youth, to establish better relationships with law enforcement is one way to address the problem. She used the example of School Resource

Officers on campuses as a means of building connections between youth and law enforcement.

"Arrest is only one way, but you still have to educate and give them opportunities to do better," she said.

Sanchez also addressed youth, noting that guns are making their way into young peoples' hands too easily. However, she stressed the importance of enforcement to ensure public safety.

"We have to ensure residents as well as those who come into our areas to patronize our local businesses and our small businesses feel safe. In order to do that, we do have to go after those who are using firearms to commit crimes and harming people with those weapons," she said.

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SHERIFF FORUM

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Sanchez also said that beyond enforcement, she believes the focus should be on better understanding why people find it necessary to carry guns in the first place in an effort to identify the underlying issues the community is facing and tackle the problem at the root. She said that when she worked in the field and would seize guns from youth, the most common response for why they had them was to protect themselves.

"We as a community really need to focus on why there is that mindset," she said.

Mandates

The candidates were also asked what action they would take if the ACSO was directed by the federal or state government to enforce a mandate, order or law that they believed to be unconstitutional.

Sanchez responded to the question first, acknowledging that it was difficult to answer without knowing what such a mandate would consist of.

"If we are mandated to enforce something, we have to follow what that direction is," she said. However, she said that she believes there should be conversations had between those who enforce mandates and those affected by them in any capacity.

"The bottom line is, I dislike when there is any type of mandate where the conversation doesn't include input from all sides that are impacted by it," she said.

Ahern answered by breaking down the steps that are currently in place for the sheriff's office to question or challenge a government order.

"If we thought there was an unconstitutional mandate that we're talking about, the first thing that we would do is go to the superior court and ask for an injunction to delay that order," he said.

"We have access to the county counsel, who has been our attorney for the sheriff's office and has been able to answer questions in regards to mandates that have been enforced in the past. We also have the California State Sheriffs' Association that has legal counsel that provides us with guidance as well, regarding these very controversial issues," he added.

Walker agreed with Ahern regarding the existing procedures and resources available to the ACSO for handling disagreements that may arise related to mandates before sharing her own perspective.

"What is important here is why these mandates are coming up, why they're important, who they're going to impact and what can we do to improve public safety?" she said.

"If following a mandate is something that is lawful and constitutional and I disagree with it, I can deal with my disagreement later. What I'm looking at is the larger picture;

how is this going to serve the community? What is going to happen when we go forward with this particular mandate? Will it save lives? Is it something that's important because it is going to help the people in Alameda County to remain alive and to go on with their daily lives with their families without any kind of intrusion from law enforcement?" she continued.

"I think that if it is a law, we need to go ahead and we need to abide by that law until we can bring all of the parties to the table and figure out how we're going to make the change that the law enforcement community may feel is important," she added.

Santa Rita Jail

The candidates also discussed how they would improve conditions at Santa Rita Jail, particularly as it relates to a 2019 audit that found Santa Rita Jail had the highest death rate of any jail in Northern California and that there is a direct correlation between those who die by suicide and those housed in isolation or administrative segregation.

"We've been directing our attention specifically to that audit to make corrections and so the number of hours of people being kept in their cells has been decreased greatly," Ahern said. "We've also worked on a manner to take the number of AdSeg people and reclassify them so they could be out in a group setting under an agreement between the members that are going to be out at the same time," he added.

He said that they've made "great strides" in reducing the amount of deaths that occur in the jail, noting that many of the deaths have been due to overdoses and they've brought in K-9 units to help with narcotic detection as well as other steps to reduce drug-related deaths.

"We were one of the first agencies in the state of California to bring Narcan into a jail setting where our deputies can apply that quickly to save lives," he said.

He also said they've expanded their medical-assisted treatment program and worked with the behavioral health unit to reduce deaths at Santa Rita.

"We're very proud of the treatment that they provided to our inmate population," Ahern said of the medical staff and behavioral health unit. "We're working on specific reviews of each and every one of those deaths that have occurred within our facility and it has a great benefit to reducing the number. However, our society and Santa Rita Jail is just a microcosm of what goes on within the cities and county itself. So, as we see our population suffering from depression, our inmates are suffering from that same problem and we're trying to address it with them individually," he added.

While Ahern expressed pride and optimism for the corrections the facility is making, Walker criticized Ahern in her response, noting that there have been at least 50 deaths at

Santa Rita Jail since 2014 and that 19 of them were deaths by suicide.

"We know that it is unconstitutional for people to be held in isolation and according to the website, in Santa Rita Jail, people are only allowed to come out one hour per week," Walker said. "How can they not become suicidal in a situation where they have no control, they don't see their family members, they're locked down and they are dependent upon somebody else for their livelihood? How can they come out and be normal?" she added.

Sanchez — who is the highest ranking Latina in the ACSO and has been in command of Santa Rita Jail since early 2020 — clarified later in her own response that inmates are offered one hour of recreation per day, not per week.

Walker also criticized Ahern for not cooperating with the DOJ in previous years to lower the number of deaths at the jail.

"Why did it take so long? Why did it take so many people dying? So many families who are suffering because they didn't find out what really happened to their loved one," she said.

Sanchez acknowledged in her response that many people come into the facility with pre-existing medical conditions, substance abuse issues and mental health conditions that have gone long untreated. "We experience death in the jail just as we see out in the community," she said.

However, where Sanchez said the facility can improve is by having better communication with families and with the public following the death of someone in custody.

"Right now, there's no communication with families who lose someone while they're in custody and that is simply not humane. There has to be some information that's shared with the family. We should not leave them in the dark," Sanchez said.

The lack of communication as it relates to deaths at Santa Rita Jail also surfaced during the topic of transparency and trust, with Walker and Sanchez echoing similar sentiments about the importance of providing families information about their loved ones who have died in custody as well as getting information out to the public as soon as possible.

Other topics of discussion during the forum included how the candidates will protect the incarcerated population from jail personnel and visitors who may have been exposed to COVID-19 outside of the jail environment, how the candidates would counteract racist behavior within the department, whether or not the candidates see a conflict of interest with the sheriff operating the Coroner's Bureau and their perspectives on the possible addition of a sheriff oversight structure to improve public transparency and accountability.

The primary election is set for June 7, after which the top two contenders will be placed on the November ballot. ■

DOWNTOWN

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at-large. Political parties, incumbents or political candidates are not considered communities of interest.

One resident said there should be a district centered around downtown, and added that “slicing the city up into slices like a pizza would group me with people who are less similar to me, rather than a central circle district around downtown with other districts on the exterior.”

Councilmember Jack Balch said he “hadn’t specifically thought about downtown one way or the other, but

I think it would be wise to consider a map with the downtown going together ... or the downtown split.”

Mayor Karla Brown supported splitting the representation for downtown, which she called “the gem of our community.”

“It is the iconic view when people see Pleasanton,” Brown said. “When people come to Pleasanton, they often dine in downtown and they think of that as our label for what our community is.” Brown also said Hacienda Business Park is “a very powerful bloc that should have two representatives.”

“It’s a very large area; it’s a powerful voting bloc because it’s under a single

management,” Brown added.

Councilmember Julie Testa said, “The suggestion to split up Main Street because of the possibility of the conflict and, therefore, leaving downtown without representation applies to every neighborhood.”

“If you’re going to consider that, then we in fact should split every neighborhood in Pleasanton, so that just doesn’t really make sense,” Testa said.

Following Tuesday’s hearing, the city’s hired demographer will create one or more draft maps, which will be posted for public comment and review at two more hearings on Feb. 3 and 24. ■



SUMMERHILL HOMES

Artist’s rendering of detached homes in the planned City Village project.

City Village project set to break ground at Bishop Ranch

First of project’s 404 units planned to be on market in early 2023

BY JEANITA LYMAN

Following months of hearings and deliberations at San Ramon Planning Commission and City Council meetings, developers are one step closer to completing the long discussed City Village project, and tentatively anticipating when units might be on the market.

Sunset Development Company announced on Jan. 12 that they had sold the 31-acre parcel at Bishop Ranch 6 that City Village is planned for to the project’s developers, SummerHill Homes.

“SummerHill Homes’ plans for City Village represent a turning point in the history of Bishop Ranch and in the city’s dream of providing a walkable, pedestrian- and transit-oriented mixed-use district,” said Alex Mehran, Jr., president and chief executive officer of Sunset Development Company, developer and owner of Bishop Ranch. “We’re thrilled that some of the first residential neighborhoods in Bishop Ranch will be created by SummerHill Homes, a highly respected Bay Area homebuilder admired for their quality housing and accompanying community amenities.”

The long anticipated and discussed 404-unit project is set to consist of three neighborhoods with a mix of detached homes and townhouses, a two-acre park and other open spaces,

and walking and bicycle trails, at the northwest corner of Camino Ramon and Executive Parkway.

The city’s Planning Commission and City Council have been supportive of the project, which is part of Sunset Development’s master plan for the area aimed at emphasizing walking, transit, housing, and access to jobs, and the City’s overall efforts to foster a centralized downtown area.

“We couldn’t have chosen a more exciting and forward-looking community than Bishop Ranch for a residential project of this nature,” said Robert Freed, chief executive officer of SummerHill Homes. “Bishop Ranch is the perfect setting for new housing: It’s a very walkable area, it’s very transit-oriented, and there is a huge need here for quality homes near the city’s large and growing supply of jobs. We’re excited to have the opportunity to play a role in the evolution of San Ramon’s long-envisioned, mixed-use district.”

The 404 units set to be built on the 31-acre parcel break down into three neighborhoods with three different styles of three and four bedroom units ranging from 1,720 square feet to 2,457 square feet.

According to the Jan. 12 announcement, the first batch of units are set to go on the market in early 2023. ■

ZONE 7

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draw the importance of groundwater management into sharp relief.”

Though the basin “has been sustainably managed,” Minn said “that doesn’t mean that we are bulletproof.”

“We are very vigilant about emerging threats from different sources,” Minn said. “Sustainably managing the basin doesn’t mean that we can put it on autopilot. We still have to be vigilant to manage the water quality, to manage the basin to be what it is today.”

In 2014, a law was passed to ensure the long-term viability of the state’s groundwater supply. Local water agencies, including Zone 7, were assigned to each of the 515 groundwater basins throughout California and tasked with developing plans to lessen the impact of overdrafting in the next 20 years.

The state has two years to review the plan and identify any shortcomings. Annual progress updates are also required, as are plan updates every five years.

For more information and to view the plan, visit www.zone7water.com. ■

Louis Csoti Moncton

August 5, 1935 – December 10, 2021

Louis Csoti Moncton passed away on Friday, December 10, 2021 at the age of 86.

Louis could no longer bear the chronic excruciating pain caused by lumbar degenerative arthritis and he was losing his mobility. In February 2021, Louis also suffered extreme pain and discomfort from cancer surgery.

Louis had always been a very strong, courageous, and disciplined man who was very active in sports and working out at the gym all his life.

Louis was born in Csanadapaca, Hungary. His birth name is Lajos Csoti.

He excelled academically and was a devout Christian.

Louis had a very charismatic personality and loved people and animals especially dogs.

Louis served in the military in Hungary and also fought in the 1956 Revolution while he was at the University in Budapest. During the Revolution, Louis had to flee to the Austrian border and eventually made his way to Canada for a new start and to continue his education. While in the University in Canada, Louis officially changed his name to Louis Csoti Moncton. He met his first wife Kathleen in Toronto where his son Anthony was born. Two years later, the family moved to California where his daughter Desiree was born.

The family enjoyed many happy years in the Bay Area.

Louis and Kathleen parted after 24 years of marriage.

Later, Louis married Jane and they were happily married for 31 years until his passing.

Louis was a successful and brilliant electro-mechanical engineer and engineering manager. His favorite places to work were Caterpillar and Lockheed.

Louis played soccer for most of his life and at least 20-25 years on local teams in the Bay Area. Louis also practiced karate for 20-25 years and achieved a 4th degree black belt.

Louis loved telling jokes to uplift his family and friends. He always felt that it was important to have a good sense of humor no matter what happens in life. Louis had a wonderful sense of humor and a remarkable story telling ability that everyone loved.

Louis was an excellent cook and had an incredible green thumb in the garden growing his own peppers and tomatoes.

Louis was also an avid reader and loved music especially classical, opera, and jazz.

Louis was a very spiritual man. He prayed and read the Bible every day. He gave God thanks and praise when anything good happened. Though there were hard times, he still had faith and hope in the Lord.

Louis is survived by his loving wife, Jane Csoti; his devoted children Dr. Anthony Moncton (and his wife Veronica Ramos) and Desiree Moncton. He is also survived by his first wife, Kathleen Moncton, as well as many relatives in Hungary.

Family and friends are invited to attend the service, reception, and celebration of life on Saturday March 19, 2022 starting at 11 am at St. Clare’s Episcopal Church in Pleasanton, CA, 94588. In the Celebration of Life that follows the service for Louis, family and friends will have an opportunity to share their stories about Louis.

Mask and proof of vaccination is required to attend the service, reception, and celebration of life.

Live streaming online access will also be available for remote viewing via Facebook and YouTube.

It is requested by the family that no monies, no flowers, and no cards are sent, only thoughts and prayers.

If some family and friends feel compelled to give, please send your donation to a charity of your choice that would benefit those who are most in need whether it is a person, animal, or our environment. Making this world a better kinder place is what would make Louis happy.

Thank you very much. Louis loved you all. We all miss him. This is a tremendous loss to us all.

We love you and miss you, Louis.

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Preschool burglarized twice in two days

Resurrection Lutheran Church's Child Development Program facility on Amador Valley Boulevard in Dublin was burglarized twice in two days. In addition to stealing thousands of dollars in electronics and other goods, the school was vandalized.

On Jan. 9, while the facility was closed because of COVID, someone broke into the building and stole electronics, including Amazon Fire tablets, an Amazon Alexa smart speaker, flash drives and tools.

A man suspected of the crime was arrested and the items were recovered.

On Jan. 11, a preschool employee was on campus to meet a person to repair a door frame damaged in the Sunday burglary only to find

there had been another burglary, probably on Jan. 10.

According to the employee, tablets, cellphones, tools, gift cards, diapers and toys were stolen in this incident. Because the thief or thieves stole keys, the building had to be rekeyed.

A GoFundMe campaign established by the mother of a preschooler had a goal of \$7,000 and as of Monday, a week after the second burglary, \$11,550 had been raised.

—Pleasanton Weekly staff

In other news

• Two people were arrested and recyclables recovered Jan. 12 after a Livermore Police officer spotted a car with two large white canvas bags tied to the top of the roof. The officer contacted the people in the car because it was unsafe to drive with the bags on the roof.

The passenger, a convicted felon on parole, was in possession of brass knuckles and methamphetamine. The driver had drug paraphernalia.

The large bags were filled with recyclables and had been stolen from a local recycling center. The bags were returned to the recycling center and the driver and passenger were arrested for theft, among other charges.

— Gina Channell Wilcox

• Steven Montanelli, 63, and his son Anthony Montanelli, 34, both of San Ramon, pleaded guilty last week to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud in connection with a scheme to divert medical equipment owned by Kaiser for their company.

They pleaded guilty and entered separate plea agreements. According to the plea agreements, the men worked as biomedical engineers at Kaiser, responsible for repairing and servicing Kaiser ultrasound

A Livermore Police officer spotted a car with two large white canvas bags tied to the top. Contact with the people in the car about the safety concern led to the arrest of the passenger and the driver for theft of the stolen recyclables in the bags and other charges.



LIVERMORE POLICE

systems used at its medical facilities located throughout the Bay Area. For nearly 10 years, the pair allegedly ordered parts for Kaiser's ultrasound equipment but sent the parts to their business, Pacific Coast Imaging (PCI), and sold the

equipment to PCI customers for a profit.

The conspiracy charge carries a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. ■

— Gina Channell Wilcox

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available

Jan. 13

Vandalism

- 8:10 a.m. on the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 8:18 a.m. on the 7800 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Theft

- 10:00 a.m. on the 000 block of Wyoming Street; theft from auto
- 11:52 a.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 12:07 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:42 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Graffiti offense

- 10:39 a.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

Fraud

- 12:32 p.m. on the 500 block of Sycamore Creek Way

Domestic battery

- 2:52 p.m. on Hopyard Road

Warrant arrest

- 10:21 p.m. on the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue

Jan. 12

Graffiti offense

- 7:23 a.m. on the 3300 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 7:27 a.m. on the 1000 block of Kottinger Drive

Theft

- 7:48 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto
- 8:00 a.m. on the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto
- 6:20 p.m. on the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard
- 6:58 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto

Threats

- 11:32 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Vandalism

- 2:57 p.m. on the 5000 block of Case Avenue

DUI

- 6:04 p.m. on Stoneridge and Johnson drives

Domestic battery

- 7:18 p.m. on Corte Espada
- 8:04 p.m. on Crestline Road

Jan. 11

Warrant arrest

- 2:01 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

- 8:11 a.m. on the 7800 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 8:53 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard theft; from structure
- 12:01 p.m. on the 8100 block of Moller Ranch Drive; theft from auto
- 1:24 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 1:42 p.m. on the 600 block of Main Street
- 3:18 p.m. on Pimlico Drive/Santa Rita Road

Drug violation

- 2:54 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Fraud

- 3:55 p.m. on the 9100 block of Olson Court

Fire

- 7:31 p.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

- 2:01 a.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Jan. 10

Theft

- 6:17 a.m. on the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; catalytic converter theft
- 12:31 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 2:34 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive
- 3:34 p.m. on the 000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:19 p.m. on the 5500 block of Baldwin Way; auto theft

Fraud

- 1:11 p.m. on the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road
- 1:31 p.m. on the 1300 block of Hearst Drive

- 9:53 p.m. on the 400 block of Junipero Street

Jan. 9

Warrant arrest

- 11:17 a.m. on Hacienda and Owens drives

Theft

- 1:06 p.m. on the 400 block of Vineyard Place
- 3:54 p.m. on the 3600 block of Dunsmuir Circle; catalytic converter theft
- 3:58 p.m. on the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft

Domestic battery

- 1:18 p.m. on Gillian Court
- 5:54 p.m. on Santa Rita Road

Reed Michael Olson Jan. 13, 2022

Parents:

Lisa and Andrew Olson

Grandparents:

Kathy and Jeff Narum



Alexandre Sébastien Denoix

November 11, 1988 – January 13, 2022

Alexandre Sébastien Denoix, beloved son, brother and uncle, was tragically lost to us on January 13th, 2022. Alex was born on November 11, 1988, in Renton, Washington, and spent his early childhood in Bourges, France, then Bothell, Washington and Pleasanton, California. As a teenager, Alex excelled in sports; he was an especially talented soccer player. He graduated from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, and later attended Butte College and Chico State University, graduating with associates degrees from both schools.

Charming and clever, he lit up any room he entered. He was happiest in nature and loved the outdoors. He loved adrenaline-charged activities like rock climbing, skateboarding, and sailing. He thrived on adventure, and was always the first to the top of the mountain or first in the water if the opportunity presented itself. A true original, Alex did things his own way and with inimitable style, usually accompanied by his patented, infectious grin. A free spirit with a huge heart, family and faith were everything to him; two of his happiest and proudest days were his confirmation day in 2018, and his wedding in 2019.

Alex is survived by his wife Natalia; parents, Richard & Lenore Denoix and Claudine & Leo Montero; his siblings (by age), Lauri Costigan, Jason Montero, Guillaume & Jordan Denoix and their son Jack Denoix, Ashley Montero, and Amandine Denoix; as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins, both from France and the United States, and a wide circle of friends.

"May the Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another." Genesis (31:49).

The funeral vigil will be held Sunday, January 23rd at 6:00pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church and the funeral mass will be held Monday, January 24th at 10:00am, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, both in Pleasanton, CA.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Alexandre to: Catholic Relief Services at www.crs.org or Alcoholics Anonymous at www.aa.org.

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COVID SURGE'S IMPACT ON SCHOOLS

DISTRICTS PIVOT AS GUIDELINES ARE UPDATED, PROTOCOLS CHANGE

BY CIERRA BAILEY, JULIA BAUM AND JEANITA LYMAN

A new variant of COVID, omicron, made the first week of school following the winter break more than a little challenging.

Pre-omicron, Tri-Valley school districts saw relatively few positive COVID cases among students and staff. Most weeks during the fall semester, case counts were in the single digits. The easily-spread omicron variant changed that dramatically.

Acknowledging in-person learning is better for students academically and emotionally, Gov. Gavin Newsom has made it clear everything should be done to keep students in the classroom.

While some Bay Area school districts have grappled with going remote and increased absenteeism, Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) is planning for business as usual, albeit with a few adjustments.

PUSD Superintendent David Haglund confirmed at a Jan. 12 virtual community meeting that the district has no plans to revert all students to fully remote learning like they did in March 2020.

“At this time, the state of California does not provide an opportunity to use remote instruction outside of the independent study model,” Haglund said. “We do have the independent study model available for students and parents who elect to go that route, but we do not have the option to do remote learning.”

At Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), officials said they are hopeful that the current uptick in cases is temporary and that school closures won't be necessary.

“Recognizing the disruption and challenges created by distance learning, we will exhaust every possible resource to continue to keep

students in school with a full schedule, every day,” said Deputy Superintendent Chris Van Schaack.

He added, “Health officials have indicated that they believe the current surge to be short-term and that the decline in cases will likely be as rapid as the increase. Additionally, we are not seeing significant spread in our schools. Our contact tracing still indicates that the vast majority of student and staff COVID cases are from outside our school sites. This tells us that our internal protocols are working well.”



Pleasanton kindergarten students are eager to start the school day.

FILE PHOTO



LVJUSD returned from winter break on Jan. 3. Since returning, the district's daily absences have averaged between 12-20% of the student population. However, officials noted that not all absences are related to COVID. The district also said that absences for students prior to the break averaged between 5-7% with the occasional spike.

“Like other districts across the county, we are experiencing higher student absence rates due to positive COVID test results or concerns about exposure to COVID on campus,” said Chip

Dehnert, Public Information and Community Relations Officer at Dublin Unified School District (DUSD).

San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) schools returned from the winter break on Jan. 11. The first week of classes saw a large majority of the district's more than 29,000 students enrolled in face-to-face classes in attendance during the first week of the spring term, with an average of 12% of the student population absent the first week of school. This is a higher number of absences overall than before the holiday break when the average student absences was roughly 5%.

PUSD elementary school students returned to class Jan. 10 and middle and high school students on Jan. 11. Absences the first week back from break averaged about 14% of the student population, which is higher than the pre-omicron average of 3%.

Of course omicron isn't spreading to only students.

“We are working to fill an increased number of staff absences, not specific to teachers,” said Patrick Gannon, PUSD's Coordinator of Communications and Community Engagement. “Our focus and priority is to cover classrooms and keep schools open.”

The increase in staff absences mirrors the increase in student absences at PUSD. Before the break an average of 137 of its 1,405 staff members would be absent. The first week back at school the average was 193 — a little less than 14% of the staff.

LVJUSD has had approximately 100 teacher absences related to COVID since returning from winter break, which is roughly 15% of the district's teaching staff. Officials noted that the percentage of teacher absences falls within the range of student absences, which they said is



PUSD

PUSD Superintendent David Haglund visits with the second-grade class of Vintage Hills Elementary teacher Sophie Loughran-Smith.

a reflection of the fact that, “what we are encountering in schools is a microcosm of the community.”

Prior to the emergence of omicron, SRVUSD saw roughly 100 to 110 of its 1,476 teachers call out each day. The return to classes saw an uptick, according to data from the first four days of classes, with an average of approximately 150 teachers calling out each day, about 10% of the total teachers in the district.

Even as teacher absences increase because of illness or quarantine, districts are having an even more difficult time than usual finding enough substitutes for teachers and other staff positions.

Prior to the omicron surge, LVJUSD was already experiencing a shortage of substitute teachers, which continues to be the case. Officials said that to accommodate for the shortage, teachers have been subbing for each other during their prep periods when needed and administrators have been stepping in to sub as well.

“In the event that substitute positions are unfilled, the district utilizes other certificated staff (non-teachers) - teachers on special assignment,

elementary preparation teachers, elementary counselors, site administrators, district office managers and regular classroom teachers during their preparation period to provide substitute coverage,” said Ilana Israel Samuels, Director of Communication at SRVUSD.

District officials in the Tri-Valley and across the state are hoping Newsom’s decision last week to temporarily loosen substitute teacher requirements will help ease staffing shortages at schools. The executive order allows substitutes to serve with only a temporary certificate instead of a substitute credential, be assigned to a class for up to 120 days and provides more flexibility for retired teachers to work as substitutes.

PREVENTING THE SPREAD

On Dec. 20, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warned that the omicron variant was highly transmissible and there was the potential for a rapid increase of infections. To prepare, all four Tri-Valley school districts provided no-cost COVID-19 antigen home test kits, which included two rapid tests, to students returning to school after the holiday break. While testing was not required to return to school, it was encouraged.

Prior to releasing students for winter vacation, LVJUSD received approximately 15,000 test kits — enough for every student and staff member — from the California Department of Public Health. Tests were distributed to students and staff on Dec. 16, according to LVJUSD officials.

SRVUSD received and distributed 30,000 antigen test kits ahead of the return to classes on Jan. 11. They distributed 17,000 on the first of three days of planned distribution, and ran out by the middle of the second day, canceling the planned distribution day designated for families who’d been traveling over the holidays on Jan. 10.

PUSD pandemic services coordinator Kelly French said the district distributed approximately 14,000 at-home test kits from the state — “one per student and staff member in the district,” she said.

“Testing is a key part of our mitigation strategy,” said Dehnert. “Besides the 13,000 rapid tests the state provided to us recently by the state (and distributed on Jan. 6), the district has been offering PCR tests since late August.”

“To date, we have conducted over 20,000 PCR tests at district sites,” he continued. “Since the beginning of this month, our testing rates have gone up dramatically. We would typically see 100 and something or 200 and something tests per day in 2021, but last week the daily (PCR) test average was 792. That’s a big jump.”

All the Tri-Valley districts offer on-site testing, which is more important than ever because whether more test kits will be provided by the state remains to be determined.

French said at the Jan. 12 meeting, “The

at-home test kits are not as plentiful in the state of California as the professional kits are, so we do not have a supply issue with the professional kits, those are the ones being used at the testing centers.”

‘With increased diligence in masking, distancing and symptom awareness, we are confident we will meet this challenge without having to resort to dramatic measures such as school closures.’

Chris Van Schaack,
LVJUSD Deputy Superintendent

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OMICRON VARIANT FORCES CHANGES TO DISTRICT PROTOCOLS

The California Department of Public Health and county health officials continue to review and assess the data related to the Omicron variant. In response, local school districts are updating their TK-12 COVID-19 Protocols.

The following are general updates. District sites have specific protocols and guidance for their students, as well as resources available.

QUARANTINE

Standard Quarantine Reduced: Unvaccinated students who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 can end quarantine after Day 5 (returning to school on Day 6) if symptoms are not present AND proof of a negative test on or after Day 5 is provided. Previously, the quarantine duration was 10 days, so this reduces the number of days by half.

Modified Quarantine Testing Frequency: Since the quarantine duration has been reduced to 5 days, students on modified quarantine will be tested once within the 5-day quarantine period.

Modified Quarantine Participation in Extracurriculars: Students participating in modified quarantine may participate in school-based extracurriculars.

Expanded Use of At-Home Test Kits: Students now have the flexibility to use any FDA-approved at-home antigen test, monitored antigen test, or PCR test to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 status to be released from isolation or quarantine. A student’s name, date of birth, and test date must be written on an at-home test strip to qualify.

90-Day COVID Positive Quarantine Exemption: Unvaccinated students who have been previously infected with COVID-19 in the past 90 days are not required to quarantine. Proof of the positive test must be provided to the school that includes the student’s name, date of birth, and test date.

Indoor Event Guidance per CDPH (as of 1/15/22): While the following guidance is not exclusive to schools, school events, including indoor athletics, are subject to these updated protocols. Indoor events with 500 or more attendees is considered a mega event and now requires proof of vaccination or proof of a negative test result.

- Anyone over the age of 18 must provide proof of identity along with their vaccination record or negative test. Information is available at www.cdph.ca.gov.
- Testing must be conducted within one day for an antigen test and within two days for a PCR test prior to entry into an event. Results of the test must be available prior to entry into the facility or venue. Tests can be at-home or monitored.

TESTING

Testing availability continues to be a challenge. Community testing sites can have long wait times for appointments and at-home test kits can be hard to find.

At-home testing kits identical to those provided to students prior to the return to class from the winter break can be purchased directly from ihealthlabs.com, in addition to other retailers.

Note: There have been some reports of fake testing kits being sold online. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has provided information on how to avoid buying fake kits online.

VACCINATION AND BOOSTER

The CDC recommends booster shots for all people 12 and up. Individuals are eligible for a booster five months after receiving the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine, six months after the second dose of Moderna, or two months after J&J. Vaccines are recommended for all people age 5 and up. Most Tri-Valley school districts offer clinics.

CONTACT TRACING

The California Department of Public Health and Alameda County Public Health Department on Jan. 12 announced the Group Contact Tracing Approach designed to keep all students, who may have been exposed to COVID-19, but have no symptoms, in school.

Schools will notify all individuals who spent more than a cumulative total of 15 minutes (within a 24-hour time period) in a shared indoor airspace (such as a classroom) with someone with COVID-19 during their period of infectiousness.

Exposed students, regardless of vaccination status or prior infection, who are not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19:

- May remain at school and continue participating in all classroom based activities and sports/extracurricular activities.
- Should get tested within 3-5 days after exposure
 - Any FDA-approved antigen diagnostic test, PCR diagnostic test, or pooled PCR test is acceptable for evaluation of an individual’s COVID-19 status.
 - For students who have been recently infected (within the past 90 days), antigen testing is strongly recommended as PCR results may remain persistently positive and not be indicative of a new active infection. ■



PUSD

Walnut Grove Elementary School students enjoy recess, adhering to the district's rules on masking indoors and outdoors.

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The 14,000 the Pleasanton district distributed prior to the return to school, French explained, is “a one week’s supply. So if you think about the scale of that, if we tried to offer that every week, the supply is not there at the state level,” French added. “So, as much as we would like to do that, it’s just not going to happen.”

While LVJUSD is not expecting to receive any more testing kits from the state, the district is accepting home test kits as an acceptable way to return to school after isolation following a positive COVID result.

PUSD, on the other hand, is requiring two supervised tests at either the district’s testing center or a lab to return after testing positive. The district also shortened quarantine for staff to five days if both tests are negative, “but that is based on guidance from the state,” Gannon said.

PUSD offers both rapid and PCR testing for COVID, but the district’s pandemic response manager, Hannah Mestel, said the latter is “not a particularly useful tool in answering whether someone has COVID right now and needs to be isolated.”

Other than testing, districts are implementing other measures to stop the spread. PUSD, for example, is

currently expecting a shipment of KN95 or N95 masks from the state that will be made available to students and teachers.

In October, every classroom and library in the Dublin district was outfitted with an air purifier (approximately 600 devices) “in an effort to reduce airborne contaminants, including particles containing viruses, in our schools,” Dehnert said.

The state health department also recently changed the protocol for contact tracing.

LVJUSD’s COVID Dashboard continues to report daily, week-to-date and cumulative numbers of positive COVID cases related to school

exposure. It does not, however, reflect cases that occurred over the winter break unless discovered through school-sanctioned activities, such as a sports practice or competition.

“We are still contact-tracing and notifying parents. The biggest challenge is testing availability. Our modified quarantine on campus testing has, at times, not been able to keep up with demand. We have requested additional testing staff and supplies from CDPH and are hopeful they will be able to provide more resources. At-home test kits are largely unavailable in the community and community testing sites are overwhelmed,” said Michelle Dawson, LVJUSD’s Community Engagement Coordinator.

In a communication sent last Friday, SRVUSD updated families on a shift to “group tracing.” Prior to this shift, caregivers would receive letters from schools indicating when students had close contact with anyone who’d tested positive for COVID.

“One of the key benefits of moving to the group contact tracing approach is that students may continue to take part in all aspects of K-12 schooling unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19,” the Jan. 14 announcement said.

Under SRVUSD’s group tracing guidelines, caregivers will now be notified if a student is in the same indoor space, such a classroom or facility for other school activities, for a cumulative 15 minutes with someone who tested positive for COVID.

‘Our focus and priority is to cover classrooms and keep schools open.’

Patrick Gannon,
PUSD Coordinator of
Communications & Community
Engagement

The district does not require that students get tested to continue in-person classes, as long as they are asymptomatic, but does recommend testing within three to five days of exposure.

“With increased diligence in masking, distancing and symptom awareness, we are confident we will meet this challenge without having to resort to dramatic measures such as school closures,” Van Schaack said.

As of presstime, protocols on district websites were being changed to reflect updated guidance received last week from CDPH and the county health departments, and all asked for support and patience.

One constant among all districts is that the situation is fluid and staff is working to keep the community up to date as changes are made in an effort to keep students safely in classrooms. ■

— Gina Channell Wilcox
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Left: Fairlands Elementary teacher Kylie Bower leads a lesson for her third-grade students. Right: Families drop off their children at Mohr Elementary School.

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GUEST OPINION

BY DAN WALTERS

California leads, but where is it going?

Politicians, particularly Gov. Gavin Newsom, are fond of touting California policies and programs as the nation's first and / or foremost.

The latest example is Newsom's proposal to extend Medi-Cal, the state's program of medical care for the poor, to all undocumented immigrants, which "makes California the first state in the nation to achieve universal healthcare coverage."

Newsom's braggadocio on this and other matters is, however, not a recent phenomenon. It's been ingrained in California politics for decades, even though the particular policies that politicians tout as original and unique have changed mightily over the decades.

From the late 1970s and into the 1990s, when California was a fairly red state, Republicans were crowing about leading the nation. It began when the state's voters passed Proposition 13 in 1978, which slashed property taxes and made raising other taxes more difficult, igniting what was dubbed a "tax revolt" that reverberated nationally.

Proposition 13 was so game-changing that the governor of the era, Democrat Jerry Brown, did a

180-degree flip. He had denounced Proposition 13 as a "ripoff" but after its passage declared himself a "born-again tax cutter" and sponsored a state income tax reduction.

Brown also called a special election in 1979 to pass the "Gann Limit" on state spending, named for Proposition 13 co-author Paul Gann, and ran for president in 1980 advocating federal spending reduction.

California's Republicans also exploited another issue: crime. They persuaded voters to reinstate the death penalty and pushed lawmakers to enact new lock 'em up laws, culminating in the state's landmark three strikes sentencing law mandating life terms for repeat felons.

California's politics began to turn leftward in the late 1990s for demographic and cultural reasons and have now come full circle. Once a dependably red state, particularly in presidential politics, it is now one of the nation's bluest states, dominated by Democrats and becoming more so with every election.

Thus, the first-in-the-nation mantra that Republicans once chanted is now a Democratic theme, with current politicians boasting of having the nation's toughest gun control laws, its most aggressive climate change policies, its most advanced LGBTQ and immigrant rights, and now, potentially, universal medical care coverage.

A key piece of California's new

political order is dismantling the nation-leading policies that conservatives and Republicans enacted in previous decades.

That's particularly evident in the realm of criminal justice. Jerry Brown, who embraced the tough-on-crime attitudes of the 1970s and 1980s, became a born-again criminal justice reformer after returning to the governorship in 2011, sponsoring legislation and a ballot measure that largely undid the tough sentencing laws of the previous era.

The eightfold increase in state prison inmates from the earlier policies is being unwound, due to both changed political attitudes and federal court decrees on prison overcrowding. Newsom is now proposing to shut down some of the state's older prisons.

Instead of cutting taxes, California is now increasing them incrementally. Brown, who cut income taxes in the 1970s, sponsored income and sales tax increases and later a hefty increase in fuel taxes. Judicial decisions have removed barriers to new

taxes at the local level.

Although voters have rebuffed efforts to partially repeal Proposition 13's property tax limits, the measure's two-thirds vote requirement for state tax increases in the Legislature is under attack.

A proposed constitutional amendment to finance single-payer health care — the holy grail of those on the political left — would not only enact a wide array of new taxes but repeal the two-thirds vote requirement for any future medical care taxes.

California's politics, like its climate, are ever-mutating. ■

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LETTERS

Newsom removing incentives will kill rooftop solar

I will hold Governor Gavin Newsom personally responsible if incentives are stripped from rooftop solar, rendering it unaffordable. The Net Energy Metering 3.0 Proposed Decision was written by big-utility companies like PG&E with the purpose of killing rooftop solar. The corporations want all the power themselves in the form of industrial solar. Now, solar farms are necessary, but there's

no good reason to snuff out rooftop solar. We'll need it all to reach a green future.

The proposed change to net metering is so bad that our previous Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger wrote an opinion condemning it in the New York Times. Gavin Newsom himself said in a recent press conference that there is "more work to be done." I should hope so, and forgive me for being distrustful of Newsom as well. He has received at least \$200,000 in campaign contributions from the criminal company PG&E.

— Alan Marling

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Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Consistent with State and County Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic this will be a virtual meeting. Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available after January 19, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

- P21-1102, Galactic Challenge, Inc., 2241 Stoneridge Mall Road Unit C215A
Application for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a game arcade at 2441 Stoneridge Mall Road, C215A. Zoning is C-R (m) (Regional Commercial District (Mall)) District.
- P21-1043, Big Minds Unschool, 6691 Owens Drive
Application for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a private school at 6691 Owens Drive. Zoning is PUD-I/C-O (Planned Unit Development – Industrial/Commercial – Office) District
- P21-0715, Lighthouse Baptist School, 118 Neal Street
Application for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a private school at 118 Neal Street. Zoning is RM-4 (Multi-Family Residential) District.

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Broadway Chorus welcomes everyone to sing

‘Singing is meaningful play,’
says music director



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Do you love to sing but don't want the spotlight? Check out the East Bay Musical Society and its Broadway Chorus. This non-auditioned community choir was formed a few years ago to bring together Tri-Valley folks who enjoy singing pieces from stage and screen musicals.

“We welcome singers of all abilities and make rehearsals upbeat, challenging and fun because singing is meaningful play,” said Music Director Jed da Roza, a professional vocal coach and conductor with 20 years of experience.

Broadway Chorus has just opened registration to sing in this year's spring concert in Livermore. Its two divisions — general and youth, for under age 14 — will meet every Thursday evening for 12 weeks beginning Feb. 10, and the rehearsals will culminate in a performance or two during the weekend of May 14.

“I'm thrilled to share my love for nature and music through the Broadway Chorus Spring 2022 Concert,” da Roza said.

The East Bay Musical Society was formed in 2019, just after Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre disbanded its community chorus.

“At the end of 2018, they dissolved the chorus but all of us wanted to keep singing,” said member Dan Floyd of Livermore. “We had a meeting at someone's house and formed the East Bay Musical Society from that group.”

“Since then it's been word of mouth,” he added. “We tell friends, we tell family, we tell co-workers.”

Chorus members are mainly from Pleasanton and Livermore, he said, but a few come

from as far as Danville. Floyd emphasized how welcoming the group is, and noted that the commitment is not onerous.

“We have one practice a week for 10-12 weeks twice a year,” he said, leading up to the performances.

Floyd emphasized that anyone can sing.

“The only barrier is whether they want to,” he said. “And Jed da Roza is very good at helping people find ways to improve. We like to say we're the cheapest vocal lessons you can find.”

“One of the benefits of having a group chorus is that it is easy to show up and not be center stage. You can take a seat and not be singled out,” Floyd also noted. “There's just so much joy that comes from getting together with people and singing.”

He said the members appreciate singing together even more after the pandemic put a halt to everything, including canceling their show, in spring 2020.

During lockdown they began to stream and make recordings of the rehearsals so people could observe the voice lessons and the singing although they could not be heard. This also helps members who travel for work so they do not fall behind.

Performances resumed with a show in fall 2021, titled “Tragedy & Triumph.”

And now chorus members are ready to show up in person again.

“Now being together, it's almost a form of therapy,” Floyd said. “It's nice to have it back — and it's cheaper than therapy as well.”

The members wear masks as they arrive but when the signing begins only a few keep them on, Floyd said, and they practice social distancing.

“We spread out and fill up the room,” he said.

Register to join the Broadway Chorus at www.eastbaymusicals.org. Rehearsals will begin Thursday, Feb. 10, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Livermore. Times are 5:45-6:30 p.m. for the youth choir; and 7-9:30 p.m. for the general choir,

Spring Concert 2022 will take place at Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore and also be livestreamed. Tickets will be available on the website when times and

dates are firmed up for the weekend of May 14.

“It's amazing how welcoming everyone in the chorus is and how dedicated we are to what we do,” Floyd said. “It is run by singers and we hope other people love it, too.”

Music Director da Roza also urges interested singers, whatever their level, to join in the chorus.

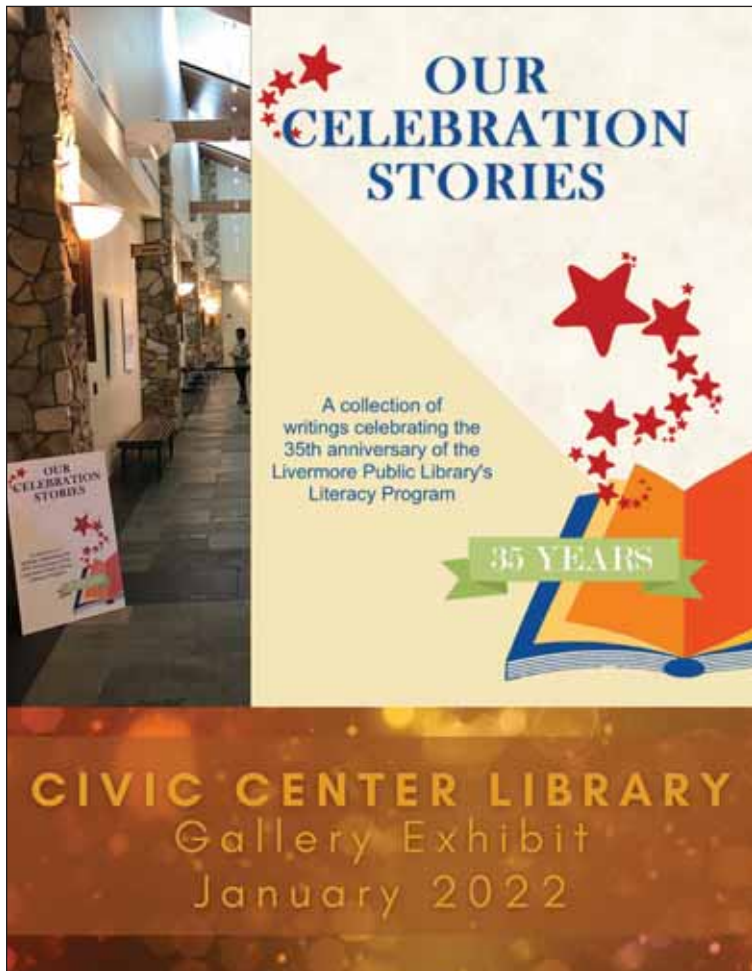
“Come, express yourself through singing, and experience the uplifting sound of many voices becoming one,” da Roza said. ■



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Top left: Dan Floyd of the East Bay Musical Society invites everyone who loves to sing songs from stage and screen musicals to join the Broadway Chorus for its spring concert.

Top right and bottom: Music Director Jed da Roza leads members of the Broadway Chorus in a rehearsal before the pandemic necessitated social distancing. The chorus welcomes anyone who likes to sing show tunes. Contributed photo.



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Wait Wait — it's Peter Sagal

Peter Sagal, host of the popular "Wait Wait ... Don't Tell me!" show broadcast weekly on NPR, will be at the Bankhead Theater at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, presented by the Rae Dorough Speaker Series and Bankhead Presents. Sagal, one of the nation's premier radio humorists and commentators on current events, speaks about the intersections of politics, civics, humor and entertainment and how they all draw from each other to create the American experience. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$95. Visit livermorearts.org, call 925-373-6800, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Celebrating literacy and life

Exhibit highlights writings from adults in learning program

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Inspiring stories about adults learning to read are on display at the Livermore Public Library this month to honor the 35th anniversary of its Literacy Program.

The exhibit, "Our Celebration Stories," includes stories from adult learners exercising the skills they've honed meeting with volunteer tutors and/or attending English Conversation Groups.

Some of the stories celebrate cherished life moments, while others honor the good things to be found in life each day. The writers model the practice of lifelong learning and represent the thousands of adult learners served by

the Literacy Program through the years.

The writing also celebrates the supportive and dedicated volunteers, past and present, who often say that they themselves benefit most from the tutoring experience.

The exhibit was made possible in large part by volunteer Judy Pickett, who served as the designer and editor of the project. It includes notepaper for visitors to share a message with one or all of the authors.

To learn more about the Literacy Program, visit its office in the library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. in Livermore, or contact the office at literacy@livermore.lib.ca.us or 925-373-5507. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Tricks, tumbles, high-tech effects

The Peking Acrobats have been featured on television shows and specials since 1986 and now they are coming to the Bankhead Theater at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, as they push the limits of human ability, defying gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility and control. They set the world record for the "human chair stack" in 1999, balancing six people on six chairs, 21 feet in the air without safety lines. The act includes high-tech special effects along with acrobatic feats, accompanied by live musicians on traditional Chinese instruments. Tickets are \$20 to \$78. Visit livermorearts.org, call 925-373-6800, or go to the box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Canceled games, lack of players leaves Foothill coach exhausted

If all goes according to plan, the Foothill girls' basketball team played its first East Bay Athletic League on Monday, Jan. 17 when the Falcons hosted Livermore.

It will be the first of four games for Foothill this week as they are scheduled to host Amador on Wednesday, play at Granada on Friday night, then host San Ramon Valley on Saturday. Regular season basketball needs to be completed by Saturday, Feb. 12 as the North Coast Section playoffs are set to begin the week of Feb. 14.

It has been taxing on the players and coaches alike. With her first four EBAL games postponed from COVID safety protocols, Foothill coach Cheryl Namoca has been working what seems like non-stop to get the games rescheduled.

"I am managing basketball rather than coaching basketball," said Namoca. "I am exhausted right now. But I have gotten all our games rescheduled."

For now. Given what the last three weeks have been like with the

COVID wave and protocols, teams won't know for sure until both teams get on the court if they are going to actually play.

"We keep getting told to just get through January," explained Namoca. "But there are still teams in the league that have more than two to three players that are out."

Which is exactly where Namoca and the Falcons find themselves.

Foothill's practice on Friday, Jan. 14 saw six players at practice. That sounds like a low number, but the reality was it was three times what they've had the last three weeks.

"We went from 12 players on Dec. 29 (the last game the team played) to two," explained Namoca. "We haven't had more than two players until Jan. 14. I am supposed to get two more back on Monday."

And that added to the burden of being more of a manager than a coach.

The Falcons did practice with their pair of players, but it was a skill-development session rather than any

semblance of a normal practice.

That left Namoca with a team of girls sitting around their homes wondering what was next.

"It's been a struggle," said Namoca. "It's been way tougher mentally than physically. It was another letdown for the girls. It was getting to the point where they were just staying at home doing nothing. They just didn't feel like doing anything but worry that their season was going to get canceled. I had girls ask me, 'coach, what I am supposed to do?'"

Now the team faces a glut of games in a short time to get caught up. The California Interscholastic Federation waived a "no play on Sunday's," ban to give teams an extra day to play each week, but Namoca was not biting.

"I said no way," said Namoca of playing on a Sunday. "I would have some parents and players saying no to that. Getting the kids to play is the most important thing, but it has to be the right way to do things."

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Foothill coach Cheryl Namoca talks to her team.

as their league season gets underway is that only two of the players have been getting regular physical workouts.

"You really have to be worried about injuries," said Namoca. "With the lack of practice and conditioning it is going to be tough. I told the kids at practice that they are going to struggle in their first game. They haven't been doing much and now they have four games in six days."

But, most importantly as Namoca pointed out, they will be playing games.

Hopefully.

Amador girls' soccer

The Amador Valley Girls Varsity soccer team continued its season-long clean sheet by shutting out Granada on Jan. 11.

Elizabeth Fineberg and Sydney Head are splitting the time in goal and neither have been scored on. Fineberg had one save, and Head had two.

Angel Akanyirige scored the first goal after receiving a deflection inside the box. She was in the right place at the right time and finished very calmly and definitively.

Natalie O'Sullivan scored the second goal on a free kick from the left side, just outside the box. She curved the ball into the top corner beyond the keeper's reach.

Maylen Montoya had four shots, and Emma Fuller had two. ■

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

'No Sunday games' rule out: Mad dash to get basketball games played by Feb. 12

BY DENNIS MILLER

After a fall sports season — where we saw things pretty much back to normal as students and communities packed back into local high school football stadiums — we have now gone backwards.

As the latest strain of COVID has swept through Tri-Valley schools, basketball and wrestling screeched to a halt, with East Bay Athletic League teams missing games and meets.

Wrestling resumed meets the week of Jan. 10, but basketball has been a whole other story.

As of Jan. 15, each team in the EBAL should have played four of their 13 scheduled league games. Due to COVID protocol, that was nowhere close to happening as teams are struggling to get games played.

Some teams have gotten in two games; even worse, there are teams that have yet to play a single EBAL game.

With the North Coast Section seeding and at-large meeting set for Feb. 13, that leaves Feb. 12 as the last day to play a league game.

If you do the math, that leaves four weeks beginning Monday, Jan. 17,

to play all your league games. The California Interscholastic Federation has waived the "no games on Sunday" rule, and some teams are taking advantage of it with the Granada and Dougherty Valley boys set for a 3 p.m. game on Sunday, Jan. 23.

That leaves teams playing three to four games a week to get a full season finished. Having missed so much time in practice or games, then suddenly jumping into that many games a week, leaves players more susceptible to injury.

The teams left playing in the North Coast Section playoffs that begin the week of Feb. 14 are going to be exhausted and optimal performance will be tough to achieve.

It's something the EBAL Athletic Directors have thought about and in a meeting on Jan. 13 there were a pair of proposals brought forth — one of which address the amount of league games to be played in the short span.

The proposals were to be voted on this week.

The first proposal is to play the season as scheduled, getting in as many games as possible between now and Feb. 12.

The second proposal is intriguing



BOB BRONZAN

Granada's Kevin Gad dribbles the ball.

and sounds by far the best to me. It would call for each school to play the other nine teams in the EBAL once, accounting for nine games. Then, all 10 teams would advance into an EBAL tournament, something not seen in a long time. There are two different tournament scenarios.

One, the bottom four seeds would

have a play-in game on Saturday, Feb. 5. The two winners would then join the top six seeds in an eight-team, three-game max bracket tournament that would see games on Feb. 8, 10 and 12.

The second option would be to have the top two seeds get a bye on Feb. 8, with the other eight teams playing in the first round.

The second round would still be on Thursday, Feb. 10 and the finals on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Teams eliminated early would then have the option to schedule games with other teams that lost.

If you have never seen or been part of a league tournament, they are awesome. Look at how popular March Madness is with the NCAA, and this allows to scale it down to the EBAL.

All 10 teams get the chance to advance to the postseason, something the kids carry with them through their lives. Twenty years later the athletes can say they went to the playoffs.

It would be no more than three games a week for the four-week period and teams that have gotten EBAL games thus far, would have less games to play.

I would be a proponent of having this become a fixture of the EBAL moving forward.

Here's hoping they take the play-off route. ■

Editor's note: This story originally appeared in the Tri-Valley Preps Playbook, a free e-newsletter that covers Tri-Valley high school sports. Subscribe to the newsletter at PleasantonWeekly.com/express/sports.

Two Firehouse shows canceled

We Banjo 3, Eve Marie Shalioan off stage for now

The Firehouse Arts Center has announced that two of its upcoming shows have been canceled due to the surge in Covid-19 cases: We Banjo 3 originally scheduled for Jan. 26; and "Take Me to the World" with Eve Marie Shalioan and Company on Jan. 29.

"We are deeply saddened to have to announce several of our upcoming shows will not go forward as we planned," We Banjo

3 commented in a statement. "We've been racking our brains trying to decide the best course of action that keeps the band, crew, venue staff and all of you safe, and out of an abundance of caution, we have to announce these postponements."

"Midnight Flyer: Tribute to the Eagles," which is sold out, is planning to appear as scheduled tomorrow night. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

educational presentation by Dr. Ramford Ng. 10-11 a.m., Jan. 25. Visit <https://www.pleasanton.org>.

THEN & NOW: LIVERMORE STORIES Livermore Public Library and the Livermore Heritage Guild present a free local history lecture series. Will Bolton will present a Zoom program entitled "The Past and Present of the Duarte Highway Garage", 7 p.m., Jan. 26. Visit livermorelibrary.net.

RAE DOROUGH SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS PETER SAGAL Peter Sagal has filled theaters across the country with "Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!" since he joined the cast and became host in 1998. Peter speaks about the intersections of politics, civics, humor and entertainment and how they all draw from each other to create the American experience. 8 p.m., Jan. 28. Bankhead Theater, tickets \$20-\$95. Visit livermorearts.org.

980-5331 or e-mail: marsha@nami-trivalley.org.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP When facing difficult times having a good support network is helpful. Join this online support community to connect with others experiencing this disease to provide support and encouragement. Visit alz.org or call 1-800-272-3900.

OPEN HEART KITCHEN Free groceries Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., provided by Tri-Valley Haven and Open Heart Kitchen. 6140 Stoneridge Mall Rd., behind the Workday building.

TRI-VALLEY HAVEN FOOD PANTRY Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 1-5 p.m., Wednesdays, 1-7 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays, 12-4 p.m. 418 Junction Ave., Livermore.

Program will train you to help adults improve their English skills and supply tutoring materials at no cost to participants. Tutors meet with students once a week for 90 minutes. The next online training and orientation is 5:30-9:00 p.m., Jan. 26. Call 925-931-3405 or email literacy@cityofpleasanton.gov.

Seniors

TECH TUTORING AT THE SENIOR CENTER One-on-one tutoring sessions are available at the Pleasanton Senior Center for assistance with a PC laptop, tablet or smart phone. Bring your device to the appointment. Wednesdays, 9 a.m. & 10 a.m., \$2.50R/\$3 NR. Call 925-931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center.

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Music

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MIDNIGHT FLYER: A TRIBUTE TO THE EAGLES Considered one of the premier Eagles tribute acts, audiences and critics alike love the Midnight Flyer band's energy and spot-on recreation of The Eagles' music. 8 p.m., Jan. 22. Firehouse Arts Center, tickets \$20-\$30. Visit firehousearts.org.

THE QUEEN'S CARTOONISTS The Queen's Cartoonists includes six world-class professional musicians playing music from classic cartoons and contemporary animation, synchronizing their performances and leading audiences through a world of virtuosic musicianship and hilarious comedy. 7:30, Jan 26. Bankhead Theater, tickets \$20-\$78. Visit livermorearts.org.

BLUES IN THE NIGHT Let the voice of Female Blues Vocalist of the Year, Tia Carroll, and the blistering guitar & vocals of Delta Blues Star Frankie G, cure what ails you in this one-night-only musical event at the Firehouse Arts Center. 8 p.m., Feb. 5. Tickets \$18-\$28. Visit firehousearts.org.

DEL VALLE FINE ARTS PRESENTS JON NAKAMATSU Jon Nakamatsu soared to fame in 1997 as winner of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and has performed with such renowned orchestras as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Berlin, Milan and Tokyo. 7:30, Feb. 5. Bankhead Theater, tickets \$16-\$52. Visit livermorearts.org.

YOUTH CHOIR REGISTRATION Register your child to sing with the East Bay Musical Society this Spring. The youth choir is open to anyone 14 years of age or younger. Rehearsals will be held Feb. 10 - May 12. Visit eastbaymusicals.org/sing-with-us.

Theater

BANKHEAD PEKING ACROBATS The Peking Acrobats have redefined the image of Chinese acrobatics, pushing the limits of human ability and defying gravity. Accompanied by live musicians on traditional Chinese instruments. 8 p.m., Feb. 4. Bankhead Theater, tickets \$20-\$78. Visit livermorearts.org.

ENCORE PLAYERS PRESENTS JAKE'S WOMEN Neil Simon's "Jake's Women" is a funny and poignant story, taking place in Jake's Soho apartment and in his mind. Feb. 4 & 5. Bothwell Arts Center, tickets \$20. Visit encoreplayers.net

Talks

VIRTUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative celebrates the 22nd annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast, with Keynote Speaker Dr. Dyrell Foster, President of Las Positas College. Held virtually this year, contributions include a continental breakfast delivered to your door on Jan. 23. Event: 8-9:30, Jan. 24. Tickets \$40. Visit pleasanton.org.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION BY STANFORD HEALTH CARE-VALLEYCARE Join the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare for "Heart Health: Strategies for Success", a virtual

Exhibits

WATERCOLOR NATIONAL EXHIBIT The Harrington Art Gallery in Pleasanton is displaying the California Watercolor Association's 52nd National Exhibition, featuring works by 85 premier painters. Now until March 12. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE/MUSEUM ON MAIN EXHIBIT Pleasanton's Museum on Main and the Pleasanton Art League open their fourteenth annual showcase of the Valley's artistic talents with "Imagination Expressed 2022", featuring paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, jewelry, and other works by members of the Pleasanton Art League. Now until March 26. Visit museumonmain.org.

ART & LITERATURE TOGETHER Livermore Arts presents a collaboration with Cynthia Patton, Livermore Poet Laureate, to bring a pairing of art and literature to Livermore. Free and open to the public, Thursdays-Sundays 1-5 p.m., now until March 27. Bankhead Theater.

Support

NAMI TRI-VALLEY SUPPORT GROUPS Adult Mental Health Family Support Groups meet via Zoom the second and fourth Monday of the month. 7:00-9:00 p.m., Jan. 24. Call 925-

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 24-30 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and Dec. 13-17 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 4408 1st Street** E. & J. Wolfenberger to M. & M. Chen for \$1,700,000
- 1159 Blanc Court** Y. Xu to Q. & M. Lai for \$1,750,000
- 5903 Bryce Canyon Court** Miller Family Trust to Chabad Of The Tri Valley for \$1,850,000
- 5226 Crestline Way** Jones Family Trust to P. & K. Nagireddypally for \$1,700,000
- 1426 Elliott Circle** Casha Trust to P. Hule for \$1,060,000
- 5766 Hidden Creek Court** C. Storke to N. & A. Faville for \$2,521,500
- 969 Kottinger Drive** Point Green Home Solutions LLC to I. & R. Vijayan for \$1,650,000
- 5253 Meadowood Court** Spangler Living Trust to Y. & A. Lahiri for \$1,920,000
- 5028 Rigatti Circle** A. Le to L. & K. Chari for \$1,765,000
- 3841 Vineyard Avenue #C** D. Green to W. Chan for \$510,000
- 3847 Vineyard Avenue #C** P. & M. Ellis to M. Zhao for \$415,000
- 4455 Yuma Court** Wong Trust to N. & S. Rajamanickam for \$845,000

Livermore

- 1527 3rd Street** W. & J. Schirmer to L. & M. Homel for \$1,215,000
- 275 Albatross Avenue** Cornett Family Trust to D. & A. Malaeb for \$861,000
- 5875 Arlene Way** A. Martinez to M. & J. Lopez for \$1,575,000
- 780 Bellflower Street** S. Kanaujia to R. Pena for \$792,500
- 620 Buckeye Drive** C. & G. Knepper to N. Donapati for \$950,000
- 1655 Calle Del Rey** V. Rathod to D. & F. Ferraro for \$930,000
- 546 Colusa Way** L. Vo to M. & X. Zhang for \$1,125,000

- 5849 Dresslar Circle** C. Than to Q. & X. Huang for \$1,710,000
- 2628 Gelding Lane** Cadinha Living Trust to S. & S. Dhanasekaran for \$1,010,000
- 4986 Hollice Court** C. & J. Gaziano to M. Bove for \$985,000
- 520 Lagrange Lane** K. & C. Ross to T. & S. Sukov for \$1,725,000
- 5468 Lawson Court** A. & J. Parsons to Fontes Trust for \$1,700,000
- 3146 Patricia Lane** R. McDonnell to A. & N. Seoane for \$900,000
- 3977 Portola Common #4** S. & J. Hillis to 1999 Faith Family Trust for \$780,000
- 479 Ridgecrest Circle** A. Wahab to N. & M. Andanappa for \$1,478,000
- 140 Selby Lane #7** F. Miranda to Y. & T. Han for \$845,000
- 2378 Senger Street** Bryant Family Trust to P. & H. Luhar for \$1,660,000
- 4015 Stanford Way** J. Singh to A. Siddiqua for \$845,000
- 563 Yosemite Drive** Koch Family Trust to K. & H. Singh for \$905,000

Dublin

- 5882 Cadence Avenue** V. Patel to S. & A. Marri for \$1,210,000
- 7842 Canterbury Lane** D. Mirabella to D. & A. Shishodiya for \$1,035,000
- 4028 Chadwick Place** A. Singh to S. & V. Shah for \$1,711,000
- 7063 Dublin Meadows Street #G** J. Cutajar to T. Oguns for \$710,000
- 10734 Dulsie Lane #98** S. & V. Sinha to J. & J. Chen for \$755,000
- 5622 El Dorado Lane** M. & K. Mojaddidi to N. & M. Kassis for \$900,000
- 4824 Hibernia Drive #110** J. Gonzalez to M. & B. Kemplegoda for \$1,050,000
- 4215 Lorimer Loop** T. Thompson to I. & J. Dileo for \$1,605,000
- 5659 Mulholland Avenue** Brookfield Bay Area Hldgs LLC to X. & D. Zhu for \$1,700,000
- 7784 Tuscany Drive #28** H. Ng to X. & Q. Liang for \$788,500
- 7765 Tuscany Drive #130** A. McMahon to S. & R. Chang for \$530,000

San Ramon

- 450 Bollinger Canyon Lane #391** G. & D. Kim to J. Dai for \$505,000
- 305 Bollinger Estates Court** Dohse Living Trust to A. & D. Moyer for \$400,000
- 6350 Byron Lane** L. & J. McLaughlin to N. & G. Shanmugasundaram for \$1,222,000
- 1312 Canyon Side Avenue** Parten Family Trust to A. Chaudhry for \$1,380,000
- 2973 Cheyenne Avenue** S. Karp to S. & K. Kuram for \$1,390,000
- 16 Cobblestone Court** Seipel Family Trust to R. & N. Ganapa for \$2,052,000
- 249 Copper Ridge Road** A. Sosa-Mclemore to H. Tracy-Perreault for \$540,000
- 3755 Crow Canyon Road** J. Leidigh to Jung Trust for \$675,000
- 3775 Crow Canyon Road** M. Chow to S. & K. Dhanagopal for \$730,000

- 2795 Dos Rios Drive** D. & G. Preisser to S. & P. Negi for \$1,171,000
- 1010 Quartermaster Canyon Road** Survivors Trust to Farnoodfar Living Trust for \$2,000,000
- 4241 Reedland Circle** R. Zhao to D. & J. Rodriguez for \$1,710,000
- 20 San Blas Place** J. Howell to K. & G. Kaleka for \$1,125,000
- 2601 Shadow Mountain Drive** S. Parvin to A. & M. Roohianfar for \$900,000
- 907 Springview Circle** A. Tewari to M. & A. Pai for \$1,315,000
- 85 Tahoe Court #101** T. Wagstaff to D. & K. Magazu for \$786,000
- 3025 Tamburlane Drive** S. Bucker to S. & A. Ashok for \$2,240,000
- 838 Via Palermo** Faria Preserve LLC to M. & K. Chatterjee for \$2,300,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Nov. 24-30)

Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$415,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,521,500
Average sales reported: \$1,700,000

Livermore (Nov. 24-30)

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$780,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,725,000
Average sales reported: \$985,000

Dublin (Nov. 24-30)

Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$530,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,711,000
Average sales reported: \$1,035,000

San Ramon (Dec. 13-17)

Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,300,000
Average sales reported: \$1,196,500

Source: California REsource

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