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By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Deadlines adieu

Growing up in the 1950s, I was fascinated by the substantial San Jose Mercury that landed on our porch each morning. How did they do that, I wondered as a child. All the different sections with so much information compiled every single day of the year, written, printed, bundled and delivered to our very doorstep.

Of course the answer was a large staff that knew their jobs, including those in the newsroom who kept asking who, what, when, where, why and how. The expertise ranged from the presses to the paperboys, and a huge advertising department included the Classy Lassies who showed up even pre-dawn on weekends to take classified ads over the phone. (My older sister worked as such a "lassie" when she was in college.)

This fascination along with a love of writing led me to major in journalism at San Jose State. Working on the Spartan Daily for two semesters I discovered the joy of staff meetings — an exciting time to discuss what was going on and how to cover it and getting to know my co-workers better.

Through the years I worked at various endeavors, moved overseas a couple of times, and raised a family, doing some writing for magazines and newspapers along the way. I was in my 40s when I was hired by the Contra Costa Times in 1993 for my first full-time reporter job, based on clippings of my printed stories, my degree and my life experience. I remember sitting down at my new desk, fingers poised over the computer keyboard, and saying to myself with pleasure, "Someone is paying me to write."

Gathering the information to write about is a huge part of the job, too, whether it be from a hesitant source or someone anxious to tell all. And I found all of it interesting, although sometimes at city council meetings at midnight my head did droop. I also learned I could brush fatigue aside when pursuing a story, and I worked best under the pressure of deadlines.

Then in January 2000 I was hired by the new Pleasanton Weekly as its managing editor,

and how exciting it was to get to know the ins and outs of this community. For a few years I worked in Danville as the founding editor of the Danville Weekly, which became DanvilleSanRamon.com and brought me back to work at the Pleasanton Weekly.

In 2014 I started focusing on arts and entertainment as Tri-Valley Life editor, working part-time from home, a job that has been a good fit at this time in my life. I was also able to write feature stories about people doing noteworthy things — and how articulate and enthusiastic they all were. Two years ago I began to write this column, which has allowed me to talk about others' endeavors or ramble on about myself.

One good thing about the pandemic has been that I am able to gather with the rest of the staff to meet on Zoom. Yes, I still enjoy those meetings to discuss what is happening and how to work as a team to produce the best possible edition each week.

The newspaper industry has undergone a massive shift and print editions are but a shadow of their old selves, but the determined Pleasanton Weekly soldiers on, with help from its readers who become members.

Now I am retiring and leaving my formal association with the newspaper world that captured my imagination so many decades ago. I will miss my talented co-workers as well as members of the public who have been so generous with information and their personal stories. Countless times I have ended telephone interviews with the thought that I would like to know the person better, perhaps become friends.

What will I do with my time? Not to worry. So many good books to read, so many great friends to spend time and stay in touch with. Writing groups beckon, my wonderful grandchildren keep me delighted, and my cat keeps me warm at night. But I sure will miss all of you. ■

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

About the Cover

Hikers in 2019, the last time Hike for Hope was held at Del Valle Regional Park. The popular outdoor fundraiser for Hope Hospice is set to return in person in May. Photo by Chuck Deckert for Hope Hospice. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Do you have any travel plans coming up?



Gwen Bruguier
Waitress

Yes. I'm heading to Tahoe in a week with my boyfriend and a few other friends. I planned and organized the whole trip. We're going to ski and snowboard for a few days, and then all come home together on Valentine's Day. I'm expecting it to be a really great trip.



Noria Nazamy
Stylist

We are planning a trip to Wilber Hot Springs up in Williams, Calif. We plan to relax, hike, and enjoy the sulfur mineral springs and various health treatments like massages, in a natural, lakeside environment where clothing is optional. It is great spot to heal and rejuvenate.



Mario Saavedra
Business owner

I am planning to go soon to Monterey. It is just so beautiful there. I so enjoy strolling along the beach, and also up and down 17-mile drive, watching other people enjoying the time they are spending with one another and with their dogs.



Holly Nordvik
HR

I'm planning to go to Las Vegas to celebrate my birthday with a bunch of girlfriends. We were supposed to go in January, but two of my friends got COVID so we had to cancel the trip. We have now rescheduled it and are planning to have a totally wild and crazy time.



Ed Novak
Architect

Yes. My wife and I are planning to go to Breckenridge, CO for a week of skiing with our daughter and her family, as well as with my son and his family. We are looking forward to getting together, all of us, pretty much as much as you can imagine.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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DIGEST

Teen Job Fair

The city of Pleasanton is again partnering with the cities of San Ramon and Dublin, the town of Danville and the Dublin-San Ramon Women's Club to host their annual free Tri-Valley Teen Job and Career Fair on March 5.

"Teens aged 14-19 will have the opportunity to meet with local employers, pick up applications, and apply for jobs," organizers said. "The event will feature mock interviews, career workshops and related information. Lunch will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes and dress professionally."

Employers interested in participating must register by Feb. 23. No signups required for student job seekers.

The event is scheduled to run from 12-3 p.m. March 5 at the Dublin Senior Center at 7600 Amador Valley Blvd.

Apply for grand jury

Recruitment is underway for openings on the upcoming 2022-23 Alameda County civil grand jury, a citizen watchdog group that investigates public agencies and community entities throughout the county.

"The Civil Grand Jury depends on, and encourages, the participation of a diverse group of citizens who will bring perspectives and experiences from both their local community and their own personal backgrounds," organizers said.

The application window, which opened last month, runs through April 15.

Alameda County Superior Court officials will review the applications and select 30 finalists, from whom the final panel of 19 jurors will be picked via random draw. To apply or learn more about the service requirements, visit grandjury.acgov.org.

Pickleball and cricket

The city of Pleasanton is holding another community meeting this weekend regarding options for a cricket field and pickleball court at Muirwood Community Park.

The upcoming session, set to run from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday (Feb. 12) at the park at 4701 Muirwood Drive, follows two similar events elsewhere in the city last weekend.

To learn more, visit the city website at www.cityofpleasanton-ca.gov.

Ride the rails

Tickets are on sale now as Niles Canyon Railway is reopening with Saturday and Sunday train rides on the second and third weekends of February, March and April, starting this weekend and departing from Sunol only.

Both open and enclosed train cars will be in use. Learn more at ncry.org. ■

Judge denies lawsuit against Livermore over downtown affordable housing project

'CEQA arguments are almost utterly without merit', Judge Roesch rules

By CIERRA BAILEY

An Alameda County judge last Friday denied community group Save Livermore Downtown's petition challenging the city of Livermore's approval of a 130-unit affordable housing development at the southeast corner of the Railroad Avenue and L Street intersection.

The lawsuit, which was initially filed last June, argued that the City Council's approval of the project proposed by nonprofit developer Eden Housing "is an abuse of discretion because the project is inconsistent

with Livermore's Downtown Specific Plan and because further environmental review is required to address newfound concerns regarding contamination at the project site."

"This is not a close case," said Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch. "The CEQA arguments are almost utterly without merit," he added while delivering his ruling at the end of the approximately hour-long hearing on the petition for writ of mandate.

He also said that with regards to whether or not the approved plan complies with the city's Downtown

Specific Plan, "It seems to me that the city has supported all of their positions and they are entitled to support those with substantial evidence and they've got it."

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) argument came to light last June after Save Livermore Downtown claimed toxic contamination existed at the project site.

Prior to filing its lawsuit, the group published an ad in The Independent newspaper that accused the city of ignoring correspondence from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board calling attention to

the contamination.

At the time, city staff explained that the letter was typical and standard in nature and that its overall purpose "was for the water board to communicate their concurrence with the city report's conclusions and request additional evaluation to assess any impacts from the property's former use as a lumber yard and also to notify the city that a site management plan would have to be reviewed and approved by the water board prior to construction and redevelopment of

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COURTESY OF CITY OF PLEASANTON

Artist's rendering shows design concept for recently rejected development project that would have been located at 4884 Harrison St., on the edge of downtown Pleasanton.

City rejects 5-story building proposed on Harrison St., for now

Staff says project didn't qualify for ministerial approval under new state law as developer sought

By JULIA BAUM

A potential five-story, mixed-use building on the edge of downtown Pleasanton that drew protest from some residents was rejected as proposed last month, according to city officials.

Had the project application been approved as presented, a 48,000-square-foot building with 3,000 square feet of retail space and 37 units of almost entirely lower-income housing

would have been constructed at 4884 Harrison St., near the Pleasanton Public Library, with only ministerial review allowed beforehand.

Community development director Ellen Clark told the Weekly that staff's rejection was "based on a conclusion that the project does not qualify for ministerial approval because it was found to be inconsistent with both applicable government code — requirements for

approval under SB 35 and the Housing Density Bonus provisions of state law — and local objective standards, or that more information is required to demonstrate compliance."

A petition drive that took place downtown for the statewide "Our Neighborhood Voices" (ONV) initiative on Jan. 29, and was also supported and promoted by Pleasanton City

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Sudden leadership change at Hively

O'Lague out as CEO; Hekl steps in as interim for local nonprofit

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton-based child and family support nonprofit Hively is in the midst of an apparently abrupt leadership transition, appointing an interim CEO last week after the departure of its now-former top executive.

Mary Hekl, a Pleasanton resident who served on the Hively Board of Directors for the past four years, started in the role of interim CEO on Feb. 1, and the nonprofit publicly acknowledged the leadership change and departure of CEO Kelly O'Lague in its monthly email update two days later.

"I have been dedicated to the Hively mission for years," Hekl said in Hively's email. "I am in awe of how the organization has grown and the impact in the community. The Hively staff is the life blood of the organization and they are dedicated to continue to provide the programs and services that help families thrive."

The circumstances of O'Lague's exit remain unclear. Hekl declined to comment, citing personnel confidentiality considerations. O'Lague had not responded to email inquiries as



Mary Hekl

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Pleasanton approves grant program for downtown parklets

Outdoor amenities expected to start reappearing on local streets next month

By JULIA BAUM

A parklet grant program to support restaurants that want to permanently expand their outdoor dining in downtown Pleasanton was recently approved by the Pleasanton City Council.

Businesses that are eligible under the “Downtown Parklet Grant Program” will be reimbursed for expenses incurred related to the design, construction and operation of a parklet. Grant amounts would cover up to 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$10,000.

The city began developing a more formal parklet program for permanent installations last summer. Parklet placement and measurements are specified in the program, along with what types of materials may be used for creating an individualized pop-up that still fits a unified design scheme.

“If we do it right, I think people will like it, but if it looks poor quality and poor design, the public won’t appreciate it,” Pleasanton City Councilman Jack Balch told the Weekly on Tuesday.

When the council approved the parklet program in December, they also asked staff to prepare a grant program to help businesses with the cost of building a permanent parklet that meets the new program guidelines.

At their Feb. 1 meeting, council members directed staff to look further into assistance for businesses outside the downtown area. Balch said parklets not located in the downtown core “tend to extend more into private parking lots,” and that he is not sure about the number of potential parklets outside downtown.

To qualify for the grant program, businesses must be an eating or

drinking establishment — such as a restaurant, bakery, brewery or cafe — that is physically located in the central commercial district. Businesses must also be in good standing with the city, have an active business license and have an approved parklet by the city.

Retail businesses that sell goods or merchandise will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Corporately owned chain or franchise establishments and home-based businesses or hotels are not eligible for the grant program.

Once a business receives formal approval to install a parklet by the city, they can apply for the grant program through the Economic Development Department. Eligible expenses include umbrellas and other furniture as well as lights, heaters, and architectural and design services.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis starting on March 1. Businesses already approved for the downtown parklet program may apply through March 1. The city said the date “was selected to align with the city’s interest in supporting the development of parklets to offset impacts from COVID.”

The total funds allocated for the grant program are not to exceed \$250,000, an amount that staff said “is based on the number of downtown businesses that operated a temporary pop-up and is anticipated to be sufficient for the number of



FILE PHOTO

Parklets like this one outside Lokanta earlier in the pandemic could be returning to downtown Pleasanton next month, with some installations benefiting from new grants approved by the City Council.

anticipated applications.”

Staff said additional program funding will be requested if the number of applicants is greater than expected.

Funding for the grant program comes from the Business Assistance Program, a \$3 million special fund that the council approved for providing zero-interest, unsecured, short-term loans to eligible businesses affected by the pandemic. Approximately \$1.6 million still remains in the Business Assistance Program, including the \$250,000 that staff

has recommended allocating for the grant program.

The temporary popups that lined Main Street for almost two years were taken down several weeks ago so city workers can do street cleaning and tree pruning around the area, but permanent parklets should start to return in about a month once they are approved.

A council update on parklet grant support for businesses outside the downtown area is expected in March. ■

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Tri-Valley Conservancy executive steps down after five months

Board Chair Souza now leading on interim basis

By JEREMY WALSH

Land preservation nonprofit Tri-Valley Conservancy now has interim leadership as new Board Chair Lori Souza was appointed as acting executive director effective last month after the sudden resignation of former leader Laura Antrim after roughly five months in the role.

Souza, a long-time Livermore resident and community advocate with seven years of experience on the Conservancy’s Board of Directors, said she will serve in the temporary role until a permanent executive director is hired.

“Although this is a disruptive event, we are confident that we will find a suitable replacement in a timely manner and expect to fully meet our obligations and fulfill our responsibilities during this interim

leadership period,” Souza told the Weekly.

“I spent most of my 40-year career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in operations management, so I feel fully prepared to assume the role of acting executive director,” she added.

Antrim announced her resignation to the nonprofit’s board effective the end of December, citing unspecified “other career opportunities”, according to Souza. The board had tapped Antrim, who had past experience with The Wine Group and BART, as Tri-Valley Conservancy’s new executive director in late July to succeed Laura Mercier who retired last summer after 18 years with the nonprofit.

Souza shared the statement Antrim delivered to the board, which said in part, “I appreciate the time I have spent with TVC and the support I have gotten working with talented people from the various municipal agencies and other nonprofit groups. I believe TVC plays an invaluable role in protecting the Tri-Valley’s open space and vineyards

for perpetuity and will continue to support their mission.”

Attempts to reach Antrim were unsuccessful this week.

Upon Antrim’s resignation announcement, the board followed the nonprofit’s policy on executive director succession management and appointed the board chair to serve as acting executive director while recruitment occurs to find a permanent leader, Souza said. Souza had been elected as board chair beginning Jan. 1.

Key stakeholders were informed about the leadership turnover in early January, but the nonprofit had not issued a public statement en masse to date, according to Souza.

In addition to her career at Livermore Lab, Souza has held positions with various community groups including the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, Las Positas College Foundation and the Yes on Measure P campaign in 2020. She currently sits as an appointed member of Alameda County’s East County Zoning Adjustments Board. ■



Lori Souza

Black History Month in the Tri-Valley

Local libraries, organizations offer a variety of events all month long

By **CIERRA BAILEY**

Local Black History Month celebrations are in full swing, featuring literature, music, speaking engagements, art and more.

While a number of events have already occurred within the first two weeks of the month, there are several more to come through Feb. 28.

Tri-Valley libraries have hit the ground running with their planned events. In Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, the libraries have shared on their websites reading suggestions for all ages that recognize Black authors and storytelling.

Among the many books highlighted by the Livermore and Pleasanton libraries are both modern and classic works, including the young adult novel "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas, "Chasing Light: Michelle Obama Through the Lens of a White House Photographer" by Amanda Lucidon, "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston and "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou.

According to the Alameda County Library -- which provides services for the Dublin Library -- the theme for Black History Month this year selected by the Association for the Study of African American Life and

History is health and wellness.

Their suggested readings include titles that align with the theme, including "The Body Is Not An Apology: The Power of Radical Self-Love" and "Black Girls Must Die Exhausted," the first novel in a three-book series about modern womanhood and overcoming adversity.

The Pleasanton Library Book Club has also introduced "Lakewood" by Megan Giddings, NPR's Book of the Year in 2020, as its selected reading for the month of March. The novel explores moral dilemmas that working-class families face and the horror that has been forced on Black bodies in the name of science, according to its online description.

Throughout the entire month of February, the Livermore Library is offering "Take & Make" craft kits for children inspired by Black inventors, scientists and entrepreneurs. A different craft will be available at the Civic Center, Rincon and Springtown locations to encourage community members to visit each branch. They're also providing craft kits for teens, featuring a spa face mask kit inspired by Black inventor and beauty entrepreneur Madam C. J. Walker.

For teens, the three branches in

Livermore are also hosting a program called "Blind Date With a Book," which includes a display with books wrapped in paper with keywords written on the covers, giving readers clues about the genre and tone of the books. This program is intended to introduce readers to Black authors that they might not be familiar with, according to the library's website.

Earlier this week, the Livermore Library invited teens to participate in virtual Black History Jeopardy! with questions intended to spotlight Black excellence in various fields like science, innovation, politics, activism, athletics, entertainment and literature.

At Foothill High School, the Black Student Union members are also engaging their peers in Black History through trivia. On Instagram, the group posted that each Wednesday in February, they will play Black History Jeopardy! during their regular meeting times.

For the past two years, in the face of health concerns and pandemic restrictions, social media has been an essential medium used by many local organizations to interact and share information.

The Dublin High School Black Student Union is using its Instagram

to creatively share Black History facts through its "28 Days of Dreamers" series. Each day in February, the group posts a photo of a Black iconic figure with a caption that describes who they are and their impact on Black culture and society as a whole.

Film is another way that people can share experiences without being in the same place physically.

On Feb. 19, the Pleasanton Library Film Club is set to host a virtual discussion about the documentary film, "I Am Not Your Negro" which takes "a kaleidoscopic journey through the life and mind of James Baldwin." Registration is required for the event and the club encourages those interested to view the film prior to the discussion, which is available on the library's streaming service, Kanopy.

Black music is also being celebrated in the Tri-Valley this Black History Month. Earlier this month, the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton hosted a "Blues in the Night" event featuring Black female blues vocalist Tia Carroll. Next week, the Firehouse is set to welcome Nigerian percussionist, songwriter and educator Onye Onyemaechi for a solo drum performance.

On Feb. 24, the Livermore Library will host a special virtual presentation by Destiny Muhammad, Harpist from the Hood, about jazz music, the origins of the harp and the African American jazz harp legacy.

The Livermore Library is also teaming up with other guests and organizations for some of its upcoming events, including local Black winemakers Phil Long of Longevity Wines and Aaliyah Nitoto of Free Range Flower Winery who will discuss winemaking and their keys to success during the "Speaking of Wine" virtual presentation.

Livermore Library will close out the month with the Encore Players of Livermore and the African American Body of Laboratory Employees (ABLE) performing "Abolitionist Monologues: When Freedom Speaks" inspired by past and present abolitionists.

All month long, visitors to Livermore's Civic Center Library branch can view a Black History Month Art Exhibit in collaboration with Art of the African Diaspora, a community of artists and art lovers based out of the Richmond Art Center and representing artists throughout the greater Bay Area. The exhibit features the work of seven artists including Xan Blood Walker, Ron Calime, Chuck Harlins, Saida Hogan Nassiruddin, Mark Sublett and TheArthur Wright and sculptures by local artist Stephanie Thames. ■

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Alameda County to lift indoor mask mandate next week

Joining all other Bay Area jurisdictions in move, except for Santa Clara County

Nearly all of the greater Bay Area's 11 counties will lift their indoor mask mandates next week, aligning them with the state's plans to lift its mask requirements.

Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Sonoma and Solano counties and the city of Berkeley will all drop their requirements for everyone to wear a mask indoors as of next Wednesday (Feb. 16).

Masks will still be required indoors for unvaccinated people ages 2 and up, as well as in health care facilities, homeless shelters and on public transit.

Masks are also required in K-12 schools, but state officials have indicated they are reconsidering school masking requirements and could make changes in the coming weeks.

State public health officials said Monday that the statewide mask mandate, which has been in effect since Dec. 15, would expire as the state's COVID-19 case and

hospitalization numbers have plummeted from the record highs of the omicron variant surge.

Officials in the 10 counties argued that COVID's spread has also waned significantly across the region and that relaxing mask requirements is part of a shift toward a "new normal" of living with the virus rather than attempting to snuff out its spread completely.

"We are able to take this next major step of removing the universal indoor mask requirement because we have laid a strong foundation in good public health protections — especially vaccines and boosters — and know we can reduce severe illness, hospitalizations and deaths," Contra Costa County Health Officer Dr. Ori Tzvieli said.

The lone holdout among Bay Area counties is Santa Clara, with county health officials arguing lifting local indoor mask requirements would present an unnecessary risk to residents who are vulnerable to the virus.

Santa Clara County public health officials expect to lift most indoor mask requirements for vaccinated residents "in a matter of weeks," once the county's seven-day average of new cases per day falls below 500 for at least one week and Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody deems hospitalizations in the county to be "low and stable."

As of Tuesday, the county was confirming an average of 1,922 new cases per day over the prior seven days.

"Universal indoor masking is critical to protect our community, especially community members who are older or immunocompromised," Cody said in a statement. "Continuing to mask indoors should also allow our case rates to continue to drop quickly."

Indoor mask requirements for all residents have been in place for much of the Bay Area since August, when health officials in seven counties and the city of Berkeley argued masking indoors would be necessary due to the highly

contagious delta variant, which was starting to become the region's dominant strain.

Masking rules remained in place across most of the region as the delta surge faded and the winter surge of cases tied to the omicron variant began.

In October, the seven counties and Berkeley issued criteria to lift their respective indoor mask requirements, including 80% of each county's population completing their initial vaccine series and remaining in the lowest tier of viral transmission as determined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for at least three weeks.

Ultimately, none of the counties or the city of Berkeley met their established thresholds.

On Wednesday, San Francisco health officials argued that those criteria were outdated, and meeting them would not be necessary for the city to safely align itself with the state's indoor masking rules.

"We are able to take this next major step of removing the universal indoor mask requirement because we have laid a strong foundation in good public health protections and know we can prevent severe illness, hospitalizations and deaths," San Francisco Health Officer Dr. Susan Philip said.

Health officials in all 11 of the greater Bay Area's counties urged residents to get vaccinated against the virus as well as a booster jab when eligible.

Individual businesses and events will also be encouraged to require the use of a mask indoors if they consider it necessary, and residents are advised to wear a well-fitting N95 mask when a face covering is required.

"While wearing a mask indoors is no longer mandatory for people who are vaccinated, it remains a smart and simple way to protect yourself and the people around you," Sonoma County Health Officer Dr. Sundari Mase said. ■

—Eli Walsh, BCN Foundation

Shining light on need for more emergency funds for restaurants

Oasis owner joins Swalwell, others to raise awareness

By JEANITA LYMAN

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell and Omar Etemadi, owner of Oasis Wine Lounge in Pleasanton, joined Rep. Earl Blumenauer and restaurateurs from Fremont and Portland on Tuesday in offering a local perspective on federal legislation that would seek to bolster the country's independent restaurants, as they continue to struggle with upheaval brought on by the pandemic.

Funds allotted to restaurants and other businesses focused on food and drinks under the American Rescue Plan Act last year, amounting to \$28.6 billion, were quickly

eaten up by an industry that has been struggling, and only about one third of applicants were able to receive grants. Blumenauer, alongside Swalwell and other supporters, are proposing legislation that would replenish this portion of the fund in order to cover existing applications.

Swalwell (D-Livermore) cited his own experience working in restaurants throughout his childhood and early career, and his continued appreciation of local restaurants, particularly given current challenges, as some reasons for his support of the legislation.

"The restaurant critic Phil Rosenthal I think said it best ... a good restaurant is like a vacation. It transports you and becomes more than just food," Swalwell said during a media call on Tuesday.

Etemadi said that the \$200,000 grant he'd received from the Restaurant Revitalization Fund had been crucial to staying afloat during challenges faced by the pandemic, but emphasized that more aid was needed, with examples from his own business.

Most notably, the \$200,000 wasn't enough to save both Oasis locations, with Etemadi saying he

was forced to sell one location. The move had impacts on Etemadi and the business as well as employees, as he was forced to drastically cut hours, and many of them were forced to take other jobs as a result.

"I think we should get more funds, because the \$200,000 just went out our door in less than three months, because I was behind on rent in both places," Etemadi said.

"I couldn't pay my rent on time, so I paid after, but the \$200,000 was not even enough with that many steps ahead, and I had to let go of a lot of my people," he

continued.

Questions from many national media outlets during the call centered around Blumenauer's support of the revitalization of funds for restaurants along with his support of a national minimum wage increase, asking him to explain how these two measures were compatible.

Blumenauer called this conversation "something that could be a distraction," with Swalwell noting that a high minimum wage locally is not what has hurt businesses such as Etemadi's, but rapidly changing pandemic guidelines and insufficient emergency grants.

"These restaurants, they will do whatever we ask because they're resilient, but the worst thing we can do to them is just completely shut them down indoors and outdoors, or to just not invest in them," Swalwell said. ■

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Councilmember Julie Testa, focused partly on the now-rejected Harrison Street project. Similar signature collection events were also held by the Tri-Valley branch of United Neighbors in Livermore on Jan. 29 and 30.

The signature collections last month were for the statewide ballot initiative 21-0016A1, which aims to amend the California Constitution so that if a conflict arose, local zoning and land-use ordinances would supersede state laws.

Among the most controversial

of the 70 state housing-related laws targeted by the ballot initiative are Senate Bills 9 and 10, which were signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom last year and went into effect on Jan. 1.

If certain conditions are satisfied, SB 9 allows property owners to split and develop duplexes on single-family residential lots without local approval, while SB 10 allows the construction of apartment buildings with up to 10 units on a site zoned single-family dwelling without local agency approval, if it is close to mass transit or an urban infill site.

Flyers distributed for the ONV signature drive with renderings

of the Harrison Street proposal, claiming that the five-story building was "coming soon", said that "state law has severely limited the city's input, timeline, and discretion to deny" similar applications, and that "the state legislature has passed any laws allowing massive buildings in our historic downtown."

Councilmember Jack Balch said the project proposal came to the city much earlier and was working through the consideration process, though, and he is "not sure it would've been approved or denied anyway because it was in the hopper."

"Harrison Street and the local control initiative, it's just a

confluence that they are an unfortunate series of events that are (happening) at the same time," Balch said. "I think local control proponents are saying they're going to use it to overturn these laws if they have to."

Balch said he has "serious questions" about the California Environmental Quality Act and discrimination laws when it comes to the ONV initiative, noting that the city was sued over a housing cap about 15 years ago.

"When we put in the housing cap, we were sued as a city and settled, and admitted the housing cap was discriminatory," Balch said. "If this local control goes through, who's protecting others

from discrimination?"

Though the Harrison Street project did not qualify for ministerial approval under SB 35, including failing to address issues about fire department access and sidewalk width, Balch said the applicant "could resubmit if they modified the application to comply ... but they have to design their project to comply with the state."

More than half a million signatures statewide were already gathered before the collection events took place in the Tri-Valley last month. A total of 1.5 million signatures are required for the ballot initiative to be included in the November general election. ■

Cardwell named Livermore's innovation and economic development director

Livermore native promoted to succeed Van de Water

By CIERRA BAILEY

Brandon Cardwell has been tapped to lead the city of Livermore's innovation and economic development department, according to a statement from the city.

Cardwell, who was appointed to the role by City Manager Marc Roberts, is set to officially start on Monday (Feb. 14).

"I am thrilled to promote Brandon to this leadership role," Roberts said of Cardwell in the city's statement. "He has contributed significantly to the city organization and to the community in his many years of service here. Brandon is a collaborative team member, brings a unique wealth of knowledge to this department and has demonstrated the skills required to succeed in this role."

Cardwell has worked for the city for the past 16 years, beginning his journey in 2006 and joining the economic development team in



Brandon Cardwell

2011. During this time, city officials said that Cardwell helped shape Livermore's economic development priorities, working in tourism and special events, land use planning, place branding and the technology sector.

In 2014, he became the executive director of i-GATE Innovation Hub, an independent nonprofit created by the cities of Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton and the town of Danville along with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories. The organization provides business development services for startups.

In his executive director role at i-GATE, Cardwell oversaw the development of the Daybreak Labs startup incubator and the Startup Tri-Valley ecosystem development initiative.

Officials said Cardwell has also helped lead important land use projects in Livermore including the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan, SunCal and The Well at Sunset. He played critical roles in revamping the city's outdoor dining program, designing Livermore's COVID-19

small business relief program and the Innovation and Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Cardwell is a Livermore native who attended Rancho Las Positas Elementary School, Junction Avenue Middle School and graduated from Granada High School. He received an associate degree from Las Positas Community College and a bachelor's degree in government from California State University, Sacramento.

"The opportunity to work in my hometown has been incredibly rewarding over the past 15 years," Cardwell said. "I'm a product of this community and now I'm raising my kids here, so I know how important Livermore is to the people who live here. I couldn't be more excited to work with the entire city team, the council and our incredible community partners to strengthen Livermore's economy and quality of life."

Cardwell succeeds Adam Van de Water, who departed from the role in December after three years for a position as executive director of Transbay Joint Powers Authority in San Francisco, which owns and operates the Salesforce Transit Center. ■

Valley Link exec Tree stepping down

By JULIA BAUM

Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority is set to change leadership, after it was recently announced that deputy executive director and program manager Kevin Sheridan will take over from current executive director Michael Tree at the end of February.

Tree has spent the last five years on the Valley Link project, including three as the agency's first executive director when it originally formed in 2019, and two years before then on initiatives leading to

the agency's founding.

As executive director, Tree oversaw the required project feasibility report, as well as led the project through clearing certain milestones like the environmental impact report and preliminary engineering, in addition to raising funding for certain segments.

"It's been quite a ride," Tree said in his address to the Board of Directors after making his announcement. "I have a passion for this project and will continue to be its biggest advocate as it moves forward. I am very proud of all that we

have accomplished so far."

In a statement, Authority Board Chair Veronica Vargas said that Tree "recognizes the very urgent need for this project and has been its tireless advocate since even before day one."

"He has been instrumental in establishing the Authority and bringing it to a point where it is now equipped to meet its mission to deliver the Valley Link rail project," Vargas said. "I also give him credit for identifying a successor who can move the project into its next phase and get construction underway." ■

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the site."

While the city acknowledged that some contamination was present at the site, officials said that it is not out of the ordinary and would be remediated as part of the cleanup ahead of construction.

Since then, the city has submitted a data gap assessment with a human health risk assessment to the water board for the site. The data gap assessment presents the results of additional subsurface testing completed in August and September 2021, according to the city's website.

Last week, the water board approved the data gap assessment report, acknowledging that the report satisfies the water board's request for additional information and concurring with the recommendations presented in the report, including characterization of site conditions, estimated risk and next steps.

The board followed its approval letter with a fact sheet that summarized the results of the data gap assessment investigation. The results show that, "the chemicals detected in soil gas and groundwater at the Eden Housing site are likely the result of one or more releases from the nearby Quality Cleaners site and are not from prior lumberyard or train depot

use on the Eden site," according to the fact sheet.

In regards to human health risk, the board's fact sheet said, "the estimated risks are well within levels considered by the California and United States Environmental Protection Agencies to be protective of human health and do not warrant further remediation or mitigation as part of the proposed development of the property."

As a next step, the water board is requesting that the city provide a site management plan, which will describe procedures to maintain protection of human health and the environment during and after construction of the development. ■

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Monnastes takes reins of HR in Dublin

Former San Ramon manager heads to new role in hometown

By JEANITA LYMAN

Sarah Monnastes was announced as the city of Dublin's new director of human resources on her first day on the job this week, following the departure of her longtime predecessor.

"I am pleased to welcome Sarah Monnastes as the new human resources director for the



Sarah Monnastes

city of Dublin. We are very happy that we were able to recruit someone with Sarah's extensive experience and background," City Manager Linda

Smith said in the announcement on Monday. "She has all of the qualities that make up a successful human resources director — excellent communication skills, analytical ability, objectivity, impartiality, compliance and leadership."

Monnastes, a longtime Dublin resident, comes into the role

with 17 years of experience in human resources, just over four of which were spent as human resources manager for the city of San Ramon, prior to her new appointment with Dublin.

"I am honored to have been selected to take on this role in the same community in which my family and I live," Monnastes

said in a statement. "I look forward to working with the city manager, assistant city manager, and the rest of the city of Dublin staff to continue the great work they do to make Dublin an amazing city in which to live, work, and play."

Monnastes is filling the role after Julie Carter, who held the position for nearly 24 years, left last May.

Monnastes is set for a formal introduction to the City Council at next week's regular meeting. ■

Bill aims to coordinate Bay Area public transit fare systems, schedules

Another proposal would exempt some transit projects from CEQA reviews

State Sen. Josh Becker introduced a bill last week that would require Bay Area transit agencies to coordinate their fare structures and schedules in an effort to entice riders back to public transit.

Senate Bill 917 would require the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the region's 27 transit agencies to utilize a universal fare system, coordinate their schedules and develop a single transit map and trip planning system by mid-2024.

Becker (D-Menlo Park) noted that the transit agencies operating across the Bay Area's nine counties have multiple different fare structures, discount and loyalty programs and trip planning systems and lack integrated schedules and live transit data.

As a result, he argued, transferring between multiple public transit systems can be unreliable and leave riders waiting for needlessly long periods of time.

"Right now, riding transit in our region can be a disjointed and

unreliable experience," Becker said. "This legislation will help transform our system into a world-class, seamless experience for the public, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving access to jobs and housing for residents."

Becker also argued that making transit across the region more seamless would help entice riders back to systems that have seen significant ridership drops since the pandemic began.

Even before 2020, however, transit ridership across the Bay Area was flagging. According to Becker's office, transit ridership fell 5.2% across the region between 2016 and 2018 and just 12% of the Bay Area's residents have used public transit for their commute since 1970.

"We must act quickly to entice riders back to public transit and put the rider experience front and center," Becker said.

SB 917's requirement of a streamlined fare structure would help

mitigate the so-called "transfer penalty," when riders must pay a fare for each individual transit system they enter, regardless of the length of each segment of their trip and even if they use a fare system like Clipper that is available across multiple transit agencies.

According to Becker, the bill would require the universal fare system to include free transfers between local systems, like the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and regional ones like BART.

The MTC has already endorsed fare integration between transit agencies and formed a Fare Integration Task Force in early 2020 to oversee studies of a potential universal fare system.

Becker argued that riders are already benefiting from interagency coordination as Caltrain and BART have aligned their schedules at Millbrae Station and Golden Gate Transit now provides local service within San Francisco.

The bill is supported by regional transit and business groups, including the Bay Area Council and the transportation think tank SPUR.

"As we move past COVID, it's critical we get commuters back on public transit," Bay Area Council President and CEO Jim Wunderman said. "Making transit as easy, affordable and convenient for everyone to use is paramount in that effort and better integrating fares is one of the most cost-effective, common-sense tools for making that happen."

The Senate's Transportation Committee is expected to begin discussing SB 917 this spring.

In other news

California Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) on Monday announced he's introducing legislation to ensure that sustainable safety and transit projects get done efficiently and remain exempt from timely environmental reviews.

Last year, Wiener's Senate Bill 288

went into effect, exempting certain transit projects that improve safety or advance bus and light-rail service from going through the California Environmental Quality Act review process — a process that can often take months or years to complete.

The bill aims to help transit agencies implement specific projects like bus-only lanes and safety improvements impacting pedestrians and bicyclist more quickly.

The bill is set to expire at the end of this year, but Wiener's newly proposed Senate Bill 922 would make his previous legislation permanent.

Wiener introduced the new bill last week.

During a briefing on Monday, Wiener said, "If you are implementing one of these climate friendly projects, you should not have to go through unending environmental review. That is counterproductive. Instead, the bill creates an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act, CEQA, for these climate friendly and sustainable transportation projects."

According to Wiener, since SB 288 went into effect, 10 significant transit projects have been approved statewide. ■

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of press time Wednesday.

"We'd like to thank Kelly O'Lague for the years of service to Hively, for building deep relationships in the community, and for serving the families in the Tri-Valley area," Hively officials said in the statement, adding that Hekl would lead while the board "identifies the person to fuel our next phase of impact."

Hekl, whose professional background is in human resources, told the Weekly that her goal during this leadership transition — as well as that of the board and staff — is to make sure the nonprofit is able to continue providing services and programs to children and families in need.

"And the need from our families and community has never been greater," she said. "Hively provides trainings, diaper distributions, book clubs, listening sessions while providing childcare subsidies through

our county contracts and supporting childcare providers. All of that will continue into the future."

Headquartered in Pleasanton, Hively also has locations in Oakland, Fremont and San Leandro to serve its family clients. The nonprofit marked the soft launch of its new Hively Family Resource Center in Dublin last month under O'Lague's leadership.

Hekl, who lives in Pleasanton with her family, serves as an alternate member on the city's Parks and Recreation Commission and also sits on the Bay Area Children's Theatre Board of Directors.

Citing more than 20 years of experience in "people operations" at companies including Marriott, Google, Ellie Mae and Zymergen, her bio on the Hively website states Hekl's "professional passion is creating great places to work for employees and helping companies thrive."

Meanwhile, questions remain about the quietly announced departure of O'Lague, who had led Hively

— and its prior iteration, Child Care Links, before its merger and rebranding — since 2018.

O'Lague had been listed on the Hively website as CEO as recently as earlier last week.

"It is Hively's policy to not comment about personnel changes and we remain true to the organization's mission to provide resources and support to ensure that everyone in our community can thrive," Hekl told the Weekly in declining to elaborate about the timeline and circumstances of O'Lague's departure.

O'Lague, whose background is as a licensed clinical social worker, has been a well-known leader in community service in the area for years, including for her time as executive director of the now-defunct Tri-Valley YMCA and vice president of youth development for the YMCA of the East Bay, as well as her involvement with Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative.

After taking over as CEO in January 2018, O'Lague (then known



FILE PHOTO

Now-former CEO of Hively, Kelly O'Lague, can be seen at front right during her first year at the nonprofit.

professionally as Kelly O'Lague Dulka) guided the Tri-Valley's Child Care Links through its merger with the San Leandro-based Family Service Counseling and Community Resource Center in July 2019. The nonprofit rebranded as Hively one month later.

During O'Lague's tenure, Hively was honored as Assembly District 16's Nonprofit of the Year by

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan in October 2020, with particular recognition for its efforts during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pleasanton Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin, who is employed by Hively as office manager, declined to comment about the leadership transition, deferring to the management team at the nonprofit. ■

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Maintaining a healthy marriage

Tips on building a meaningful, happy and thriving relationship

By MELISSA MCKENZIE

In December of 1957, a shy girl from the town of Turlock asked a gregarious boy from Los Angeles to the Fresno State University Queen's Ball.

Both only children, the young man and woman were told their budding relationship was doomed, but she found herself enamored with his manners while he said she brought out the best in him. Just over two years into their courtship, Bradley Hirst asked for Sandra Gross' hand in marriage and three months later, on Jun. 8, 1960, they wed.

"We had a lot of things in common: our family values, Christian faith, desire to have a limited number of children and political views," Bradley Hirst said of the Pleasanton couple's 60-plus year union, but that is only the tip of the iceberg.

Hirst came from a broken home. His mother married five times and he promised himself he would only say "I do" once. That commitment has helped keep the father of two and grandfather of four grounded and dedicated to his beloved.

According to Chandrama Anderson, a licensed marriage and family therapist out of Menlo Park and author of the upcoming "graphic medicine" (graphic novels exploring healthcare) series called "I Do, I Don't: How to Build a Better Marriage," couples typically seek therapy for issues relating to sex, money or power with the underlying problem being attachment or lack thereof.

Anderson said that in secure attachment, "Your well-being comes second to none. You're confided in first. Your opinion matters most. You feel admired and protected. Your need for closeness is rewarded with even more closeness. You seek comfort in sex from each other and you create a home that's a haven so you can do all the other things you have to do in life. Your marriage has to be top priority, is a way of simplifying all of those things."

Without making the marital relationship a top priority — even that over the relationship with a child — the marriage will suffer, Anderson said, adding that negative self-talk, generational trauma and the intention and impact of statements all contribute to problems within a marriage.

"There are three parties in every

marriage: you, me and the marriage," Anderson said. "Think about what's best for the marriage, which doesn't mean giving yourself away."

By taking an "if it's important to you, it's important to me" mindset and finding ways to support their spouse, individuals can do what's best for their marriage. Other ways include avoiding "you" statements, which escalate arguments. "If you're upset, say, 'when blank happened, I felt blank, blank and blank. I wish or I need blank,'" Anderson said, adding that both men and women have trouble giving empathy, but it's important to understand each other's feelings.

Early in their marriage, the Hirsts made a promise never to fight in front of their children, and often played tennis together or golfed, which kept them close. Additionally, they share a love of sports (he's a Los Angeles Rams fan, while she is faithful to the San Francisco 49ers), have maintained a mutual respect for each other, sustained a healthy division of chores and learned when to keep their mouths shut.

And, although Sandra Hirst joked that dirty looks have gone a long way in their marriage, they continue to make time for one another. The Hirsts often fall asleep holding hands, and connect daily by sitting down together between 5 and 6 p.m., having a drink and talking about their day.

"We've had our ups and downs," Bradley Hirst said. "No marriage is perfect. It takes work."

Anderson said there are also a handful of simple things that can be done to create stronger bonds. Greeting partners at the door and before children, always saying goodbye and hello, setting aside time for each other, only speaking to partners when eye contact can be maintained and participating in two minutes of eye-gazing a day can all help build emotional connections and intimacy.

Additionally, Anderson said, unless each person is their authentic self, their needs will never get met.

"You can only do your own work," she said. "You can ask for healthy change, but you can't change anyone. Everyone needs to work on your relationship after saying 'I do'." ■



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Longtime Pleasanton residents Bradley and Sandra Hirst reflect on their over 60 years of marriage.

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Hike for Hope is back on track

Hospice fundraiser returning to Del Valle park in May

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Hike for Hope. The name says it all. Hope Hospice has opened registration for its annual hike being held May 14 at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore, in plenty of time for participants to share the news with family and friends who may want to donate toward their efforts.

The popular fundraiser, which began in 1980, was canceled in 2020 as it was planning to celebrate its 40th. Last year it was held virtually, with participants walking on their own as the COVID-19 pandemic persisted.

“It certainly wasn’t the same as when we get together at Del Valle Park but we did get a good turnout as far as donations toward the cause,” said Kendra Strey, director of communications. “We had half the participants but raised almost as much as in a regular year.”

The goal each year is usually \$100,000, she said, and last year’s event yielded around \$96,000, including gifts of in-kind donations.

“It’s been a challenging time for fundraising as people are unsure of their employment status,” she noted.

The money raised helps Hope Hospice provide compassionate end-of-life care and support for patients and their families as well as education programs for families and caregivers of dementia patients, and grief support.

“Some of the funds go for patient care — there are some cases where we take on uninsured cases,” Strey said.

Hope Hospice shifted some of its services to telehealth during the pandemic, she said.

“A lot of concerns can be handled over the phone with the family members,”

Hike for Hope

Route options:

- 2.6 miles: easy lakefront route that can be shortened
- 4.4 miles: adds a moderate incline loop

Registration donation:

- \$35 adult, ages 18 and up
- \$15 youth, ages 13-17
- Free for kids 12 and under (register to get a shirt)
- \$80 family package, includes two adults and two youths.

she explained. “The most challenging thing was for patients living in a facility — skilled nursing or assisted living. Then we were subject to the facility’s unique rules.”

When a face-to-face visit was needed, home health aides had full protective equipment, and everyone is vaccinated.

“Our staff is 100% ready to serve,” Strey said.

And ready to Hike for Hope along with others, many of them members of former client families.

“We are happy to be getting back together in person, especially for the folks who volunteer or who come every year — it’s nice to have the reunion,” Strey said. “But the event is also about reminding the community that Hope Hospice is there so the more hikers we can get involved, the better.”

Register at TheHikeForHope.com or call 925-829-8770 on weekdays from 9



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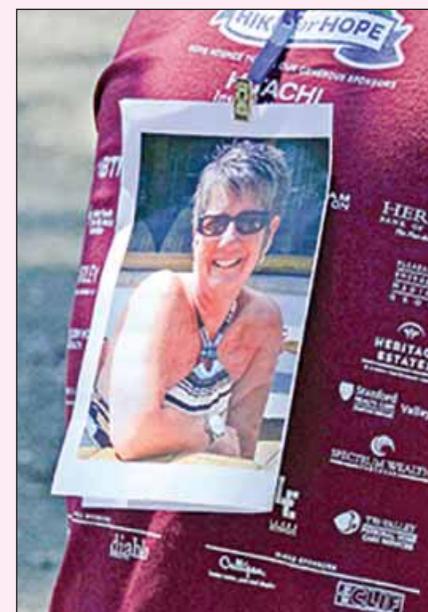
Hikers in 2019, the last time Hike for Hope was held at Del Valle park. The pandemic forced cancellations of the past two years’ in-person events.

a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to sign up by April 15, which would guarantee a T-shirt, but registration remains open through the day of the event.

Hikers may start anytime between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. When they finish, a free barbecue lunch will be sponsored by MCE Corp.

“This year we’re going to have extra hand-washing stations,” Strey said. “We’re not going to require masks at this time because it is outdoors and we will be spaced out.”

Hope Hospice is also seeking event sponsors and offers four levels, including a Friends & Family sponsorship for individuals who would like to honor the memory of a loved one. Anyone interested in sponsoring should connect with Hope Hospice prior to April 15 so that their company logo/family name can be included on the event T-shirt. Details are available at TheHikeForHope.com. ■



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Some hikers carry photos or mementos of their loved one on the hike.



CHUCK DECKERT

The Hike for Hope is scheduled to return on May 14 for the first time since 2019, with participants that year seen here.



CHUCK DECKERT

Those hiking in memory of a loved one can write the names of the departed on a paper shoe for a group display.

It's all in your head

'Migraine is not fatal but it can affect your quality of life'

By JULIA BAUM

The day that I pitched a story about migraines for Staying Healthy during our staff meeting, I had one of my own brewing, coincidentally.

As I explained my idea while occasionally massaging my left temple — usually the focal point for the worst of the pain that I'll feel — I knew I wasn't the only person who has suffered with migraines at work.

Migraines are, in fact, the third most common medical disorder in the world, so the odds are good that many workplaces have at least one employee who suffers from migraines. According to the American Migraine Foundation, more than 36 million Americans have migraines — more than the number who have diabetes and asthma combined.

And while migraines are estimated to cost American business more than \$29 billion in lost time and lost work productivity, they take an incalculable toll on one's quality of life. Dr. Charlene Hu, a migraine specialist at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare, said she has seen this in many of her patients.

"Migraine is not fatal but it can affect your quality of life. I see so many so often, affecting the quality of the life for the family," Hu said.

So what makes a migraine different from a regular headache? "Migraine has this unique presentation compared to other headaches or such a tension headache," Hu said.

Migraine headaches can take over someone's life for several days. For me, they start with what I describe as a mental fog that hinders my concentration even before the onset of actual pain. They're comparable to a hang-over but worse (in my opinion). Headaches are still annoying and painful, but much more tolerable and don't typically hang around until the next day or after like a migraine does.

Usually mine lasts about 24 to 36 hours, a period of time during which I try to sleep as long as possible, and avoid any bright lights and screen time. Maybe this is TMI, but nausea and vomiting are also common among migraine sufferers — possibly due to serotonin levels.

Relief often only comes in the form of deep sleep or over-the-counter medication. Sometimes I'll experience a lingering throbbing sensation in my temples the day after. Hu said these are all common symptoms, though each migraine patient's profile is unique.

I am fortunate, though, because mine could be more frequent and worrisome (2020 was by far the worst year that I've ever experienced so many, simply due to the stress — the top trigger for migraines, according to Hu).

Migraines aren't generally a link to other conditions, but Hu said "there is a small risk for the patient who has migraine aura, a slight risk for stroke."

"Specifically if the migraine involves aura and the patient is a smoker, and takes birth control," Hu said. "All three in combination put them at even higher risk for a stroke. I think that might be the only one in terms of risk with any other medical conditions from the migraine."

Migraines are much more common in women, who Hu also said "tend to have more severe headaches because women tend to have more triggers."

"We're not sure of the cause of migraines; it's a complicated area," Hu said. "What we know for sure is that it's a genetic condition, that's the most common."

According to Johns Hopkins Medicine, serotonin and estrogen level changes are believed to be responsible for triggering migraines, as well as general vascular system



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changes. Women are also more likely to have migraines than men because of fluctuating estrogen levels, which affect women only and naturally vary throughout their life cycles.

Hu said migraines typically occur anywhere from the teenage years (when hormone fluctuations also start to happen) until someone is in their 40s or 50s. Once women finish menopause, Hu said their migraines usually improve.

While the causes of migraines are still unknown, Hu said there's a long list of documented triggers, with emotional stress taking the No. 1 spot, followed by hormone changes.

Other triggers for migraines are unique to each individual but Hu said they can include weather changes (a thunderstorm may have actually triggered my very first migraine), strong or very bright lights, sleep disturbances, alcohol, smoke, exercise, and all sorts of food, including red wine, chocolate and cheese.

For patients who have a migraine more than four days out of every 30 days, Hu will "start them on preventative headache

treatment to stop the headache instead of chasing it." Migraines that are less frequent and more mild can be treated by taking over the counter medication such as Tylenol or Motrin. Severe migraines may be treated with Imitex or something else more powerful.

"There's a whole group of meds we use for acute migraine attacks, and the key pain medication for migraine is very important. You have to catch it early — that is very, very important," Hu said.

There are many very effective treatments existing, Hu said, so people don't have to suffer and should be able to find something that works for them.

"All of those pain medications that are over-the-counter, for the most part they work, but the migraine — if you don't control them — they tend to become more severe more often," Hu said. "The beauty of the preventative way is you would not have a headache."

Take it from me — when it comes to migraines, it's always worth the ounce of prevention to save a pound of cure. ■

Contra Costa County lifts requirement for vaccine or negative test at restaurants, gyms

Department cites community's 80% vaccination rate in rule change

By JEANITA LYMAN

The neighboring Contra Costa Health Services announced last Friday that the county would be lifting a health order that requires patrons of some indoor businesses to provide proof of vaccination or negative test results, citing the high vaccination rate among county residents.

"We believe now is the right time to loosen a requirement that made a lot of sense last summer, when a different variant of COVID-19 was dominant and there was less community immunity," said Dr. Ori Tzvieli, acting Contra Costa County health officer. "But by no means are we back to normal. There are still many more cases of COVID-19 in our community now than there were in mid-December, so we need to continue to take precautions when we go out."

The move comes as hospitalizations have been declining countywide, and as health officials believe that the surge of cases brought on by the omicron variant has peaked and will continue to decline.

Under the now lifted health order, which went into effect in September, businesses where

patrons remove their face coverings or breathe more heavily than usual, such as restaurants and gyms, were required by the county to check patrons and workers for proof of vaccination or negative test results.

With the order lifted, businesses will still be able to choose to implement their own vaccine requirements, which CCHS encourages them to do.

As of Feb. 3, 80% of county residents were vaccinated against COVID, and more than 48% had received booster doses.

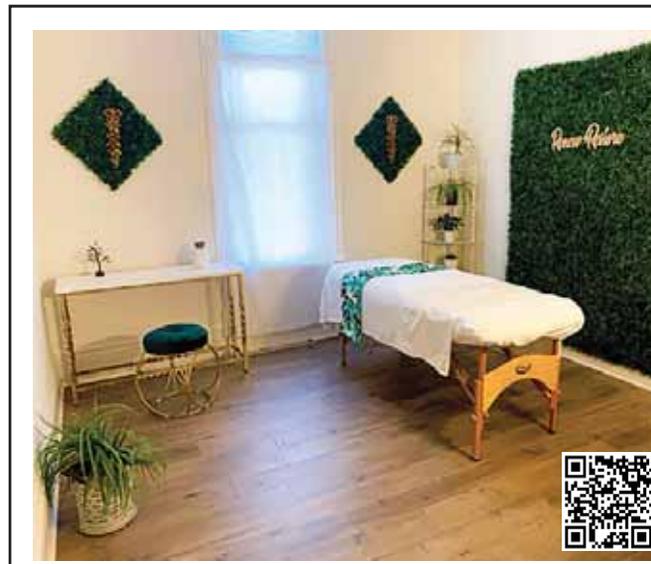
Despite the high rates of community immunity, CCHS still urges that everyone eligible for vaccines and booster doses to get them, especially the latter. Last Friday's announcement points to county data showing that those with boosters have a lower risk for contracting COVID of more than threefold, compared with those who are unvaccinated, and are approximately nine times less likely to be hospitalized as a result of the virus.

"We deeply appreciate everyone who has chosen to vaccinate. You have made yourselves, your loved ones, and the entire community safer," Contra Costa health director Anna Roth

said. "If you are eligible and you have not gotten your booster, it is really important that you get one. People who get boosted are significantly safer from serious COVID-19."

Other health orders from the state and county, such as workplace vaccine verification

for some workers, and face coverings in indoor public spaces, remain in effect. Under state guidelines, proof of vaccination or recent negative test results are still required for visits to hospitals and long-term care facilities, as well as indoor events with 500 or more attendees. ■



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Make a Statement: International nonprofit started at Dougherty Valley High

By JEANITA LYMAN

When Emily Han, a Dougherty Valley High School junior and co-founder of the worldwide nonprofit organization Make a Statement, came to the United States from China, she was already a skilled public speaker at 9 years old.

"In China, when I was in elementary school, I was trained to be a moderator for a lot of events that were province-wide and even featured on television," Han said. "So I was a very confident person, and I started to lose some of that confidence. I felt like as someone who was in speech and debate and an international student, it was very unfriendly to people who might not be familiar with English, or might not have enough money to afford speech and debate tournaments."

Trying to resume her studies in public speaking, immersed in a culture and language that were foreign to her at the time, proved to be no small feat for Han. Not only did she find herself in unfamiliar surroundings, but Han found that others also regarded her as unfamiliar and an outsider, despite her wealth of experience as a public speaker.

"Everyone just kind of developed this



Emily Han

Co-founder seeks to help students worldwide find their voices

mindset that to be naturally good at debate, you have to be a tall white guy who sounds very assertive," Han said.

Han continued to pursue speech and debate, and ultimately came to literally and figuratively find her voice as she gained proficiency in English in her new surroundings.

However, she noticed patterns in the culture and atmosphere of speech and debate organizations and competitions that continued to trouble her — as she watched other girls, non-native English speakers, and students in general who didn't fit the traditional mold, grow discouraged and quit the program, saying they'd "had enough," while those with more privileged statuses and backgrounds excelled.

"Unfortunately I know so many people, especially predominantly female friends, who have dropped out of speech and debate," Han said.

Han said that while she stuck with speech and debate throughout middle and high school, and intends to in college, she understood why others would leave an atmosphere that can be competitive, stressful and ultimately unhealthy for some students.

"I think there is a lack of inclusivity in that space that I recognize, and I wanted to do something about it, because I experienced a lot of mental health issues to go through the hyper-competitiveness of a space where it just favored privileged students over the people who may

not have had a lot of resources ... to start with," Han said.

Rather than trying to persuade others to stick it out in the existing climate, Han became determined to work toward improving that climate, and expanding the reach of speech and debate resources to those who might not otherwise consider taking it up.

"After a few years of assimilating into this American culture, and getting really familiar with speech and debate, I wanted to help other people recognize the power in their voices," Han said.

Han eventually seized the flexibility and time that the pandemic shutdowns of 2020 offered, launching Make a Statement that June, with her friend and co-founder, fellow Dougherty Valley High student Kaylan So. Since its inception, the organization has gained international reach, offering speech and debate resources, as well as peer support and mentorship, to students locally and abroad.

The goal of Make a Statement for Han and her fellow student organizers has been to increase the accessibility of public speaking education — both for the sake of benefiting those who might not otherwise have access to it, but also for the sake of changing the culture and atmosphere in the speech and debate circuit that had threatened Han's own mental health at times.

"Just think about how when you were going

through a hard time, you probably wished for someone with a similar experience to be there and tell you that it will be ok and give you some guidance," Han said.

"I feel like for me that person was really lacking during the time that I was stressed about assimilation, stressed about identity, stressed about an accent, about communicating with other people, and I wish there was someone who had gone through that experience to be there to give me some guidance on what I should do," she added.

Going into college, Han said she plans to use the skills she learns and the connections she makes to further expand the organization, and to continue making her own statements from within as she continues on the speech and debate circuit at the collegiate level.

She expects Make a Statement to continue to grow and develop as she and her colleagues do, and said she looks forward to expanding its reach not just to students, but to more adult mentors who can help it flourish.

In addition to helping other students through the organization, Han said she has benefited from learning about herself, and gaining a sense of what motivates her, as a young entrepreneur and leader.

"Focusing always on advocating for those whose voice may not be heard is something that definitely plays a large part in my future," Han said. ■

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Cyclist dies in crash with SUV on Mines Road south of Livermore

A woman was killed after her bicycle collided head-on with an SUV on rural Mines Road south of Livermore on Sunday afternoon, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The situation unfolded at about 2:30 p.m. on Mines Road south of San Antonio Valley Road in Santa Clara County, not far from Mount Hamilton.

At that time, a Land Rover driven by a 27-year-old man was traveling southbound on Mines Road while the bicyclist — identified only as an adult female — was riding northbound on the rural county road in the same area, according to Officer Ross Lee of the CHP-San Jose office.

“As the Land Rover entered a right-to-left curve in the roadway, the driver allowed the vehicle to drift over the center divider lines by approximately one to two feet,” Lee said. “The bicyclist entered this same curve in the roadway, from the opposite direction, and while negotiating through the curve, allowed the bicycle to cross over the solid divider lines.”

The SUV and bicycle collided, throwing the cyclist off her bike and onto the roadway, Lee said. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner’s Office had not released the decedent’s name as of press time Wednesday. The name of the SUV driver also has not been revealed publicly.

Lee said neither alcohol nor drugs

appear to be factors in the crash based on the evidence thus far. The fatal collision remains under investigation by CHP-San Jose.

—Jeremy Walsh

In other news

• Pleasanton police are investigating after reports of gunshots at the Civic Square Apartments on Saturday morning led to the discovery of shell casings in the area but no apparent victims thus far, according to a department spokesperson.

The initial police response prompted a shelter-in-place advisory for the apartment complex on Bernal Avenue that was also issued through the county’s AC Alert notification system and made the rounds on social media over the weekend.

The investigation began with multiple reports around 9:45 a.m. Saturday of gunshots in the area of 4800 Bernal Ave., according to Teri Yan, public relations coordinator for the Pleasanton Police Department.

Officers arrived at the scene and located “a couple of shell casings, but no victims”, Yan said.

“According to witnesses, they saw someone flee the area in a car, which officers later tracked down. Though the car appeared to have a bullet hole, the driver was uncooperative,” Yan added.

No arrests have been made to date and the investigation is ongoing, she said. Anyone with information relevant to the case can contact Pleasanton PD at 925-931-5100.

—Jeremy Walsh

• A Livermore-based contracting company has agreed to pay a nearly \$29,000 penalty for an illegal

dumping case brought by the San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office, prosecutors said last week.

On-Site Commercial Services Inc. agreed to the settlement for the dumping that took place on a night in January 2021 in the area of Sand Hill and Whiskey Hill roads near Menlo Park. Crews from the company dumped liquid slurry waste from a vacuum trailer and then left the area, according to the District Attorney’s Office.

Someone with the nearby Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve reported the dumping and authorities collected samples in the area that found diesel and motor oil range organics. The dumping was also upslope from Bear Creek, a steelhead trout habitat, prosecutors said.

The company was identified as being responsible for the dumping and agreed in a judgment filed in court on Feb. 8 to pay \$28,927 in civil penalties as well as to reimburse costs for the spill response and subsequent investigation.

On-Site Commercial Services Inc. was not immediately available to comment on the case.

—Bay City News Service

• A \$4 million settlement was reached between Firestone Complete Auto Care and prosecutors in 29 counties over allegations that Firestone disposed of hazardous waste unlawfully in California, Alameda County DA Nancy O’Malley announced on Monday.

Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Christopher Rudy on Friday ordered civil penalties of \$2.865 million, which will be paid by Bridgestone Retail Operations, LLC. Bridgestone does business as

Firestone Complete Auto Care at more than 150 locations in the state.

Rudy also ordered Firestone to pay \$350,000 to cover the cost of the investigation and \$725,000 for compliance and training.

“My office will continue to hold companies accountable for the harm they cause to Alameda County’s precious natural resources by violating our state’s important environmental laws,” O’Malley said in a statement. “We are proud to work with our fellow prosecutors and environmental agencies statewide on this important enforcement action.”

Prosecutors alleged that Firestone did not manage hazardous waste properly, including solvents, automotive fluids, batteries, aerosols, and electronics.

Prosecutors also alleged that Firestone failed to shred or redact confidential customer details on paperwork before throwing the papers away.

The investigation that led to the allegations began in 2016. Investigators from Alameda and Santa Clara counties went to Firestone locations unannounced and inspected trash containers. Inside were customer records and containers at least filled partially with hazardous waste, prosecutors said.

Over the next three years, additional inspections were made in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Diego, San Bernardino, and Orange counties, according to the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office.

“We were informed in October 2019 of a three-year investigation by certain California District Attorneys that uncovered potential gaps in the implementation of our policies regarding the handling and disposal of hazardous waste and customer information,” Bridgestone spokeswoman Rachel Withers said.

“As an organization, we moved immediately to address these issues through a number of measures,” Withers said. “We have increased teammate training activities and resources across our California stores, hired a dedicated California compliance officer, and established an updated compliance review process to ensure full compliance with our own internal standards as well as those of the relevant regulatory agencies.”

Prosecutors agreed that Firestone cooperated with them during the investigation and made efforts to comply with the violations brought to light.

Prosecutors statewide have succeeded in holding large automotive companies responsible for hazardous waste violations in the last several years.

Prior judgments include one against Service King in 2019 for \$2.3 million, Pep Boys in 2019 for \$3.7 million, AutoZone in 2019 for \$11 million, Cooks Collision in 2018 for \$1.5 million, AutoNation in 2018 for

\$3.3 million and O’Reilly Auto Parts in 2016 for \$9.8 million.

—Keith Burbank, BCN

• An Oakland man entered a plea deal last week with Alameda County prosecutors that may send him to prison for at least 50 years for killing Hayward police Sgt. Scott Lunger in 2015.

Prosecutors said Mark Estrada, who was 21 years old when he shot Lunger, was convicted of first-degree murder for the shooting on July 22, 2015.

“We hope that this conviction and his sentencing will bring a sense of closure and justice for Sergeant Lunger’s family, friends, his law enforcement colleagues and the community,” O’Malley said in a statement.

Lunger was on patrol when just after 3 a.m. he saw a Chevrolet Silverado traveling erratically near Myrtle and Lion streets. Lunger stopped the truck and approached it after another officer had arrived.

Estrada fired three shots at Lunger as Lunger approached, hitting Lunger in the head and leg, prosecutors said. Estrada got out of the truck and ran as the backup officer fired at him. Estrada was arrested later in the day.

In his plea, Estrada admitted to using the gun that killed Lunger. Estrada is expected to be sentenced March 18 in Alameda County Superior Court before Judge Don C. Clay.

The plea deal reached Feb. 1 was one week before Estrada’s trial was to begin. Estrada was on trial in 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic caused a mistrial.

Lunger was the father of two daughters and was on the police force for 15 years when he died. ■

—Keith Burbank, BCN

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available

Feb. 5

Residential burglary

■ 7:13 p.m. on the 1300 block of Hearst Drive

Trespassing/prowling

■ 7:38 a.m. on the 5500 block of Legendary Court

Assault/battery

■ 9:49 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft

■ 1:21 p.m., 4000 block of Santa Rita Road; auto theft

■ 4:33 p.m., 4200 block of Hacienda Drive; auto theft recovery

■ 6 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

■ 2:08 a.m. on the 6900 block of Corte Madrid

■ 12:53 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 2:54 p.m. on the 800 block of Abbie Street

Feb. 4

Warrant arrest

■ 12:34 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

■ 1:27 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Lockhart Lane

Weapons violation

■ 12:56 p.m. at Main and St. John streets

Auto theft

■ 9:46 a.m. on the 3600 block of Washington Street

Vandalism

■ 9:22 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Feb. 3

Vandalism

■ 11:14 a.m. on the 5600 block of San Luis Court

■ 1:32 p.m. on the 5300 block of Black Avenue

Theft

■ 2:43 p.m. on the 7800 block of Olive Court

Warrant arrest

■ 5:12 p.m. at Owens and Hacienda drives

Feb. 2

Theft

■ 11:29 a.m., 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard; shoplifting

■ 6:08 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft

Feb. 1

Theft

■ 12:37 p.m. on the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive

■ 3:41 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fraud

■ 2:28 p.m. on the 4100 block of Garibaldi Place

Drug violation

■ 8:32 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Jan. 31

Theft

■ 12:27 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 8:54 a.m. on the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 10:19 a.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft

DUI

■ 11:46 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Gibraltar Drive

Jan. 30

Domestic battery

■ 10:58 a.m. on Palomino Drive

Robbery

■ 8:37 p.m. at Nevada Street and Bernal Avenue



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LETTERS

Leaders balk at chance to revolutionize healthcare

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, the rest of the California Assembly, and Gavin Newsom failed to pass critical health-care legislation last week in AB 1400.

Endorsed by the California Nurses Association, this Cal Care bill would have revolutionized our healthcare. Expanding access with single-payer healthcare would've saved money overall for our state and also saved lives.

A study found that 33% of COVID deaths could've been prevented with universal healthcare, as reported in "The Catastrophic Cost of Uninsurance: COVID-19 Cases and Deaths Closely Tied to America's Health Coverage Gaps". Politicians often praised nurses and called them heroes, during the pandemic, but when the time came to listen to them, Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan and Gavin Newsom looked the other way.

They looked to the stacks of money their campaigns receive from insurance companies, directly and indirectly through the CA Democratic Party, which accepts bad money from corporations (even fossil-fuel companies) then passes it on to candidates. This money pollutes the party and all who accept it.

To name one instance, Gavin Newsom said before his election that he supports single-payer (universal) healthcare. He even tweeted, "I'm tired of politicians saying they support single payer but that it's too soon, too expensive or someone else's problem." Well, Gavin Newsom, we're tired too.

I hope Gavin Newsom is challenged in the primary by a progressive who isn't corrupted by dirty money. I will look to support candidates across the state whom I trust, and neither he nor Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan number among them.

—Alan Marling

Voting integrity — ID must be required

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If we must have a license to drive a car, and a government-issued ID to board an airplane, and a vax card and ID to enter a restaurant, sporting event or concert, then there should be no reason not to require an ID to vote.

A requirement to provide an ID to vote will not limit any legal citizen the ability to vote, but it will not allow non-citizens to vote illegally. Now, more than ever, it is time to let the winds of freedom and integrity blow again.

—David Ott

Disturbing departure

Kelly O'Lague is one of the great humanitarians in the Tri-Valley; she made Hively into one of the most respected nonprofits in the valley by creating a diaper pantry, giving clothing and food to those in need, and just recently opening a "store" for those in need in Dublin, where they could shop for diapers, food, clothing and household goods — all without cost.

Apparently, she was dismissed at a recent Hively board meeting, without notice or reason given. Does not seem right to me. Kelly is passionate in her desire to help the needy and disadvantaged. I'm really disturbed by the board's action.

—Ken Mano, via Town Square

Politics and animal welfare

It's said that people who care about animals comprise the single biggest lobby in the country. Sadly, that is not reflected in Sacramento.

The 2021 Paw PAC Legislative Voting Chart, which annually tallies the votes of all state legislators on animal welfare legislation, is now available at www.pawpac.org.

In Paw PAC's first 30 years (1980-2010), not a single Republican earned an "A" grade. And fewer than a half-dozen in the years since have done so.

Shouldn't animal welfare be a bipartisan issue? It clearly is not, and Republicans and Democrats alike need to up their game.

Note: Deadline for introduction of new bills is Feb. 18. Contact your state reps now.

—Eric Mills, coordinator
Action for Animals

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HIGHLIGHTS

City Council

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

On March 3, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and has issued Executive Order N-29-20 and approved AB 361 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The virtual meetings will be streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton> and <https://www.tri-valleytv.org>.

- **PUBLIC HEARING** - Consider applications for: 1) Minor Subdivision approval to subdivide an approximately 1.3-acre "L" shaped vacant parcel on the southside of Trenerly Drive and westside of Martin Avenue into two parcels (Parcels 1/A and 2/B); 2) Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning and development plan approval to construct a) two-story home and related site improvements on Parcel 1/A; and b) single-story home and related site improvements on Parcel 2/B at 3707 Trenerly Drive; and 3) approval of a growth management allocation
- **PUBLIC HEARING** - Consider an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan approval to construct a single-story home with two garages and a detached accessory dwelling unit with garage and related site improvements at 3747 Trenerly Drive
- **PUBLIC HEARING** - Consider a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan, vesting tentative subdivision map, and affordable housing agreement for an approximately 112-acre vacant site (APN 949-16-6, adjacent to 1000 Minnie Drive) in the Happy Valley Specific Plan area, allowing for the development of 22 residential units and related improvements, and vacation of a segment of a public road easement.
- Approve framework and estimated expenditures for Weekend on Main Street Closure Program in Downtown Pleasanton and allocate \$100,000 event sponsorship to Pleasanton Downtown Association for 2022 programming
- Accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and other related audits for the year ending June 30, 2021

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.

- Discussion regarding Outdoor Dining Grant Program

Housing Commission

Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

- Review of Semi-Annual Progress Reports for FY2021/22 Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Subrecipients
- Update Regarding the Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Review Process for FY2022/23
- Appointment of New Officers (Chairperson and Vice Chairperson) for 2022

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BY DENNIS MILLER

Sense of normalcy as Amador, Foothill clash in boys' basketball

Also: Dons continue unbeaten run in girls' soccer with three draws on the week

For one night everything seemed almost back to normal.

On Feb. 3, the Amador Valley boys' basketball team traveled across town to take on Foothill. One of the best rivalries I have seen on a basketball court over the years had been COVID-shackled the last two years.

This time, despite imposed attendance rules by the two schools, it was as close to back as could be.

Student bodies showed in as much force as possible and the crowd was loud and raucous — just

like it has been in past years. Foothill even opened both sides of the bleachers for the first time this season.

Amador had a 19-16 lead at the half, then moved it out to 30-22 at the end of three quarters, and when the two teams played even in the fourth, the Dons brought home the 47-39 win.

Tyler Cheng had 14 for Amador, including four 3-pointers. Colton Cash scored 12 for the Dons.

Isaiah Minor had 13 points for the Falcons, with Ehssan Aksar adding 12 points.

Equally important as any players performance was that the students were able to bring the true feeling of an Amador-Foothill game as close to normal life as possible.

Rivals when the game is on, the two student sections came together at halftime cheering on Brady Donlon, the little brother of Foothill's Carter Donlon.

Throughout the season, at half-time little Brady has taken his basketball out on the court and taken a series of 3-pointers. This time, the more he shot, the more student bodies took interest.

Brady came close on a few shots and the fans got louder and louder.

When he drained one, both fan bases rushed the court and celebrated with Brady.

It's another thing that makes this rivalry great — coming together to celebrate one of the young kids in the town. And after watching Brady do this throughout the season, it looks like Foothill's got a player coming in the future.

Later in the week, Amador dropped a 55-44 game to California. Foster Keast each had 9 points for the Dons.

Amador girls' soccer

The Dons continued to stay unbeaten on the season, earning three draws last week to move their record to 6-0-6 overall and 4-0-6 in East Bay Athletic League play.

The week started with a 1-1 final with San Ramon Valley on Feb. 1.

Madeline Benson had the goal for the Dons, putting away a pass from freshman Maylen Montoya. San Ramon Valley scored late in the game off a deflection.

Amador goalie Elizabeth Fineberg had 7 saves for the Dons.

In game two, against Dougherty Valley, Amador controlled the mid-field and the flow of play leading to 19 shots, but the Dons could only put home a pair, both of which came from Benson.

The Dons were leading 2-1 when the Wildcats were awarded a free kick just outside on the penalty area late in the game. Amador goalie Sydney Head got the shot to her left and was able to deflect it off the crossbar. As the teams scrambled to clear the ball, a Dougherty player was able to push it into the goal for the 2-2 final.

Finally in the big match of the week, on Saturday, the Dons faced first-place Monte Vista and the two



DAVE SHAW

Amador junior Brooke Walker battles during the Dons' game against Dougherty Valley.

battled to a 1-1 final.

Natalie O'Sullivan hit a cross that Benson headed home to complete her four-goal week.

From there the Dons kept the pressure on the Mustangs throughout the game but couldn't find the second goal that would have been the game winner.

Still, the Dons have yet to lose a game this year, but if they are going to continually tie games heading into the NCS playoffs, they better work on their penalty kicks! ■

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DAVE SHAW

Amador Valley goalkeeper Elizabeth Fineberg clears the ball against Monte Vista.

Public memorial to honor John Madden

Event at Oakland Coliseum to benefit Madden Charities

BY JEREMY WALSH

The Bay Area and National Football League communities are set to join together on Monday to pay tribute to John Madden, the professional football legend and longtime Pleasanton resident who died in December.

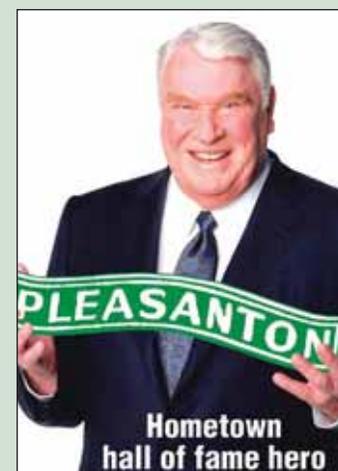
The evening event, called "One More Monday Night in Oakland: A Celebration of John Madden", will be held at the RingCentral Coliseum in Oakland with paid admission to benefit the family's Madden Charities.

Seats remain available, sold via Ticketmaster.

A Daly City native who played collegiately at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Madden began making his mark on pro football as head coach of the then-Oakland Raiders from 1969-78, including a victory in Super Bowl XI. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a coach in 2006.

His reach only grew nationally during an illustrious NFL commentating career, with noted partnerships with Pat Summerall and later Al Michaels, including time on "Monday Night Football" broadcasts. Madden would also gain video game immortality when he lent his name to EA Sports' burgeoning electronic football game in 1988. "Madden NFL" is still the most popular football video game to this day.

Madden and his family moved to Pleasanton early during his coaching tenure, and he and his wife remained residents of the community throughout the years. Perhaps Pleasanton's most famous resident, Madden also invested in



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

The late John Madden will be honored at a public memorial on Feb. 14.

real estate in the Tri-Valley, including owning The Rose Hotel.

Madden, who died unexpectedly on Dec. 28 at his home in Pleasanton at age 85, is survived by his wife Virginia and sons Mike and Joe.

Details about a public memorial for Madden were announced late last month, including a date change to a Monday night, Feb. 14 — one day after this weekend's Super Bowl. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the same Oakland Coliseum where he coached the Raiders for years.

Tickets are available online at \$32.14 each, with all proceeds going to Madden Charities "for the benefit of the John Madden Foundation to provide educational opportunities for the youth of Oakland," according to the Madden family. Parking will be free; doors open at 3:30 p.m. To learn more, visit www.theoaklandarena.com. ■

Granada bumps up JV football coach

Marc Moses to lead varsity team

Succeeds Tim Silva as Mats' head coach

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Granada High School's varsity football team will have a new head coach this fall, according to an announcement Monday from Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

Marc Moses will be ascending to head varsity coach after 11 years as head coach of Granada's junior varsity team, which he led to an undefeated season in 2021.

"We are excited to have Coach Moses step up to lead our football program. His experience and leadership will provide a strong foundation for the future of Granada football," Granada's athletic director David Moore said in the district statement.

Moses brings more than 20 years of high school coaching experience to the new role and his longtime junior varsity coaching staff will be moving up with him.

"I am looking forward to this new venture and working ardently with our athletes and coaching staff to bring a winning season to the Matadors in 2022," Moses said in LVJUSD's statement.

Moses has been a part of the Tri-Valley community for the past 20 years, residing in Dublin with his wife Carol and son Marc Jr.

Moses is succeeding head coach Tim Silva, who has been at the helm of the varsity team since 2007. Before his tenure at Granada, Silva coached



LVJUSD

Marc Moses is the new Granada football head coach.

at Dublin High School for 11 years. LVJUSD officials said that Silva has chosen to retire from coaching but will continue on as a physical education teacher. ■

Black History Month

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRATION FEATURING ONYE ONYEMAECHI Join the Pleasanton Library to celebrate Black History Month with a special performance by Onye Onyemaechi, a Nigerian percussionist, songwriter, and educator who brings joy, soul, and encourages active participation during his drumming performances. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Feb. 12. Firehouse Arts Center. Visit firehousearts.org.

VIRTUAL TALK WITH BLACK

VINTNERS In celebration of Black History Month, the Livermore Public Library will host a talk and Q & A session with vintners Aaliyah Nitoto (founder of Free Range Flower Winery) and Phil Long (founder of Longevity Wines). 7 p.m., Feb. 16. No registration is required. Visit: us02web.zoom.us/j/89765525755.

LIVERMORE LIBRARY CELEBRATES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH Books specifically written by Black authors will be honored in this special book display intended to introduce readers to Black authors with whom they might not be familiar. Book displays are available at all locations.

Music

CONCERT PIANIST DANIEL GLOVER

Valley Concert Chorale hosts a special musical event when concert pianist Daniel Glover performs "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed and Something Blue". Tickets \$30. 7:30 p.m., Feb. 12. Visit valleyconcertchorale.org. First

Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY

Livermore-Amador Symphony presents, "The Brilliance of Youth", at the Bankhead Theatre. Discover the artistry and musical expression of extraordinary young performers from right here in our own backyard. 8 p.m., Feb. 12. Visit livermorearts.org.

PIAF! THE SHOW AT THE BANKHEAD

Acclaimed worldwide, "PIAF! The Show" offers a remarkable musical celebration of the life and music of the legendary French chanteuse Edith Piaf. 7:30 p.m., Feb. 14. Tickets \$20-\$98. Visit livermorearts.org.

KEIKO MATSUI AT THE BANKHEAD

Japanese-born pianist and composer Keiko Matsui is a worldwide icon in contemporary smooth jazz, touring relentlessly and bringing her music to virtually every corner of the globe. 7:30 p.m., Feb. 17. Tickets \$20-\$65. Visit livermorearts.org.

WE BANJO 3

We Banjo 3 delivers music with palpable rapport, stunning precision and infectious energy. Feb. 17-18, tickets \$25-\$35. Visit firehousearts.org.

BOHEMIAN QUEEN AT THE

BANKHEAD In an all-new theatrical tribute to a legendary band, Bohemian Queen brings all the theatricality and vocal gymnastics of the late, great Queen front man to life in this rock spectacle. 8 p.m., Feb. 19. Tickets \$48-\$78. Visit livermorearts.org.

Fundraisers

WINE & VALENTINES FOR MUSEUM

ON MAIN Museum on Main's 15th annual Wines & Valentines fundraiser will be virtual again

due to the pandemic. Enjoy a live and silent auction and a Fund-A-Need drive, all to support the programs of Museum on Main. Tickets \$50. 7 p.m., Feb. 11. Visit museumonmain.org.

Talks

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Join Linda and Carl Sullivan as they take you on their colorful, crazy, quilt journey and their current obsession for pure color. Lots of show and tell, and lots of quilts. 1:30-4 p.m., Feb. 12. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

WEBINAR MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE

SERIES In this free Alan Hu Foundation webinar, "Promoting Psychological Health and Well-being Among Adolescents and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder", Dr. Somer Bishop will discuss recent findings about depression in ASD, as well as potential new avenues for improving psychological health and well-being among adolescents and adults on the autism spectrum. 6:30-7:30, Feb. 15. Register by Feb. 14 at: alanhufoundation.org/events.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Author and editor Sandra Tayler will speak to local writers, via Zoom, about how to make time for creativity in a talk called "Structuring Life to Support Creativity". Reserve and pay online by Feb. 18 at trivalleywriters.org. 2 p.m., Feb. 19.

PLEASANTON TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to helping members improve their communication and leadership skills. Join online every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. For more information visit pleasanton.toastmastersclubs.org.

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Meet Cinder

Hi, I'm Cinder and I'm a bit of a character. I'm super friendly and can't wait to get some pets and love. I'm the type of cat who makes sure you notice me and I'm not too dignified to do a face plant if it will get your attention. I'm probably better in a home with older kiddos or adults. If being greeted with enthusiasm and outgoing love is your thing, let's meet. Visit eastbayspca.org to learn more.

Exhibits

HOME SHOW AT ALAMEDA COUNTY

FAIRGROUNDS See the newest in custom kitchens & baths, doors and windows, landscaping displays and more. Feb. 18-20. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

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 through March 26. Visit museumonmain.org.

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. The exhibit runs through March 12. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

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 to Sundays 1-5 p.m., through March 27. Bankhead Theater.

Students

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS' HIGH SCHOOL

WRITING CONTEST Tri-Valley Writers presents "My Story, My Vision", the group's eleventh annual writing contest for local-area students. The contest is open to students grades 9-12 in the Tri-Valley (Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville). Cash awards for winners and a one-year membership in Tri-Valley Writers. Submissions Feb. 13-April 3. Visit trivalleywriters.org/high-school/high-school-writing-contest-2022.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

OPPORTUNITY The Friends of The California State Fair Scholarship Program is open to all current high school seniors and college students. Scholarships available include the areas of agriculture, art, business, education and more. Deadline March 1. Visit calexpostatefair.com/participate/friends-of-the-ca-state-fair/scholarship.

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COURTESY VCC

Pianist Daniel Glover to perform

Valley Concert Chorale is hosting its internationally known pianist Daniel Glover in "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed and Something Blue" at 7:30 p.m., this Saturday (Feb. 12) at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St. in Livermore. Glover will perform selections related to the old adage for a bride's wedding day attire, sharing the history and an analysis of each piece as he performs, including music by Mozart, Beethoven and Bartok. Tickets are \$30 to benefit the chorale, available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling 925-866-4003.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Island One Martial Arts
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The following person doing business as:
Island One Martial Arts, 4145 Fairlands Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Dennis J. Duarte, 4145 Fairlands Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Dennis J. Duarte, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Dennis J. Duarte, Owner/Operator. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 25, 2022. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 11, 18, 25, March 4.)

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Public Hearing Notices

Resolutions • Bid Notices

Notices of Petition to Administer Estate

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Employment

Principal Solutions Architects

Principal Solutions Architects sought by Subskribe, Inc., San Ramon, CA to drive archtcr gvrnance, etc.10% US travel. Deg'd applctcs exp'd w/ archtctg & bldg enterprise appls & solutions, etc. Send resume to psa@subskribe.com.

Solutions Architect, Digital Applications

Safeway Inc. hiring Solutions Architect, Digital Applications in Pleasanton, CA. Provide application design guidance & consultation. Must have legal right to work in U.S. EOE. Subj. to backg. check. Email resume to TA.Perm.Project@albertsons.com Attn: Marnie Ferreira.

Director, Product Management (E-Commerce and Pricing)

Safeway Inc. is hiring Director, Product Management (E-Commerce and Pricing) in Pleasanton, CA. Must have legal right to work in U.S. Subj. to backgrnd check. E.O.E. Email resume to TA.Perm.Project@albertsons.com. Attn: L. Mogannam.

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Safeway Inc. hiring Mobile iOS Developer in Pleasanton, CA. Must have legal right to work in U.S. Subj. to backg. check. E.O.E. Email resume to TA.Perm.Project@albertsons.com, Attn: Marnie Ferreira

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TECHNOLOGY

BlackLine Systems, Inc. is accepting resumes for the position of Manager, Quality Engineering in Pleasanton, CA (Ref. #AVEN). Provide hands-on leadership including career development and mentorship to a team of globally distributed SDETs. Telecommuting permitted. Mail resume to BlackLine Systems, Inc., HR Department, Tamara Saltzman, 21300 Victory Blvd., 12th Floor, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Resume must include Ref. #AVEN, full name, email address & mailing address. No phone calls. Must be legally authorized to work in U.S. without sponsorship. EOE.

Product Manager

Workday Inc. is accepting resumes for the following positions at various levels in Pleasanton, CA: Product Manager (PM-007/008-J01-07) - Designs, develops and manages activities for a specific product or group of products from product definition and planning through production, release, and end of life. Exp incl: Req gathering & write functional design docs; OO program, design, or dev; & Prod mgmt. Submit resume by mail to: Workday, Inc., Attn: Human Resources/Immigration, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Must reference job title and job code.

To place an ad or get a quote, contact Kevin Legarda at 650.223.6597 or email digitalads@pawekly.com.

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MASTER CLASS IN ACTING AND PLAYWRITING Applications are being accepted for all high school students for the spring Student Days at Tao House. Student Days is a chance to study and learn under the guidance of professionals in the arts. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., March 12 and 13. Free and in-person. Visit eugeneoneill.org/event.

Outdoor Recreation

RANGER LED-PERFECTLY PINNIPED

Playful, powerful and plenty to love, Pinnipeds are found all around the world. Dive into the world of seals, sea lions and otters and discover how these dogs of the sea survive in a wide variety of marine habitats. 2 p.m., Feb. 12. RSVP Required at 925-960-2400. Sycamore Grove Park, 5035 Arroyo Road in Livermore.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT TRAILS CHALLENGE

Participate in this free, self-guided hiking and bicycling program to explore the East Bay regional parks and to keep fit outdoors. The 2022 Guidebook includes 20 detailed trail descriptions available for all levels of fitness. Visit ebparks.org/trails-challenge.

Seniors

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE AARP sponsored tax assistance returns to the Pleasanton Senior Center, Mondays and Fridays now through April 15. To make an appointment, call 925-931-5365.

TUESDAY TALKS WITH FRIENDS Join for twice-monthly Zoom chats on the first and third Tuesday of the month with the Pleasanton Senior Center. 11 a.m., Feb. 15. To receive the zoom link, call 925-931-5365.

CONSUMER FRAUD: SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS

This free presentation from HICAP and Legal Assistance for Seniors will discuss common scams and forms of fraud and provide practical tips on how to recognize scams to protect yourself. 1-2:30 p.m., Feb. 15. Robert Livermore Community Center. Call 925-373-5700.

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton

(Dec. 13-17)

Total sales reported: 19

Lowest sale reported: \$495,000

Highest sale reported: \$3,000,000

Average sales reported: \$1,445,000

Livermore

(Dec. 13-17)

Total sales reported: 27

Lowest sale reported: \$600,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,178,000

Average sales reported: \$1,000,000

Dublin

(Dec. 13-17)

Total sales reported: 13

Lowest sale reported: \$670,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,319,000

Average sales reported: \$1,275,000

San Ramon

(Jan. 3-7)

Total sales reported: 11

Lowest sale reported: \$630,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,690,000

Average sales reported: \$1,920,000

Source: California REsource

WOODWORKING AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER

Discover the joy of woodworking, wood carving or wood turning and use state-of-the-art equipment to make a unique project. A woodshop monitor is onsite. \$5.75 resident, \$6.75 non-resident. Call 925-931-5365.

VIRTUAL SMART PHONE TRAINING

Learn how to operate the basic functions of a smartphone, send text messages, make text larger or connect Bluetooth devices. This free, two-part online training, is offered multiple times each month. Call 510-207-8609 or email: clin@ddtp.org.

Support Services

POP-UP CARE TENT AT THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY

Weekly CityServe Pop-Up Tents meet with those in need to coordinate care and connect to local resources. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 15. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

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 800-272-3900.

HOT MEALS & GROCERIES

FREE OF CHARGE Prepared by Open Heart Kitchen, 1-3 p.m.,

Monday-Friday. 911 Loyola Way, Livermore. Around the corner from the Robert Livermore Community Center. Drive- or walk-thru only.

FREE SHOWER & LAUNDRY SERVICES

Monday-Wednesday, 12-4 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore.

Veterans

MILITARY VETERANS VA MOBILE MEDICAL TEAM

Meet the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Team to review health care benefits, register to VA services and receive care or a referral from medical staff. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 28. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

The Pleasanton City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, currently held virtually. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Feb. 15. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL

The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Feb. 14. For more information visit cityoflivermore.net.

LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION

The next Livermore Planning Commission meeting is 7 p.m., Feb. 15. Visit cityoflivermore.net.

LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The regular LVJUSD board meeting will be conducted via Zoom webinar and members of the public are encouraged to observe and participate remotely. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Feb. 15. Visit livermoreschools.org.



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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 13-17 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and Jan. 3-7 for San Ramon.

Pleasanton

- 309 Augustine Place** B. & D. Clapper to S. & B. Kuppuswamy for \$1,550,000
- 6935 Corte Madrid** A. Defreitas to L. & R. Ramaswamy for \$1,960,000
- 7724 Creekside Drive** E. & P. Rad to Rbr Realty LLC for \$1,250,000
- 4320 Fairlands Drive** Z. Liu to J. & S. Sequeira for \$963,000
- 7640 Flagstone Drive** Teixeira Living Trust to S. & A. Grover for \$1,701,000
- 2534 Glen Isle Avenue** S. & R. Kalidindi to S. & A. Ramaprakash for \$1,830,000
- 5460 Greenfield Way** Hofmann Family Trust to R. & S. Baghel for \$1,815,000
- 1426 Groth Circle** R. Shaffer to L. Jeevan for \$1,210,000
- 1633 Holly Circle** R. Woeger to R. & D. Lyu for \$1,290,000
- 5109 Independence Drive** Pennell Family Trust to D. & V. Venkatesan for \$2,320,000
- 3504 Kamp Drive** Alviljar Living Trust to D. & S. Biyyapu for \$1,060,500
- 3322 West Las Positas Boulevard** L. & E. Castillo to S. & S. Pachnekar for \$1,756,000
- 5072 Porta Rossa Circle** S. & A. Khatri to L. & X. Huang for \$1,768,000
- 243 Rachael Place** M. Delucchia to S. Parvin for \$675,000
- 3143 Saginaw Court** Webb Living Trust to T. & A. Sharma for \$821,000
- 2279 Segundo Court #3** B. Hoex to D. Rice for \$495,000

- 3544 Touriga Drive** L. & J. Weiman to T. & C. Kini for \$1,445,000
- 3509 Valenza Way** Lin Family Trust to T. & S. Patel for \$3,000,000
- 3923 Vine Street** M. Wen to J. & C. Rodriguez for \$700,000

Livermore

- 1429 4th Street** B. & J. Surface to M. & B. Rooney for \$1,200,000
- 569 Bell Avenue** Stohr Family Trust to N. Radjapova for \$1,000,000
- 5618 Bridgeport Circle** R. & G. Aguirre to Redfinnow Borrower LLC for \$1,015,000
- 1509 Calle Del Rey** J. & N. Baker to E. & Y. Liu for \$630,000
- 165 Cameo Drive** D. & O. Obrien to F. & D. Hammond for \$1,175,000
- 1787 Carnation Circle** Cooley Family Trust to E. Ledesma for \$730,000
- 1655 Cascina Court** Zollinger Living Trust to N. Lee for \$2,178,000
- 1493 Chaparral Way** H. & A. Hillhouse to K. & S. Windsor for \$1,340,000
- 4331 Cherry Blossom Way** K. & R. Rasmussen to A. & R. Nagarajappa for \$951,000
- 4004 Drake Way** Fox Trust to C. & J. Hall for \$986,500
- 713 El Caminito** C. & D. Poulin to J. & J. Cooperstein for \$1,022,500
- 761 Grace Court** Thompson Family Trust to Y. & Y. Lee for \$1,096,000
- 1137 Hibiscus Way** Kamelgarn Living Trust to Sandale LLC for \$750,000
- 288 Kyle Common** Willmes Family Trust to K. & R. Patil for \$1,528,000
- 874 Lambaren Avenue** C. Cunha to D. Thomas for \$700,000

- 260 Maple Street** S. & C. Roche to Debar Family Trust for \$985,000
 - 727 Mcleod Street** Henriques Trust to Wilson Family Trust for \$833,000
 - 148 Medina Street** S. Cordoza to R. & A. Mustakim for \$1,350,000
 - 1937 Monterey Drive** C. Hornett to G. Leon for \$600,000
 - 702 Moraga Drive** J. Mitchell to M. & R. Singh for \$970,000
 - 5507 Oakmont Circle** A. & A. Williamson to S. & P. Asolla for \$975,000
 - 2379 Palomino Road** K. Winterrich-Farhat to S. & K. Lyyer for \$1,025,000
 - 580 Ruth Way** Community Fund to N. & S. Peddi for \$920,000
 - 449 Sumal Common** A. Samrao to D. & Y. Trivedi for \$1,020,000
 - 1720 Sunset Drive** E. Hylin to D. & I. Sandler for \$835,000
 - 753 Wall Street** S. & T. Parker to Villar Trust for \$1,275,000
 - 56 Yellowstone Way** R. & S. Silveira to Panchal Family Trust for \$1,162,000
- ### Dublin
- 4061 Ambergate Place** Biswas Living Trust to S. & M. Gandamalla for \$1,600,000
 - 7622 Calle Verde Road** C. Luster-Wong to J. Yu for \$1,250,000
 - 7190 Carneros Lane** V. Baipaneni to S. & B. Kandi for \$1,675,000
 - 7114 Cross Creek Circle #C** F. Peng to S. Dagg for \$670,000
 - 8452 Deervale Road** Blue Fire Investments LLC to T. & P. Pochu for \$1,275,000
 - 3465 Dublin Boulevard #211** Y. Gao to Y. & B. Peng for \$722,500

- 5118 Georgetown Circle** A. & J. Chakraborty to M. & A. Pamchal for \$1,870,000
- 5992 Hillbrook Place** D. Liao-Henn to J. & K. Wesson for \$1,245,000
- 8088 Holanda Lane** Poole Family Trust to N. & R. Purushothaman for \$1,255,000
- 7501 Marshall Canyon Drive** J. Kusuma to A. & A. Gopikumar for \$2,319,000
- 8837 Oliver Place** C. Krishna to S. & R. Vanga for \$930,000
- 2685 Palatino Court** Paudel Family Trust to C. & K. Kurapati for \$2,015,000

Source: California REsource

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

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Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00
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3BD/2.5BA
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Legend: Condo (C), Townhome (T).
Agents: Submit open homes at PleasantonWeekly.com/real_estate

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PLEASANTON MEADOWS

3593 GULFSTREAM ST

Transport yourself to a Tuscan courtyard and truly enjoy the best of Pleasanton Living. This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom 2,267 sq ft home features abundant light, solid hardwood floors, custom upgrades around every corner and 3 car garage.

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Valentine's Day is an opportunity to recognize ALL of the LOVE in your life. We encourage you to use this time to acknowledge different kinds of love around you. There are endless people and ways to love. Don't limit your celebrations to your romantic partner. For example we LOVE our clients, we love our pets, we love our team... We're calling it "All-in-tine's" Day, to capture those micro-moments of love and celebrate all its manifestations. Let's use this holiday as a chance to remember the people in our lives and to reach out to them with LOVE and kindness.



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Pending: Pleasanton



1846 Tanglewood Way, Pleasanton

The seller is thrilled with the offers for their home, a 4 BD | 2 BA | 2,146 Sq.Ft. | The Holiday model. Located in the Pleasanton Valley neighborhood, the buyers are so happy to soon becoming the new owners of this home.

Listed at \$1,625,000 RECEIVING 27 OFFERS.



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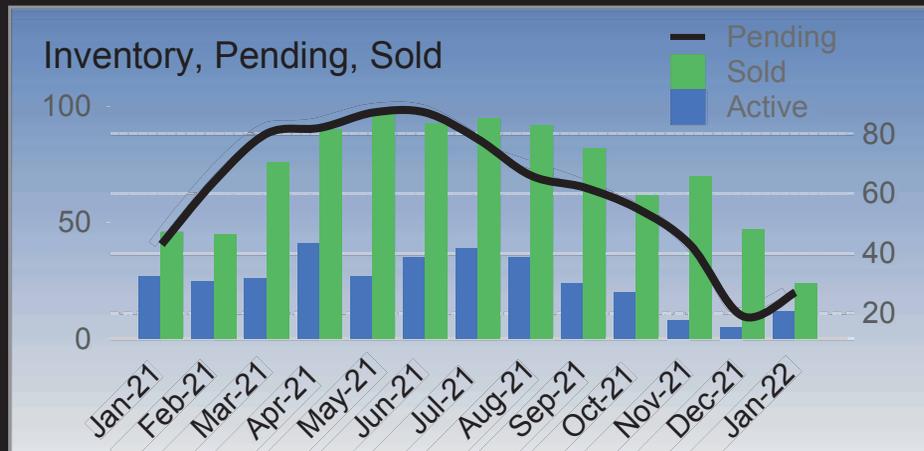
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Call Kris to help you prepare your home for this historically low inventory, sellers' market.

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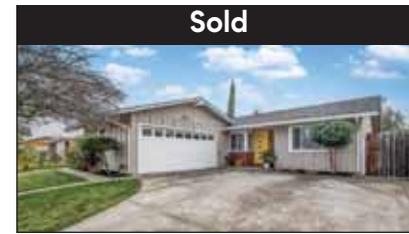
682 Alameda, Livermore
This Livermore home welcomes my buyers, thrilled to call this house their own. This highly updated home with a modern design offers 4 BD and 3 BA with custom features throughout.



Pending
Livermore
3 BD | 2 BA | open beam ceiling family room | 1,344 SqFt. | side yard access.
Listed at \$1,070,000



Sold
284 Mavis Dr., Pleasanton
3 BD | 2.5 BA | 1,249 SqFt.
Listed at \$1,090,000
Sold at \$1,112,000



Sold
1598 Bluebell Dr., Livermore
2 BD | 2 BA | 1,280 SqFt.
Listed at \$895,000
Sold at \$962,000



Sold
4550 Gatetree Cir., Pleasanton
4 BD | 2 BA | 1,808 SqFt. of living space
Listed at \$1,515,000
Sold at \$1,815,000



Sold
4686 Sutter Gate Ave., Pleasanton
3 BD | 2 BA plus an office | 1,963 SqFt.
Listed at \$1,585,000
Sold at \$1,685,000



Sold
4241 Bevilacqua Ct. Pleasanton
4 BD | 3 BA | 2,253 SqFt. of living space
Listed at \$1,890,000
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