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WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

Primary takeaways: Part II

Apologies for not following up to my last print column recapping the primary election results with an expanded online version, as I promised. Such is life during a busy professional (so much breaking news) and personal (7-month-old son at home) time of my life.

While I already highlighted the big-ticket outcomes with the sheriff-coroner, district attorney and county-wide turnout data, there's so much more to unpack from throughout the Tri-Valley. So let's jump back in.

The most intriguing of the "other" results was Alameda County superintendent of schools.

Superintendent-elect Alysse Castro overcame an Election Night deficit (48.29% to 51.71%) as more ballots were tabulated to ultimately leapfrog two-term incumbent Superintendent L.K. Monroe. The certified final tally was 53.17% for Castro and 46.83% for Monroe.

Castro, an Alameda resident and San Francisco Unified official, was aided mightily by strong backing from education unions — plus the bad press Monroe got in the spring over questions about how pandemic-relief stipends were disbursed in the Office of Education.

Now the next time a county education controversy comes to pass, Pleasanton will have a strong voice on the Board of Education: Cheryl Cook-Kallio, the former city councilmember and retired teacher.

Cook-Kallio outgained her two opponents combined to win the open seat, claiming an important decisive victory with 53.14% of the overall vote compared to inexperienced DiemHa "Kate" Dao at 26.29% and controversial Eric Dillie at 20.57%.

You may ask: Why are those percentages slightly different than what is posted on the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office website?

Well, believe it or not, that's because Alameda County Board of Education Trustee Area 7 actually appears on a few Contra Costa County voters — 178 to be exact (though only 55 voted in this primary). Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District includes a sliver of the Tassajara Valley across the county border, so I had to combine data from the two counties myself to get the true final tally.

The other contest we followed closely ended up not really being a

competitive one, probably as expected as one candidate did not run an active campaign. For Zone 7 Water Agency, incumbents Dennis Gambs (26.97%), Sarah Palmer (22.55%) and Olivia Sanwong (22.47%) won terms, along with newcomer Dawn Benson (21.78%), a former DSRSD board member. The other challenger, Todd Shinohara, garnered just 6.23%.

Oh, and though not directly representing Tri-Valley areas, Alameda County had supervisor seats on the ballot.

Oakland Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan (41.01%) and Alameda Vice Mayor Lena Tam (28.13%) advanced out of the four-candidate primary to a November runoff for the District 3 seat of late-supervisor Wilma Chan (now held by Dave Brown on appointment). District 2 Supervisor Richard Valle won another term unchallenged.

I'll never really understand why the Tri-Valley's state senator, Steve Glazer, ran for state controller. He finished fourth overall, but was the No. 3 Democrat (11.1%) and didn't even win in his hometown Contra Costa County (25.1%, good for third place). The general election will see Republican Lanhee Chen (37.2%) and Democrat Malia Cohen (22.7%).

There will be one State Assembly race to watch in November and one not so much.

With District 20 up for grabs, Dublin City Councilman Shawn Kumagai earned a spot in the runoff with 23.9%, second place behind fellow Democrat Liz Ortega (32.2%) in the four-candidate primary. The fall could be influenced by how the supporters of third-place Democrat Jennifer Esteen decide to vote — not to mention whom the union and community groups back.

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) coasted in the District 16 primary, at 66.6% to Republican challenger Joe Rubay's 33.4%. We could see the same in the general, if the 2020 election when these same two squared off is any indication.

And in the U.S. House of Representatives, incumbent Democrat Eric Swalwell easily took first (63.6%) in a seven-candidate primary for redrawn District 14. He will have a rematch with Republican Alison Hayden (10.3%), whom Swalwell trounced in 2020. ■

About the Cover

Freelance writer Kate Bradshaw (left) and sister Molly recently hiked the Ohlone Wilderness Regional Trail from Fremont to Livermore. Here, they set down their packs for a break at the summit of Rose Peak, the highest point of the trail. Photos by Kate Bradshaw. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Hawkins Hubbard

Rodent hunter

I love to be outdoors, but my mom insists if it's really hot out that I come inside. When I do that, I flop down on the cool wood floor or hop up on the couch to watch some TV with my family. And sometimes I fall asleep on the vinyl kitchen chair too, with the fan swirling above my head. So many options!



Rocky Carlock

My dad's shadow

On really hot days, my parents often take me either to Santa Cruz or Half Moon Bay because it is so many degrees cooler along the coast. Plus, because it's cooler, the pavement is not too hot for me to walk on. It's great.



Nicki Miller

Prima donna

My family keeps me mostly inside my beautifully air-conditioned home on hot days, and when I do go outdoors, they often turn on the sprinklers for my dog siblings to play in. I love watching them frolic around and sometimes I'll get my own feet wet too, which tends to cool me off.



Lucy From The 'Hood and Smooshy Spurlock

Neighborhood grifter and bodyguard

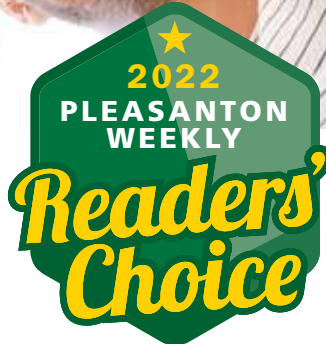
Lucy says: I live all over the neighborhood, going from house to house. I'm spayed. I love it when the houses I visit leave water out for me and create a shady spot where I can relax. Smooshy says: My parents leave the air conditioning in the house on for me even while they're out at work. They're so awesome!



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AD16 office hours

The office of Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda), whose District 16 includes the Tri-Valley, will be hosting office hours in-person in Danville next Tuesday.

With office hours being virtual since the pandemic in 2020, the upcoming event will provide a chance for community members to connect one-on-one with Bauer-Kahan's staff in-person. Masks will be required of attendees and staff.

"At in-person office hours, my staff will be on hand to speak with you about your thoughts on legislation and other important issues," she said. "Additionally, our team is well equipped to work with you on a variety of issues relating to state agencies like the Employment Development Department and Department of Motor Vehicles."

The session will run from 10 a.m. to noon at the Danville Town Offices, 510 La Gonda Way. To register or to learn more, visit <https://a16.asmdc.org>.

Pleasanton pool party

The city of Pleasanton's youth and teen program has organized a pool party for students currently in or about to enter middle school next week.

"For youth and teens to have a fun opportunity to engage with their peers, swim and play games at an end of summer pool party," city officials said. "Come celebrate the end of the summer of 2022."

The party costs \$25 per person, which includes admission, supervision, pizza, beverages and the chance to win raffle prizes. Registration is available at pleasantonfun.com; use course code No. 5517. The event will run from 5:30-8 p.m. next Friday (July 29) at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center at 4455 Black Ave.

Dublin's ruby gala

The city of Dublin is continuing its yearlong celebration of the 40th anniversary of Dublin's incorporation next month with a gala event.

"The Ruby Affair will include appetizers, dinner, music and dancing," city officials said. "The event will also feature the screening of a documentary that follows the city's history from the beginning of the community's incorporation efforts to present day. The story is told by residents who participated in the incorporation process and other Dublin leaders from the past 40 years."

The event is set for 6 p.m. Aug. 6 at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums (6600 Donlon Way). It is for adults 21 and older; cocktail attire is encouraged. Tickets are \$100 each, available at dublin.ca.gov/rubyaffair. ■

Stanford, affiliate buy in Hacienda for \$58.4M; local hospital name rebrand to follow soon

New space will help meet growing demand for more health services in Tri-Valley

By Christian Trujano

An affiliate of Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare has purchased a five-building office complex inside the Hacienda Lakes office center in Pleasanton for nearly \$60 million — new space needed to help meet the growing demand for health services in the Tri-Valley, according to the organization.

The hospital system will also be dropping "ValleyCare" from its name soon, with plans to rebrand as "Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley." Chief operating officer Tracey Lewis Taylor announced the

forthcoming name change at Livermore's State of the City event last week.

The organization, along with the Hospital Committees for the Livermore Pleasanton Areas, paid \$58.4 million for the office park, which is bounded by Willow Road, Inglewood Drive, Hacienda Drive and Gibraltar Drive. The office complex, which originally belonged to Schnitzer Properties, an Oregon-based real estate firm, totals 197,200 square feet.

"We have the ability now with this new purchase to really expand not just direct health care patient

delivery, although that's the primary goal, but a lot of other things in terms of science and technology and partnerships and innovation," Mino Sastry, vice president of service lines and market development for Stanford Health, told the Weekly in an exclusive interview.

Stanford-ValleyCare will be rebranding its name this month to reflect its expansion of services to the Tri-Valley, Sastry said. The current name was a connection to the original ValleyCare Health System, which was acquired by Stanford Health at a time when ValleyCare Health was seeking a partner to

remedy its financial difficulties.

Sastry, a San Ramon resident who has been with Stanford Health Care for 10 years, said that since taking over ValleyCare Health in 2015, Stanford has been aiming to grow in the Tri-Valley. The organization has been tracking the population growth in the Tri-Valley over the years and that despite having the main hospital in Pleasanton, there are plenty of programs that are not available for the growing number of people.

"While they may have specialists

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Deadly shooting in Granada Bowl bar

Suspect arrested in Lathrop more than three days later

By Jeremy Walsh

One man died and two others were injured after they were shot when a fight in the bar at Granada Bowl escalated into gunfire on Saturday evening, according to Livermore police.

Family members identified the fatal victim on social media the next day as Livermore resident Antonio Vargas, saying "his sudden death has shocked and has left our family completely devastated."



Antonio Vargas

The suspect in the case, 27-year-old Livermore resident Roger Aleman Garcia (also known as Roger Aleman), was arrested without incident at a home in Lathrop early Wednesday morning after being on the lam for more than three days, according to Livermore police. He was subsequently booked into Santa Rita Jail in Dublin on suspicion of murder and other allegations.

"We want to thank the community for their support and assistance with the investigation," Livermore

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FILE PHOTO BY JEREMY WALSH

The grass field at the back side of Donlon Elementary School, which spans more than 8 acres, has been at the center of neighborhood intrigue since it was tied to the city's upcoming Housing Element.

Advocates applaud as PUSD asks city to remove Donlon from housing list

'Their energy, organization and hard work has paid off'

By Christian Trujano

After months of community debate, Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund has asked the City Council to remove the Donlon Elementary School field from Pleasanton's Housing Element site inventory list.

The effort to keep the green space at Donlon, specifically the portion of the school land

along Denker Drive and Payne Road, open for park use has been underway since the district first requested that the property be included in the city's Housing Element update process last October.

"Since then, the district has engaged with various community members and received input from the school community," Haglund said during the July 14

school board meeting. "Following this community engagement and after careful consideration of our long term objectives, I will be requesting that the city remove the Donlon field from consideration."

Parents like Colleen Hake, who spoke during public comments before Haglund gave his

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School board finalizes terms of \$23.48M office purchase to move district headquarters

Plans for Village High renovation, early childhood programs relocation contingent on future bond

By Christian Trujano

The Pleasanton school board signed off on the final plan to purchase an office complex in the Hacienda Business Park to serve as the new district headquarters location last week.

The two-building property, located on 5758 and 5794 West Las Positas Blvd., will cost \$23,480,261 for the Pleasanton Unified School District to acquire from the current owner, ECI Four Arroyo LLC. The board voted 4-1 to ratify two amendments to the final deal and advance the relocation project, with Trustee Kelly Mokashi dissenting.

According to PUSD staff, three acres of the current district headquarters on the edge of downtown Pleasanton, at 4645 and 4665 Bernal Ave., will be kept while the rest of the seven acres will be put up for sale. The property was recently estimated in value between \$31 million and \$34 million, which would help pay off the newly purchased Arroyo Center.

"This is a crucial first step that will allow the district to leverage a portion of our current property to help finance needed investments in our aging school facilities," Superintendent David Haglund said during the July 14 meeting. "By maintaining a portion of the Bernal property we will pave the way for significant improvements for our Village High School facility, and create a dedicated space for the growing Pleasanton Virtual Academy."

Ahmad Sheikholeslami, assistant



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The Arroyo Center office complex is poised to become the new home of Pleasanton Unified School District headquarters.

superintendent of business services, said the district has been discussing the need for a new district office for years and that the pandemic gave staff the opportunity to begin looking because of lower commercial prices in the market at the time.

Rather than spend the money on renovating and updating the current headquarters site, which would cost more, Sheikholeslami said the best course of action was to take advantage of the prime real estate market and use the current property as financial leverage.

After the board's initial approval of the purchase and sales agreement of the new property on May

12, the district was presented with an updated lease agreement for the sole tenant currently renting a portion of the Arroyo Center, electron microscopy firm Gatan Inc. — which would make the district the landlord of the lease going forward after escrow closes on the purchase.

The district plans to use a certificate of participation of \$30 million, which is a type of financing where an investor purchases a share of the lease revenues of a program, and the future tenant payments to pay for the space and any future renovation and construction projects.

The company will begin paying the district about \$80,000 starting next year every month from now

until 2027, which Sheikholeslami said would bring in even more revenue into the district's general fund.

"This is one of the most fiscally responsible decisions I have ever made on this board because what it does is it takes assets that we have and turns them into dollars that we spend on improving our facilities all across the district that we don't have to pay for out of general fund dollars," Trustee Joan Laursen said.

The board also reviewed two amendments to the lease agreement on July 14.

The first identified that the seller entered into a lease extension, deleted the current tenant's option to extend the lease by seven years and agreed to complete about \$500,000 worth of tenant improvements.

According to the district report, the agreement was to ensure the district will not have to pay any costs arising from correcting violations in any existing building under the Americans with Disabilities Act, amongst other modifications.

The second amendment includes a letter from ECI Four Arroyo LLC that outlines the approved plans for improvements and modifications that will be done to the building.

It also includes a \$100,000 reduction to the purchase price following negotiations between district officials and the seller resulting from discoveries made by the district during its due diligence investigations.

According to the Arroyo property inspection and financial report,

which contains information about the investigation, tenant improvement planning and costs, property and land usage and financial information, the building is overall in good shape but does have some heating and air conditioning units that need to be replaced, along with the building's roof which has reached "the end of its useful life and should be replaced within two years."

Apart from reviewing these new amendments, the board discussed the plans for the early childhood programs, Horizon and STEAM, as well as Village High School, the Pleasanton Virtual Academy and adult transition programs — which currently operate on the district's Bernal property.

While Village and Virtual Academy will remain on the three acres at the Bernal site and get renovated, Horizon and STEAM will be relocated to Harvest Park Middle School.

Both these plans are included in the Facilities Master Plan that is contingent with the bond that the board has been drafting to get on the November election ballot. That bond must first be adopted later this month and then be delivered to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office and the clerk of the county Board of Supervisors. The election for the bond would be part of the statewide election to be held on Nov. 8.

That uncertainty of whether or

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Dublin trustees confront texting scandal as DUSD attorney argues no Brown Act violations

Board majority under fire reject calls for resignations; some residents want external investigation

By JEANITA LYMAN

Officials at the Dublin Unified School District held a special meeting last week with the goal of addressing criticism and exploring options in the wake of publicized written conversations involving three trustees — and some still calling for an external investigation into the matter.

The legal opinion from DUSD attorney Harold Friedman concluding that no Brown Act violations occurred was the result of an internal probe into text and email conversations between resident Bill Carey, as well as other members of the public, who were encouraging the three trustees to cast a majority vote for controversial new trustee area boundaries in the district.

Trustees William Kuo and Gabi Blackman, along with Board President Dan Cherrier, voted in favor of Scenario 1 in February, in which their fellow trustees, Kristin Pelham and Megan Rouse, are pushed into the same trustee area. Pelham and Rouse instead advocated and voted for Scenario 4, which would have kept their residence areas separated.

The three-trustee majority who voted in favor of Scenario 1 all denied wrongdoing before and during the July 12 meeting.

They fired back at calls for their resignation, based on Friedman's argument that their ongoing text message conversations with several residents — sometimes during board meetings — did not violate the Brown Act, as some had alleged in public comments at their previous meeting.

The terms of Kuo, Cherrier and Rouse are all up at the end of this year, with their seats on the table under the new area boundaries in November.

The issue first returned to the public eye roughly four months after the vote, when Mary Washington, a parent and employee of the district, publicized the results of a California Public Records Act request she'd filed with the district the day after the Feb. 22 vote. The findings resulted in numerous public comments at the board's last regular meeting on June 28, and the return of the topic at last week's special meeting.

"What we looked at here is: Did we have three board members who were discussing redistricting in effect either directly with each other or indirectly through a conduit with each other, and we did not find evidence of the closing of that loop," Friedman said at the July 12 meeting.

"So then the next thing we looked at was ... board members communicating with members of

the public, potentially at board meetings," he continued. "Texts typically are what one would see. And there are some texts that do appear to have taken place during board meetings, with members of the board who are speaking to members of the public — at least it appears to us that that took place."

'All the unnecessary noise ... has done an injustice to the welfare of Dublin students.'

Shirley Lewandowski,
Dublin resident

Despite acknowledging that the records contain strong evidence that trustees were sending text messages during the public hearings on the boundary adjustment process, Friedman noted that "the Brown Act is silent on this issue."

Friedman concluded the letter he'd prepared for that night's meeting by noting that although finding no legal violations of the Brown Act, the board might consider policy changes to address some of the issues brought up by the released conversations.

During public comment on the item, numerous speakers said that regardless of any legal violations, the released conversations pointed to ethical and policy concerns.

"How do Dublin educators encourage our students to not cheat, to be honest about their actions, not send text messages during class, when clearly you text constituents during your work here as elected officials?" asked Denise Saylor, co-president of the Dublin Teachers Association, during a public comment.

Saylor said that despite her disappointment in the board, she and other educators would continue their work to empower and instill strong values in Dublin students.

"We remind our students that their voices matter, that they count, and that education is critical," Saylor said. "Three of you just made our jobs harder as students hear and read about your actions and comments and ask 'why care?' when our school elected officials do not."

Saylor, along with other speakers that night, called for an independent investigation of the board, arguing that Friedman's role as the district's legal counsel is to defend the district against legal liability, rather than protect the interests of voters. Ahead of the meeting, a petition sponsored by DTA and calling for an independent investigation had garnered more than 400

signatures.

"A request for an independent investigation is not bullying or pitting one side against the other," Saylor said. "It creates transparency and an open dialogue which is in the best interest of all Dublin students. Do not stand on 'we did not break the rule.' Stand on character, honesty, transparency, and integrity."

Amy Miller, who left the DUSD board in 2020, with Pelham elected to her seat, spoke to her former colleagues in a public comment.

"All I'm going to say is that if you didn't violate the law, you came really close, and you got a 'get out of jail free' card on this one," Miller said. "And I think you should use it. I think it's time for you to look at this community, not the 10 constituents that you represent, because I could name them. I could name the 10 people."

In particular, Miller called on Cherrier to listen to the concerns of constituents throughout the district, and put an end to the behind-the-scenes exchanges that she said had brought them to this point.

A majority of the public comments centered on sustained criticism of Cherrier, Kuo and Blackman's apparent discussions with and influence by Carey during the process of redrawing trustee area boundaries that were adopted earlier this year.

Others, however, were critical of the district employees and teachers leading the outcry against the three trustees.

"We are a country, state, and city of laws and proper procedures and processes," said Shirley Lewandowski. "The school redistricting determination officially followed all of the proper procedures and processes and was then legally voted and approved by the board of trustees months ago and is final and official."

"All the unnecessary noise by those who won't accept what has been legally voted on with regards to the school redistricting has done an injustice to the welfare of Dublin students, parents and residents," Lewandowski continued. "They have distracted away valuable time from the trustees to do their jobs on behalf of the students and schools and addressing much more important political issues than this."

While she didn't speak to allegations apart from the Brown Act, Blackman said she hoped Friedman's opinion and that night's meeting would lead to reflection from speakers at the June 28 meeting who had accused the board of Brown Act violations.

"I would hope we would take this moment to do a bit of self-reflection of when we use freedom of speech to actually lob allegations against innocent people," Blackman said. "I think we should all learn from this lesson."

Cherrier, too, was critical of the outpouring of concerns raised at the previous meeting and that night, particularly on the part of district employees and his own constituents in Trustee Area 5.

"I think many of the people that spoke did so based on the opinion of others," Cherrier continued. "To be a great leader, one should do their own research on the issue and make up your own mind, not just follow others. Many of you we are trusting to help shape our youth into becoming outstanding citizens. What kind of example are you setting when you blindly throw out accusations when you've not researched the law and not personally and fully read the Brown Act?"

Cherrier added that what he saw as the divisiveness caused by district employees and teachers had led him to initially decide not to run for re-election. However, he said that further reflection made him concerned that a qualified candidate wouldn't emerge to replace him.

"I am very worried that quality candidates might not come forward after the last meeting, so I am announcing my candidacy for the upcoming Area 5 election," he said. "Those who seek to divide this town and this board further have only succeeded in convincing me that my job is not done here."

However, Pelham, who is ineligible to run for re-election under the map adopted in February when her term is up in 2024 (unless she relocates her personal residence), said that the conversations would have lasting impacts on voters' trust.

"I know a lot of comments have

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Says city experience, first-hand interactions at campus provide unique skills for D5 post

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Justin Brown, a planning commissioner for the city of Pleasanton, has announced that he will be running for a seat on the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Brown is aiming to represent District 5 if he is elected on Nov. 8, which will be the first election for PUSD in a district-based format that the board approved in March. District 5 includes Vintage Hills and Hearst elementary schools and Pleasanton Middle School, as well as part of Foothill High's attendance area.

"As a planning commissioner dealing with land-use issues, as



Justin Brown

well as a father to three kids currently attending PUSD schools, I recognize the tremendous value our schools bring to our entire city," Brown said in a news release. "If elected, I will work with my fellow trustees to build trust and communicate effectively based on input from parents, teachers, students, administrators and city officials."

There are two PUSD trustee positions scheduled for the Nov. 8 ballot. Both incumbents, Joan Laursen and Mark Miller, have said publicly they won't run for re-election. Each is serving at-large, elected before the switch to district-based elections.

Brown has been the chairperson of the Pleasanton Planning Commission since 2021 where he has been serving for the past six years. Before that, he sat for three years

on the city's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee.

Apart from his city experience, Brown works at ServiceNow, an American software company based in Santa Clara as a global partner and developer support. According to his campaign statement, his business and city experience will help him better manage the district as a board trustee.

He said that as trustee, he would strive to ensure that the district moving forward with the Facilities Master Plan, the district office relocation and the potential bond election will be well-executed, financially accountable and well-coordinated with city leaders.

"Our goal should be to always advance the best interests of our students and provide them with both quality education and

facilities they need for academic success," Brown said. "I will work tirelessly on behalf of our community and would love to earn the vote of our residents in District 5 this November."

Brown lives in Pleasanton with his wife and three children who all attend Hearst Elementary School. Both he and his wife are active volunteers at the school, and Brown is also a volunteer with the local Cub Scouts.

According to his website, he helps in both the classroom and school events — from crossing guard to school mascot.

Because of how active he is at his children's school, Brown said that he has seen firsthand the value of Pleasanton's teachers, school facilities and district support programs.

That coupled with his city

experience allows him to understand the intersection between the city and the school board, something that he believes will help him as a leader in the board.

"Our current School Board Trustee team is very strong with educator experience but we believe Pleasanton would benefit from someone such as Justin with his strong business experience and as well as the ability to bring a perspective from his school-age kids and regular interactions with teachers within the PUSD system," his website states.

Brown has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of British Columbia and a master's in business administration from the University of Dallas.

To learn more about Brown's candidacy, visit www.votejustinbrown.com. ■

Outgoing Livermore supe named CEO of budding foundation

Bowers to work with donors, nonprofits in new role with Three Valleys

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Kelly Bowers, the outgoing superintendent for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, will take over as the new CEO and president of Three Valleys Community Foundation next month.

Launched in November 2021, the geographically based community foundation works with donors and nonprofits to "achieve their impact goals through inclusive leadership, thoughtful funding, informed giving and collaborative action," according to its website.

Bowers, who is known for being the longest-serving continuously seated superintendent of schools of a unified district in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, announced her retirement from the Livermore school district in June



Kelly Bowers

after 12 years in the position.

"As a lifelong public servant, I am humbled, honored and excited about the opportunity to grow a community foundation for our region. It's a challenge I wholeheartedly embrace," Bowers said in a news release.

"Sustainable philanthropic transformation for our area is vital. Along with our committed board and advisors, I am confident Three Valleys can effectively and successfully connect the corporations and individuals in our area with the dedicated nonprofits working to support the greater good."

Bowers will be succeeding Nelson Fialho, who has served as interim CEO for the foundation since January. Fialho, the former city manager of Pleasanton, will remain with the foundation and take on an adviser role, according to the organization's statement.

"I want to thank Nelson Fialho for his successful tenure as interim CEO," said John Sensiba, chair of the board of directors for

the foundation. "Thanks to his leadership, we have sound fiscal, operational and general business practices that will set the stage for strong growth."

A Livermore resident, Bowers has been with the school district for 23 years working in a myriad of roles including assistant superintendent of educational services, director of curriculum and special projects, elementary and middle school principal, grant writer and teacher.

According to the news release, as CEO of Three Valleys she will work with community leaders, corporations, donors, financial advisors and partners to strengthen the Tri-Valley's philanthropic presence.

"We are thrilled to have Kelly Bowers join Three Valleys as our new CEO and President," said Sensiba. "Her strong leadership, community commitment and compassion for so many will help us highlight the philanthropic needs in our region."

Over the next year, Bowers will

be working one-on-one with donors and nonprofit leaders to help develop corporate and community investments that will support areas in the Tri-Valley.

"I am deeply invested in our Tri-Valley region and what I admire most is the underlying spirit of generosity, an ethos of empathy and evidence of compassion in action wherever one goes in our respective communities," Bowers said.

"Our region's most distinguishing trait is that so many want to contribute, restore, lift-up and improve — they just need a catalyst and reliable conduit in order to translate their altruistic intentions into actions and tangible and meaningful actions. That is what I want to tap into and the genuine appeal of working on behalf of (Three Valleys)," she added.

The foundation received early support in the developing stages from Alameda County Supervisors David Haubert and Nate Miley — whose respective districts include parts of the Tri-Valley — with

contributions of \$50,000 each. The cities of Dublin and Pleasanton also committed \$50,000 to help launch the organization.

In June, Three Valleys partnered with We Are Pleasanton, an organization that raises funds for school projects, to raise more than \$250,000 for various capital projects at Foothill High School such as repairs and renovations to the stadium and baseball field.

Apart from her new role as CEO for the foundation, Bowers is also currently a superintendent in residence for the Leaders for Equity & Democracy Education Doctoral Program at her alma mater, UC Berkeley, where she received her bachelor's in English and her Doctorate of Education in leadership for educational equity.

She received her masters in educational leadership from CSU East Bay.

Bowers will be transitioning from her position at LVJUSD at the end of the month and is set to begin her role with Three Valleys on Aug. 8. ■

DONLON

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announcement voicing her concerns over losing the field, have been advocating for saving the field this year.

"If you drive around Pleasanton and you look at the green field that each of the PUSD schools, you will see that it is equitable for Donlon students to have the grass to play on," Hake said during public comment.

Following the meeting, Hake

told the Weekly she was grateful that the district listened to the community and that her sons went to sleep happy knowing they helped preserve the field.

"It is incredibly important for the students and families who live around Donlon Elementary to have the field saved for the students and the community," Hake said.

Haglund also said last week that the district plans to continue discussions with the city to build consensus around a plan for the

field that would benefit both the school and the neighborhood.

He said that might include a joint-use agreement relating to the Donlon field, which would provide shared field space that serves students and families in the neighborhood.

"If you ask the community, they are celebrating the idea of a joint-use agreement between PUSD and the city to bring Donlon Field to its fullest potential and protect Donlon Elementary from overcrowding in the future,"

Hake told the Weekly.

The district request to include the 8.3-acre Donlon field was among nearly two-dozen properties across Pleasanton included on the short list for environmental review in the city's Regional Housing Needs Allocation sites inventory list for potential residential development.

The City Council voted to include the Donlon property in the environmental review process in February, despite over 90 families and Pleasanton residents urging

the council to take the field off the list, according to a petition to save the field.

Pleasanton resident Audrey Purnell said she has been supporting the Donlon field ever since her kids attended kindergarten there. She said it was great to see parents taking charge and speaking out.

"Their energy, organization and hard work has paid off," Purnell said on Friday. "I am thrilled with last night's decision to save the field for the students and to take care of it." ■

Rojas hired as first principal of Emerald High

Starting this week, he will lead school through multi-phase construction

By CAROL XU

Milpitas High School principal Francis A. Rojas is moving to Dublin, where he has been appointed as the founding principal of Emerald High School.

Emerald High, which is currently under construction, will be the second comprehensive public high school in the Dublin Unified School



Francis Rojas

District and the first new comprehensive high school built in Alameda County in over 50 years.

"To find the right leader, we worked closely with our community to make sure their voices were heard and looked at many compelling candidates. I firmly believe that Francis brings the leadership qualities, diversity of experience, and motivation needed to open our second comprehensive high school and to create a culture of success that is embraced by our students, staff, and community," DUSD Superintendent Chris Funk said after the Board of Trustees appointed Rojas on July 12.

Rojas assumed the role of principal this past Tuesday.

He has served as the principal of Milpitas High for over five years, where he managed a \$1.4 million site budget and oversaw 3,300 students and 250 staff members. From 2002 to 2017, he worked at James Logan High School in Union City as the vice principal, house principal, ninth-grade

family coach, science teacher and student activities director.

He is currently pursuing his doctorate in the Leaders for Equity and Democracy Program at the University of California, Berkeley, and received a Master of Arts in educational leadership from the Principal Leadership Institute.

According to Rojas, launching a new high school requires a special skill set, with the presiding principal responsible for its creation, culture, staff and direction.

"My entire career has worked toward an opportunity of this nature and it's one I am eager to embrace, but also one I do not take lightly," Rojas said. "I'm excited to work with the community of Dublin to add to its great history of learning and to create a unique, diverse, challenging, and welcoming environment that will enable students to thrive throughout their lives."

Construction of Emerald High officially began on Sept. 30, 2020. Phase I of the construction is expected to be completed by Dec. 30, 2023 and will accommodate approximately 1,350 students. Phase II is scheduled to be completed by July 2025 and expand school capacity to 2,443 students.

After Phase I, the new campus will include academic buildings, a gymnasium, visual and performing arts classrooms, football field, track, tennis courts and administrative and counseling space. An additional academic tower, theater and stadium bleachers are planned for Phase II. ■

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not voters will pass the bond to fund the master plan is something that led Mokashi to not agree with the purchase, along with the acquisition being effectively contingent on the Bernal property being sold.

"Yes, I'm being asked to support, you know, the purchase of the sale, but at the same time down the road and how we're paying for this is contingent on this sale and that sale and I hadn't even necessarily made up my mind on if I feel comfortable representing and saying that we should sell those properties," Mokashi said.

But Board President Mark Miller said that is a risk worth taking. "I think about it this way: Would

we still do this if we weren't going out for a bond? And in my mind yes, we would," he said.

The Arroyo inspection and financial report also included back-up plans in the case the bond does not pass including funds from the sale of one of its properties and possibly dipping into the Sycamore Fund, which came from sale of the property on Sycamore Road in the late '80s.

Now, the next steps staff will take will be reviewing and finalizing inspection and finance reports, initiating the certificate of participation sale and looking at architectural services to make improvements.

Sheikholeslami said it's probably going to be seven to eight months after they get the plans and get the tenant improvements done until the offices can begin moving into the new space. ■



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Open Heart Kitchen earns key grant for Vineyard 2.0 project

Funds to go to kitchen and dining rooms

BY CAROL XU

Tri-Valley's Open Heart Kitchen received a \$450,000 grant from the Senior Assistance Foundation of the East Bay (SAFE) to fund the construction of new kitchen and dining rooms in the Vineyard 2.0 project, a community collaboration in Livermore to alleviate homelessness.

"Senior Assistance Foundation of the East Bay has been a key funder of Open Heart Kitchen for several years. We are so grateful that their grant has helped to finish out our capital campaign," Open Heart Kitchen Executive Director Heather Greaux said in a statement.

The Vineyard 2.0 project includes plans for 23 apartments of permanent housing support to help the most vulnerable



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Renderings show the design concepts for the lobby (left) and dining area (right) to be operated by Open Heart Kitchen in Vineyard 2.0 project in Livermore.

low-income families, along with other provided services such as showers, laundry, mailboxes, and temporary overnight shelter.

As part of the project, Open Heart Kitchen will also provide free hot meals for the residents.

The recent SAFE grant received will support the construction and operation of the commercial-scale kitchen and dining areas as part of the project.

"This kitchen project will enhance our ability to provide local

seniors with a daily opportunity to connect socially over a nutritious meal, and advance our mission of working toward a future with increased food security in our valley," said Janette Pace, Open Heart Kitchen's capital campaign chair.

Project construction commenced in April, and completion is expected in the summer of 2023.

For more information on where to obtain a meal, visit openheartkitchen.org. ■

SHOOTING

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Police Chief Jeramy Young said in a statement. "From the beginning, our team has worked tirelessly to find the suspect and bring justice to the victim's family. This level of violence is uncharacteristic of Livermore and we want residents to be rest assured that this violent criminal is off the streets."

The situation unfolded at about 6 p.m. Saturday at the bowling alley on Railroad Avenue at the corner of P Street on the edge of downtown Livermore, according to police Sgt. Steve Goard.

Vargas, 28, was with a group of friends in the bar area of Granada

Bowl when they got into an argument with Garcia, Goard said. The family entertainment venue seemed to have typical crowd levels for an early Saturday evening at the time these days, with people in both the bar area and bowling lanes but not near capacity.

The verbal altercation escalated into a physical one, during which police allege Garcia pulled out a handgun and fired multiple shots. Vargas and his 28-year-old friend — a Livermore man who has not



Roger Aleman Garcia

been identified publicly — were struck by bullets, as was a 30-year-old Livermore man who is friends with Garcia.

Police described Garcia as "a convicted felon with extensive prior criminal history including an assault with a deadly weapon" who was also prohibited by law from possessing a firearm.

Vargas was pronounced dead at the scene Saturday evening. Emergency personnel performed life-saving measures on the other two victims, who were rushed to a local hospital and declared in stable condition later Saturday night, police said.

By Sunday, family and friends had publicly confirmed the

decendent was Vargas.

"On Saturday afternoon of July 16th, he'd just left his home with bowling bag in hand to what he thought would be another good time with his friends," Cathy Gutierrez wrote in a post on Facebook

"Antonio Vargas was an only son, but a brother to many," she added. "He was and is loved and adored by his parents, who are still in shock and expecting to see him walk through the door at any moment and end this nightmare. Antonio was a hard worker and devoted son. He loved to spend time with his friends and just loved life."

Vargas' father created a GoFundMe page to raise money to help the family pay for burial expenses. The effort had raised more than \$28,000 as of press time Wednesday.

The shooter fled the scene immediately after the incident Saturday evening. On Monday, Livermore police confirmed Garcia was identified as their prime suspect, putting out a call for the public's help in determining the man's whereabouts.

Garcia was ultimately apprehended around 1:30 a.m.

Wednesday at a home in Lathrop, where Livermore police along with Lathrop police and the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office SWAT team served a warrant and arrested Garcia without incident.

The case has been forwarded to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for formal charging. Granada Bowl remained closed amid the police investigation before reopening Monday afternoon, with shortened hours of operation expected indefinitely, management said on social media.

"The staff and management of Granada Bowl are deeply saddened by the senseless act of violence that occurred at our center on Saturday evening. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families," management said. "The safety and security of our customers and employees is and always will continue to be a top priority. We will do everything in our power to assist local authorities in bringing the responsible party to justice."

Vargas' death marked the second homicide of 2022 in the city of Livermore. A 15-year-old Richmond girl died after being found shot and unresponsive inside a vehicle parked near Las Positas College on April 15. ■



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Police investigate shooting at Granada Bowl in Livermore on Saturday evening.

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Fire on Altamont

Crews contained a vegetation fire early Wednesday that started Tuesday night in the area of North Flynn Road near the Altamont Pass in the northeastern corner of Alameda County.

Cal Fire reported in a 5:11 a.m. tweet that crews were able to prevent the loss of any structures or damage to high-tension power lines, before fully containing the blaze at 221 acres. One of the photos Cal Fire posted on social media showed a burning vehicle at the side of the freeway.

Cal Fire dubbed it the Flynn Fire and worked in tandem with the Alameda County Fire to battle the blaze through the evening. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

COVID in schools

State public health officials recently announced their public health guidance for the 2022-23 K-12 school year with no mask requirement for students or staff.

The guidance now in effect includes recommendations that students get vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear a mask indoors but does not require that they do either.

California students will not be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine until at least July 1, 2023, provided that the vaccine is fully approved by federal regulators for all age groups.

The guidance also requires that students cannot be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition for participating in a school event or activity.

Teachers and school staff are also not required to wear a mask, but the state has required them since August 2021 to get vaccinated against COVID-19 or test weekly for the virus.

The state's full health guidance for K-12 schools can be found at www.cdph.ca.gov.

Transit wayfinding

The Bay Area's myriad transit agencies could soon utilize a single mapping system after the region's transportation planning agency approved a contract to streamline transit information and guidance.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Operations Committee approved a \$6 million contract last Friday with the mapping company Applied Wayfinding Inc. to develop a streamlined system of maps, signage and information at every transit station in the nine-county Bay Area.

The regional mapping project is part of a 27-point plan devised by the MTC's Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force in 2020 to help the region's transit systems rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic while making public transit more efficient and easier to use. ■

STANFORD

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here and there, really a lot of these folks are traveling to San Francisco to Stanford to John Muir into other high-end facilities. And so we wanted to be able to provide a lot of those higher levels of care locally to their community," he said.

"At some point we've maximized our capacity in our existing footprint," Sastry added. "So what this allows us to do is to expand the same services, but also to offer so to grow deeper in certain services and be able to see more patients."

Some of the services he said Stanford will be bringing to the new office park location in Pleasanton will be bringing in a second surgical center, additional clinic space and multidisciplinary clinics.

The new office space already has one building housing the Stanford Primary Care and Family Medicine services, which opened in March and provides access to internal medicine, family medicine and endocrinology,



COURTESY STANFORD HEALTH

The main Stanford-ValleyCare hospital complex on West Las Positas Boulevard. The health system has now purchased additional office space in Pleasanton.

as well as laboratory, onsite X-ray and ultrasound services.

Expanding in Pleasanton, where the health system also operates the main Stanford-Valley hospital on West Las Positas Boulevard, means that Stanford will be recruiting and hiring new people, something Sastry said will not only be good for patients, but for the local economy.

He also said that with the

expansion into the Tri-Valley and even the Central Valley, Stanford will be seeking to partner with existing health care providers in the area to better understand the needs of the patients in the area.

"We're not just plopping any services down and just expecting it to work," Sastry said. "It's understanding the needs of our community, also understanding the needs of the

existing providers in this market. These are the folks we're listening to, these are the folks that are treating patients today that are saying we need this, we need that."

As for the timeline in opening up services in the new office space, Sastry said the hope is to get things up and running within the next two years with more to come in the next decade. He added that the current tenants in about 50% of the new space will not be disturbed as Stanford works with the other half of the space.

For now he said there is still a lot of work to be done before patients can stop having to drive to the Peninsula to seek specialized health care.

"I've seen my friends and family that are in this area. I've heard them talk about what they need," Sastry said. "I also heard them talking about how exciting it is to see a lot of the services that their parents were traveling to Palo Alto for them and see their cardiac surgeon here locally." ■

TEXTING

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been made that I'm just trying to hold onto my seat," Pelham said. "I ran for election in the middle of a pandemic. I put myself out there. And this is what happened. People worked behind the scenes to push me out."

'All I'm going to say is that if you didn't violate the law, you came really close.'

Amy Miller,
Former DUSD trustee

"And I did not fight it," Pelham continued. "I made the arguments at those meetings. But it's very clear in those texts that people were trying to push me out. And that's not fair to the voters of the west side who voted myself and Trustee Rouse ... you have now alienated half this city. So if you expect any sort of future bond measures or anything, you need to do something to rebuild trust with the rest of this city. Because half of the voters in the city live on the west side, and they have specifically had their representation limited."

Pelham added that if four trustees were to agree, it would be possible to hold a re-vote on the maps. However, she said that she wasn't anticipating the board being able to reach that majority vote.

"I specifically said I would not vote for a map that got rid of any of you," Pelham added.

Kuo responded that while he did not give opinions for the first couple of meetings, but that he

liked Map 1, which he'd kept to himself. He said he'd gone on to crunch the numbers ahead of the February vote, which had been what finalized his decision.

"I was not decided until the Monday prior to the Tuesday vote," Kuo said. "So for those that said I was complicit or disquiet, I say no, I already had my mind pretty made up when the map first came out."

"But I gave it some thought when it was evident it was down to two maps," he added. "I wasn't going to do analysis of all five maps — that's a lot of numbers to crunch. And that's all the California Records Act, my response. Folks can read it for themselves and decide whether they want to believe or not. But for me, I have a clear conscience. I voted for Map 1 based on my reasoning outlined in that email."

Rouse said that while she accepted Friedman's legal opinion, this did not amount to condoning the correspondences during the trustee area boundary adjustments.

"This incident demonstrates that we are in danger of factionization, which is happening all too much in our society, and perhaps on this board, and we need to resist that," Rouse said. "While the written evidence may not show a violation of the Brown Act as a technical legal matter ... that doesn't make it right. and getting right up to the edge is not a good enough standard. It is not where our board should operate."

"This is not the standard we should be modeling and teaching our students," she added. "We owe it to our students and our community and each other, frankly, to behave better and to hold ourselves to a higher ethical standard."

Despite her disappointment in

the conversations unearthed in the public records, Rouse said the board should take the opportunity to make policy changes that prevent such behavior in the future. In particular, she recommended a push to prohibit electronic communications during board meetings come back to the

board as an agenda item at a later meeting.

"I am disappointed," Rouse said. "I think I said it before — I'm queasy. And I'm sad. And I'm frustrated. I think there are some things we can do to rebuild the trust. I think we can do better as a board." ■

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What two sisters discovered on three-day, 28-mile trek through Ohlone Regional Wilderness Trail

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Hiking from Frem

Next time I invite you to go backpacking with me, please remind me of this moment and why we hate backpacking,” I groggily told my sister, Molly.

Molly holds the record among my three younger siblings for being the most likely to join me on outdoor adventures — albeit begrudgingly. I had dragged Molly, whose preferred pronouns are they/them, on a last-minute backpacking trip to hike the Ohlone Regional Wilderness Trail over a three-day weekend after canceling other plans because of COVID.

We had just spent a night in the wilderness that had involved, on my end, not sleeping as much as closing my eyes for extended periods of time and shivering on the cold ground. (Molly had forgotten their sleeping pad on this journey, and in an effort to spread the misery around and get them to come back for future adventures, I'd agreed to give up the pad for the night.)

With hips, shoulders and backs already aching, we packed up and got going on our

longest day yet. We were less than halfway through the 28-mile trek from Fremont to Livermore, and by our third and final day, we were both sore and smelly. Worst of all, we still had 16 miles to go.

I'd underestimated this trail, thinking the rolling hills of the East Bay that I'd spent years gazing at longingly while driving past wouldn't be anything like the Sierra Nevada, Rocky and Appalachian mountains I've been lucky enough to hike around in the past.

In reality, the path cutting through these “rolling hills” felt like a three-day workout on nature's stair machine — a series of relentless, unyielding climbs and descents that made the hike feel much longer than it really was. There was not an easy mile along the entire route.

Yet later that morning, after huffing and puffing our way up (yet) another vertical hill, we suddenly crested it to see the sun rising on the horizon below us, lighting up the sky with a warm glow.

There was not another human in sight, just a crew of happy cows grazing in the distance and green meadows all around. Molly and I looked at each other and beamed.

“Worth it?” they asked.

“Worth it,” I replied.

TRAIL LOG

Day 1: 4 miles. Fremont's Stanford Avenue Staging Area

to Eagle Creek Backpacking Campground.

We started out our adventure by meeting at our planned finish of the hike: Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore, where we were able to pick up our Ohlone Wilderness Regional Trail hiking permit and map.

We left one car there and then carpooled to the start — the parking lot at Mission Peak Regional Preserve. After waiting a bit to score a parking spot, we set out on the trail, which started out with a steep uphill and didn't let up until we were just about at the summit of Mission Peak.

We shared the campground, a lush little field in the mountain's shadow that looked out over the valley, with a courteous troop of Girl Scouts. Before settling down for the night, we watched the sunset from the top of the peak. From there, the lights from civilization looked small and far away.

Day 2: 8 miles. Eagle Creek Backpacking Campground to Cathedral Campground at Sunol Wilderness Area.

After a slow start to the morning, we finally hit some downhill sections on our way into the Sunol Wilderness Area. About halfway through, the trail opened onto a massive parking area and the Sunol Visitors Center, where we ate lunch.

The second half of the trail more than made up for the downhill respite by heading right back uphill. This section included a portion of “Little Yosemite” in Sunol Regional Wilderness, and the landscape was

green and scenic, when we were able to take a break to look around.

Our campsite was about a five-minute hike off the trail, and, while it had its own outhouse — which seemed to drop into an abyss — the water promised at the campsites was a good 10-minute uphill hike, a fact we weren't thrilled about at the end of an already long day.

We arrived and set up camp with just enough time to see the hill become crowded with newts, out for some nighttime gallivanting. We cooked dinner and had a heart-to-heart over my favorite camping cocktail, hot chocolate with whiskey.

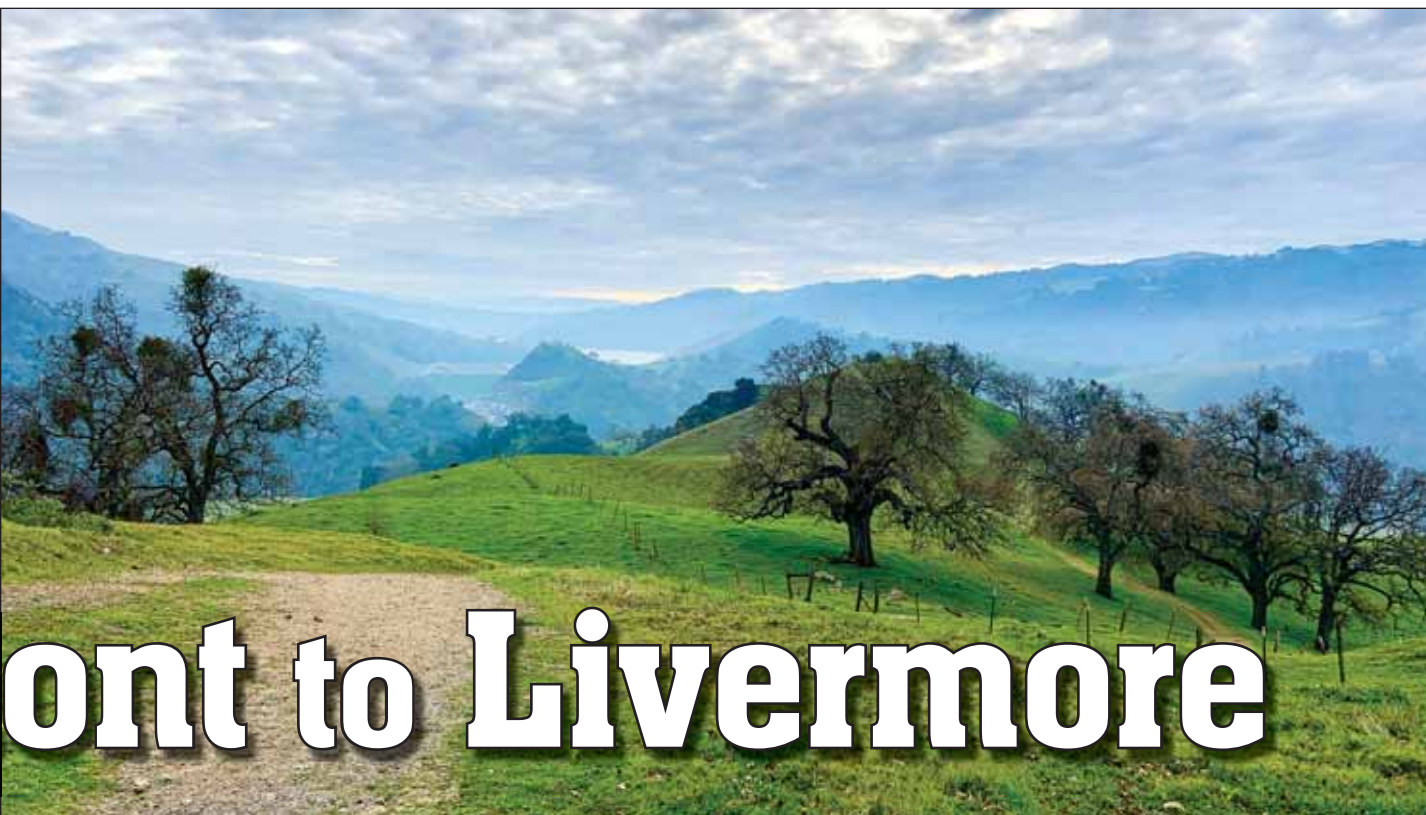
Day 3: 16 miles. Cathedral Campground at Sunol Wilderness Area to Del Valle Regional Park.

This was a hard day. In retrospect, we probably shouldn't have planned to cover more miles the third day than we had on the first two combined. Oops. Fortunately, Molly had a pair of AirPods that we shared, which kept us from getting too spread out and kept us bopping along to some “angsty” pop punk as we willed our aching legs forward.

I can't even count the number of times that we were slogging along the trail, saw a mountain ahead on the horizon and said “Surely not...!” only to have the trail go precisely there.

Along the way, we summited Rose Peak, the highest publicly accessible peak in Alameda County at 3,817 feet.





ont to Livermore



Top: Freelance writer Kate Bradshaw chronicled her recent hike of the Ohlone Wilderness Regional Trail, a 28-mile trail between Fremont and Livermore. Cows are free to graze all along the trail (seen at left); the author kept her distance from them, but not all seemed to welcome the bipeds passing through their turf.



In our delirious efforts to plod ahead at all costs, we made increasingly silly puns, talking about how we were “making moomeries,” in homage to our bovine trail companions grazing along the way.

Did we at one point cry into our mushy peanut butter-Nutella sandwiches when we saw yet another mountain we’d have to climb before the trail ended? Maybe. We also invented a new downhill expletive: “Kneezus Christ.” (I was pretty proud of that one.)

Eventually, we made it to the finish, finding a reserve of energy we didn’t know we had to run the last 100 meters to Molly’s vehicle, nicknamed the Ratmobile because its engine had needed to be repaired earlier that year after a rat made a nest under the hood. The Ratmobile had never been quite so adored as at that moment.

Starving, we beelined for downtown Livermore for a hot meal, dirt-crust and all. Fortunately, the restaurant staff at the First Street Alehouse didn’t say anything about our grimy appearances as we dug into what I’m pretty sure were the best burgers ever.

With the benefit of hindsight and legs that are no longer sore, I can now say that the Ohlone Regional Wilderness Trail was a remarkably accessible, affordable adventure that physically challenged us, inspired awe, offered some great wildlife sightings and was ultimately doable over three days. The trip

turned out to be one of my favorite experiences of the year so far.

EXPERT TIPS

After completing the hike, I spoke with Ashley Adams, supervising naturalist for the Sunol Wilderness Preserve and Ohlone Wilderness.

One great thing about the Ohlone Trail is that it is a “choose your own adventure” type of trail, she said. Because there are so many campsites along the trail, beginning backpackers can start at any of the park entrances to hike shorter distances rather than the full thru-hike.

Meanwhile, more experienced backpackers have used the trail to train for longer hikes like the Pacific Crest and Appalachian trails. The trail is home to some of the steepest trail segments in the Bay Area, she said.

“It’s a little piece of thru-hiking here in the Bay Area,” she said. “It’s a pretty cool thing to have all of this wilderness here in the East Bay.”

Unlike so much of the rest of the region, which has been developed and changed since Spanish colonization and the Gold Rush, the wilderness that the Ohlone Trail passes through wasn’t developed, she said. As a result, some of the oldest and largest oak trees in the region can be found in that wilderness, she added.

On the trail now, people can catch special wildflowers called “fire followers” that have

rarely been seen in the area and germinated as a result of the 2020 SCU Lightning Complex wildfires.

Generally, she said, she advises people to do the thru-hike in the opposite direction, from Del Valle Regional Park to Fremont, because the steepest climbs happen toward the beginning. Also, the ascent to Mission Peak from the Sunol side is far less busy and more gradual, she added.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you are thinking about hiking the Ohlone Trail, here’s what you need to know. Distance: **28 miles**

Elevation change: **about 7,000 feet**

You’ll need: • **A hiking permit.** The Ohlone Regional Wilderness Trail permit will be your best friend for planning this trip. Each \$2 permit includes a detailed map of the trail that’s hard to access elsewhere.

You can pick up your permit and map in person at the entrances of Del Valle Regional Park, Sunol Visitor Center and entrance kiosk (when staffed), the Coyote Hills Visitor Center in Fremont, the park district’s Administration Offices in Oakland), or order it a week ahead to have it mailed to you.

One thing the map won’t help with is understanding what kind of elevation you’re signing up for. The scale of the elevation map is spread out across the 3-foot map, so it means that every small upward blip on the map is an epic climb. Dogs are allowed

during the day but not overnight, so don’t plan to backpack with your pup.

• **Overnight camping reservations.** Call the East Bay Regional Park District’s reservation office at 1-888-327-2757 to make reservations at least two days in advance of your planned trip. The permits will include an overnight parking permit you’ll have to display on your vehicle.

• **A shuttle plan.** For this thru-hike, there are no shuttles, so you’ll have to figure out your own rides at the start and finish. We left one car at the Stanford Avenue Staging Area in Fremont, with our parking permit displayed, and another at the end at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. Cell reception is spotty at Del Valle Regional Park, so make sure you have a way to communicate if you’ll be needing a pickup after you finish.

• **Lots of water.** There are a few spots to refill on water along the trail, but you’ll have to treat it first. There are also long stretches of unshaded trail that can get very hot during the summer, so it’s critical to make sure you don’t get dehydrated for your own safety.

• **Fire season awareness.** During the fire season between May and October, trails are evaluated on a day-to-day basis for fire safety and may be closed due to extreme fire danger. If you’re planning to be on the trails during this season, be sure to call 1-888-327-2757, option 2, then 4, for the latest updates. ■



Bottom: Freelance writer Kate Bradshaw and sister Molly (in far-left and far-right photos) spent three days hiking the Ohlone Wilderness Regional Trail. Along the way they camped overnight, observed some scenic views and became closer to nature — all while experiencing the range of emotions that comes with an outdoor adventure.



Amador UAVs team soars to second place in international competition

'It's really been a three-year journey ... A crazy ride,' VP says

BY CAROL XU

Amador Valley High School's Unmanned Aerial Vehicles team shook the robotics world last month, earning second in the international AUVSI Student Unmanned Aerial Systems Competition held in Maryland.

The first-time high school team bested 69 robotics teams, including prestigious collegiate UAV programs from Cornell, UCLA, Duke, and UC San Diego.

The Amador UAVs team drone Boreas, named after the Greek God of the powerful north wind, is a fully-custom octocopter, designed throughout 2021 and built during the winter and spring of 2022. For vice president and electrical development lead Kai Gottschalk, though, Boreas really represents the culmination of "a three-year journey."

1,000 hours, 32 students, one drone

Originally founded in 2018 by then sophomore Sungje Park, Amador UAVs quickly evolved from a small fledging club into one of the school's most popular robotics teams.

After crashing their first plane, the team moved on to kit drones ("Planes are difficult, aerodynamics are a thing," joked Gottschalk), which led to their discovery of autopilot software and subsequent experimentations with constructing and programming their own drone.

Their biggest constraint by far had always been money. Lacking the school funding to purchase building materials, the UAV team reached out to companies for sponsorships and expanded their community outreach to acquire necessary equipment.

When the SUAS competition was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic, Amador UAVs began offering valuable

live streaming services, using their drones to film and broadcast events ranging from the Amador Marching Dons shows to the 2022 graduation ceremony.

"We've been able to receive a bunch from the generous donors out there, but also give back to the community. Our team has been super passionate about (robotics) for so many years that it's really come back as a benefit," Gottschalk said.

This year's UAVs team of 32 students were each sorted to one of three divisions — software, electromechanical and business — and worked together in a garage to build Boreas from scratch before the June 20 deadline.

"Each of these students brings a different and complementary perspective and skill to the team, and that is what makes this team so good," team coach Ram Sriram said.

"The amount of technical knowledge and theoretical depth they had to learn is formidable even for students in college, let alone a group of high school students. And they did this all by themselves, leveraging internet resources and the open source community," he added.

Each team member also had to juggle the academic rigor and demands of school with their UAV extracurricular commitment. When it comes to the total number of hours the students put in, Gottschalk says "it's definitely up in the thousands."

"The number of hours we had to put in the weeks leading up to the competition was incredible. I hope that next year we won't feel that same time crunch, but the way we pulled it off this year was absolutely brilliant," rising sophomore Aayush Gupta said.

Facing the competition

The international SUAS competition, held on the St. Mary's College of



COURTESY AAYUSH GUPTA

One of only four participating high school teams, the Amador Valley High School's Unmanned Aerial Vehicles team exceeded expectations by placing second and surpassing top college teams.

Maryland campus, challenged each team to develop, build, and demonstrate a UAV to be put through various real-world missions, testing abilities including obstacle avoidance, object detection, classification and localization, mapping, air delivery, and autonomous flight, among others.

At the competition, Amador UAVs still ran into a litany of problems involving Boreas: the humidity messed with the sensors on the drone gimbal, the unmanned ground vehicle (land-based counterpart to the drone) crashed days before the competition, and their entire imaging stack stopped working the day of the competition, said senior software path planner Ethan Kuo.

Nonetheless, the team pulled through, even holding all-nighters to fix the technical issues and run final test flights.

On competition day, Gottschalk remembers carrying Boreas out to the testing runway right before it took off, and wishing it good luck, realizing that could be the last time he sees the drone in one piece.

"One of the most vivid moments of the trip was probably when the drone was coming down, probably 10 feet above the ground, and we're like 'Wow, this thing came back in one piece.' It hadn't crashed. It did its thing for the most part pretty well, so it was definitely exciting to see it come home," Gottschalk said.

No one in the Amador team, however, predicted Boreas's performance would bag them second place in the world.

Going into the awards ceremony, parent chaperone Sriram was confident they would finish in the top 15. But as the judges started counting down from the top 10 and Amador's name had yet to be called, his hopes diminished.

By the time fourth place was announced, senior Ethan Kuo started texting his parents that the team might not place at all. Fellow senior Ishan Duriseti "lost all hope" and stopped paying attention to the announcement screen.

That's why when lead judge Tom Sanders declared Amador the second-place finisher, the team could not believe their ears.

"I turned to look at everyone else, mouth gaping open, while the entire table shook from the combined and synchronized jump that swept over our team. The last week of sleep deprivation and all-nighters, annoyed arguments and improbable last minute clutches all caught up to me. With the largest, most genuine smile on my face, I cried," mechanical division member Dylan Kwong recalled.

Afterward, the team called and notified UAV founder Park, now a student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, of their accomplishment. Park was just as shocked — and proud.

'A crazy ride'

Between cooking meals, hanging out at the beach, lighting campfires and sharing a single shower among 14 people, the competition trip proved to be one of the most challenging yet rewarding

events the UAV team members ever experienced.

"We have been through so much together, from all the crashes in the past, things not working, conflicts between ourselves, and some much-needed success here and there," Duriseti said. "We spend time together outside of the club because at the end of the day, we are as much friends as we are a team. We share inside jokes and many, many memories that will be cherished for a lifetime."

The graduated seniors will leave behind a rich legacy for the next generations to build upon. For the incoming underclassmen members, Gottschalk's biggest piece of advice is to not only learn new robotics skills, but also keep their passion and interest in robotics alive.

"After we spent so many years trying different things, all sorts of mistakes left and right, you should really just be interested in it so you don't lose the drive when you get to failure, which you'll have plenty of," he said. "Don't be afraid to try some new things."

Even when the odds were stacked against them, Amador UAVs' performance in Maryland redefined what a financially limited, first-time public high school team can achieve at a competition of high caliber.

"It really showed us this doesn't just take the money, it takes the drive and the passion. We gotta make it work, take whatever opportunities we have and make the most of the possibilities we're given," Gottschalk said. "In the end, it's just been quite a crazy ride." ■



COURTESY AAYUSH GUPTA

Dylan Kwong (left) and mechanical development lead Justin Park (right) work on additional drone hardware at the group's Airbnb house during the Maryland competition.

'Little Shop of Horrors' at LPC amphitheater

College presenting cult classic musical with outdoor summer shows next week

By JEREMY WALSH

Be careful what you feed your plants — they just might start to like it.

The Las Positas College theater arts department is performing the satirical and scary sci-fi musical "Little Shop of Horrors" in the outdoor amphitheater at the Livermore campus during four evenings next week.

"I grew up watching this musical and it has always been one of my favorites. I am so honored to bring you my interpretation," director Dee Dee Stephens told the Weekly. "It's been a beautiful process. The students at Las Positas College are blowing me away with their commitment and talent. I've had a blast creating this show with them and now, we can't wait to share it with the audience."

Inspired by the cult classic B-movie of 1960 by director Roger Corman, "Little Shop of Horrors" was adapted into a musical by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (of "The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast" Disney fame) that debuted off-Broadway in 1982.

The musical film adaptation in 1986, also now a cult



ALEXANDRIA LISH / LPC

Mathew Glynn (Seymour) and Logan Schlutz (in costume as Audrey II) rehearse ahead of the debut of "Little Shop of Horrors."

movie, starred Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene, Levi Stubbs and Steve Martin, along with a string of memorable special appearances including Bill Murray.

The story follows floral assistant Seymour Krelborn who finds himself in possession of a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" after the coworker he longs for.

"This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it blood! Over time,

though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out-of-this-world origins and intent toward global domination," LPC reps said.

The college's cast stars Natalie Hawkins as Audrey and Mathew Glynn as Seymour, along with Logan Schlutz in costume as blood-thirsty plant Audrey II. Six of the cast members are part of the Actors Conservatory at LPC.

"When I was a kid my mom introduced me to one of her favorite musicals ever, 'Little Shop of Horrors.' I fell in love with it and have

longed to see it performed and be in it," said Colin FitzMaurice, a conservatory member who plays the sadistic dentist Orin.

"My mom loves this show so much that she's flying all the way from Tennessee to see me in it, so naturally I'm giving it 110%," FitzMaurice added. "I've had a wonderful time in this production and along with everyone else am putting in all the work I can to make it one to remember. As my last show at LasPo I know it'll be for the books and I'm so proud to say I'm a part of it."

Kaila Bimemiller, who portrays one of the backup-singing street urchins, said, "For my first summer show at Las Positas, I feel really fortunate to be working with Dee Dee and to be doing this iconic show. It has been such a giving and fruitful experience so far and I feel

like I've really grown in my craft as an actor and a performer. I cannot wait to get the show up on its feet and show the audience all the hard work, dedication and love we've put into this performance."

The LPC production runs next Thursday through Sunday (July 28-31), with showtime at 8 p.m. each night in the Mertes Center for the Arts outdoor amphitheater located at Building 4000 at the campus in Livermore.

Audience members can bring picnic meals or partake in desserts and snacks from food trucks onsite. Wine may be available for purchase through LPC's vitaculture program depending on availability and staffing. Lawn chairs and blankets are recommended.

For tickets and other information, visit laspositascollege.edu/theater. ■

'Take Me Out to the Ballgame'

Encore Players to showcase history of diversity in baseball

By CIERRA BAILEY

The Encore Players are bringing a new show, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Baseball Over the Years" to the Livermore Library Civic Center branch on Monday.

The in-person, readers theater event will take a journey through the history of the sport, specifically highlighting the progression of diversity over time from the Japanese American and Negro Leagues of the 1920s to women in baseball and more, according to a statement from the library.

The free program will also highlight legendary ballplayers such as Hank "The Hebrew Hammer" Greenberg, Yogi Berra, Jackie Robinson and others.

Organizers said that the "Baseball Over the Years" show marks the first indoor, in-person presentation by the Encore Players at the library since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Director Donna Blevins said that the approximately hour-long program intends to educate people about baseball's history in an engaging way.

"We want to make it interesting and even educational but we also want it to be fun," she said.

She added, "Our intention is for people to have a good experience

together. We're just starting to get back together — everything's been on Zoom. It's a chance to meet some people in the community, have fun and maybe learn something new."

Blevins said that the audience can expect to see a compilation of skits, readings, poetry and even reenactments of scenes from popular baseball movies, including the 1992 dramedy "A League of Their Own," which tells a fictionalized story about women in baseball during the World War II era. They will even have their own rendition of a seventh-inning stretch during the show.

Why baseball? Blevins said the theme was initially chosen simply for fun.

"It's a national pastime; it's summer but we also wanted to incorporate diversity," she said, adding that they decided underscoring the evolution of the sport would be a good way to bring in those elements.

In addition to members of the Encore Players, readers and performers for the show include volunteers from Sandia and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories.

The community theater group teamed up with lab employees earlier this year to present a

virtual performance of a series of monologues inspired by past and present abolitionists called "Abolitionist Monologues: When Freedom Speaks" for Black History Month.

Blevins said that the collaboration between the lab and the Encore Players stems from connections formed from her own previous employment at Sandia and help from Tony Baylis, LLNL's director for the Office of Strategic Diversity and Inclusion Programs who is also a board member for Shakespeare & Performing Arts Regional Company.

"Baseball Over the Years" is part of the library's Adult Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library.

Adults aged 18 and older are encouraged to participate in the summer reading program. Participants who earn eight or more badges will be placed into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate for local restaurants and businesses, according to the library's statement.

The event is set for 7 p.m. on Monday (July 25) in the library's storytime room. For more information, visit library.livermoreca.gov or the library's Facebook page. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

Committee on Energy and the Environment

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 5 p.m.

- StopWaste will be presenting a general overview of the organization and cover topics on which the City and StopWaste partner like Energy, MWELO and SB1383 implementation.

Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Instructions on how to participate and offer comments will be available after July 20, when the agenda is posted on the City's website at: cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/cd/planning/commission/planning_agenda.asp

- P21-1014, Zhengrui He, 4108 Foothill Road
Application for Design Review approval to construct a new, single-story, approximately 3,729-square-foot single-family residence, a new, single-story, related site improvements located at 4108 Foothill Road. The property is a zoned Planned Unit Development – Low Density Residential, Rural Density Residential, and Open Space (PUD-LDR/-RDR/OS) District.
- PUD-135, Alaina Stewart, 990 Sycamore Road
Application for an extension of the approved Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map 8528 associated with Planned Unit Development rezoning and development plan to construct four single-family residence lots and one lot with the existing residence and accessory structures on an approximately 3.28-acre site located at 990 Sycamore Road. The property is a zoned Planned Unit Development – Agriculture (PUD-A) District.
- Universal Design in New Residential Development
Consider amendments to Title 20 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code regarding universal design in new single-family, duplex and triplex residential development and review accessibility conditions of approval for multi-family residential development.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Tri-Valley police agencies ready for National Night Out

Members of local communities and local police departments are set to come together Aug. 2 in a yearly event meant to improve relations and create a collaboration of effort to prevent crime.

National Night Out has been held every first Tuesday of August in parts of the U.S. since 1984. In the Tri-Valley, the night in 2022 will include barbecues, parades, kids and adult activities and contests, and visits from local police and fire officials.

“Some neighborhoods will have potlucks and ice cream socials,” said Lindsay Ortiz, crime prevention specialist for the Danville Police Department.

The police department, fire department and council members from each community will be attending the event and are encouraging all residents to participate in their neighborhood.

“For us, it’s about building community — it’s a night of getting together and showing our support, and vice versa,” Ortiz said of Danville’s event.

National Night Out is meant to increase awareness about community programs and anti-crime efforts.

According to Ortiz, it has been proven effective to improve those relationships between residents and law enforcement.

“Learning who your neighbors are, getting to know your community and then for us as law enforcement, it’s a great positive interaction that we have,” Ortiz said.

The events are organized by neighborhood block watch programs, nonprofit organizations, local companies and police and fire departments.

The Pleasanton Police Department is inviting the community to come out to get to know their police force and neighbors during their celebration of National Night Out.

Pleasanton’s history with this event started close to 20 years ago and now includes 40 block parties. Each block party may include potlucks, barbecues, ice cream socials, live bands, bounce houses or kids parades.

If you are interested in hosting a National Night Out party in Pleasanton, register by today (July 22). Questions can be directed to crime prevention officials at 925-931-5100 or crimeprevention@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Police, fire and municipal officials are also holding National Night Out festivities in Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville. For more information, contact those police departments or visit natw.org.

—Jensen Giesick

In other news

• Ten catalytic converter thefts were reported on the same day to Pleasanton police last month, representing half of all calls to the department about the oft-stolen car part for the entire month of June.

“We suspect they may all be related, however we could only connect five of the cases based on the limited description of two male suspects driving a black SUV. The investigation is still ongoing,” Sgt. Marty Billdt told the Weekly.

“The rough timeframe is from 0215 to 0400 hours when witnesses/victims heard grinding noises and saw the black SUV driving off,” the sergeant added.

The incidents were reported to police between 3:38 a.m. and 1:08 p.m. June 27 in generally two areas of the city, according to the department’s online police blotter. It’s not uncommon for the theft to be noticed hours afterward, especially when overnight or when a vehicle has been parked for an extended period.

Half occurred roughly between Sunol Boulevard, downtown and Bernal Avenue -- the Junipero Street and Sonoma Drive intersection, Bonita Avenue, Salvador Court, Tamur Court and Hanover Court.

The other half were not far apart on Stoneridge Drive, Stoneridge Mall Road, Owens Drive and Hopyard Road.

Catalytic converters are a popular target for thieves because of their relative accessibility at the bottom of vehicles and the high recycling sale value of their parts. The thefts can be expensive for victims, to replace the costly converter and repair damage to their vehicle.

The crime is a focus of Pleasanton PD community outreach, according to Billdt.

“In the material, we highlight preventative measures like parking vehicles in garages when possible with the garage door closed. If that’s not possible, park in areas visible to

people, near windows, security cameras, or under lights when dark,” he said.

“We also recommend etching converters with the vehicle’s VIN number, a driver’s license or other means that makes it easier to trace the converter back to the owner if it is recovered,” he added. “There are also protective sleeves for converters available, often referred to as ‘cat strap’ or ‘car clamps’, that surround converters making it more difficult for thieves to cut through.”

For more information on preventative measures, contact the PPD crime prevention officer at 925-931-5245.

—Jeremy Walsh

• The Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office has announced a hearing will begin today for the coroner’s inquest into the death of Tyrell Wilson, who was shot by former sheriff’s deputy Andrew Hall in Danville last year.

“The purpose of the inquest, which Sheriff-Coroner David Livingston convenes in fatal incidents involving law enforcement, is to present the facts of the incident to a jury for their deliberation and finding on the manner of death,” the sheriff’s office said in a statement Monday.

The jury in a coroner’s inquest is presented with four options when making its finding: accident, suicide, natural causes or at the hands of another person other than by accident.

The hearing announcement — more than a year after Wilson’s death — follows a high-profile trial that culminated in Hall being sentenced for the shooting death of another man in Danville more than two years before Wilson’s death. Hall was convicted of assault with a firearm in the 2018 death of Laudemer Arboleda when a jury found him guilty last October. Hall was fired as a result of his felony conviction and then sentenced to a six-year prison term in March.

Wilson, 33, was shot by Hall in March 2021 near the Sycamore

Valley Road overpass above Interstate 680 in Danville on March 11, 2021, after police reported responding to calls of someone throwing rocks from the overpass. Wilson, a transient living outdoors near the overpass, was hospitalized in critical condition before succumbing to the single gunshot injury on March 17, 2021.

Hall was placed on paid administrative leave after the shooting, having been placed back on duty by Livingston following the 2018 shooting death of Arboleda. District Attorney Diana Becton announced criminal charges against Hall for Arboleda’s death in April 2021, a month after Wilson’s death.

While Hall was convicted on the assault charge brought by Becton’s office, the same jury deadlocked on a voluntary manslaughter charge that he also faced for Arboleda’s death.

In March, Wilson’s family agreed to a \$4.5 million settlement with the county. Arboleda’s family was paid \$4.9 million in a settlement agreement with the county last October. The two payouts resulted in Danville topping the list for liability costs among municipalities that contract with the sheriff’s office for police services, which have historically been low throughout the county.

Livingston, who beat out challenger Benjamin Theriault in the June primary election, was the subject of criticism for public statements supporting Hall following his conviction, and has himself launched criticism at Becton for bringing charges against Hall for Arboleda’s death. Becton also beat out challenger Mary Knox in June, leaving her and Livingston both in their respective positions for another four-year term.

Proceedings in the coroner’s inquest into Wilson’s death are set to kick off at 9 a.m. today (July 22). The hearing will be held in-person at the Wakefield Taylor Courthouse in Martinez and will be open to the public. ■

—Jeanita Lyman

Larry L. Shaw

December 22, 1934 – June 29, 2022

Larry, a 52 year resident of Pleasanton, passed away peacefully on June 29th at home surrounded by his family after a brief battle with Leukemia. He was a beloved husband of 57 years to Carol, loving father to Kerry Miller (Mike) and Eric Shaw (Margaret), an adored Grandpa of Justin Miller, Conner Miller, Alexis Shaw, Sophia Shaw and a newly Great Grandpa to Addison Miller.



He was born in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, to Bert Shaw and Inger Mikelson. As a child he lived in Westly, Wisc. Newton Iowa and Northfield Minnesota. He attended Saint Olaf College where he was a stand-out on the track team, graduating in 1957. In 1958 Larry moved west accepting a position at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a physicist. He spent most of his time at the lab working on hydrodynamic test diagnostics, specializing in ultra-high speed photography. He worked at the Lab for 36 years, retiring in 1994.

Larry was extremely active and had numerous interests and hobbies. He enjoyed fly fishing with friends, traveling with his wife Carol, relaxing in “his chair” with a good book and listening to music. He was a longtime member of SIR branch 101 in Livermore, and enjoyed the monthly luncheons with friends discussing a wide variety of topics. He was a huge sports enthusiast and enjoyed watching all the local teams compete.

Larry will be missed by friends and family and will be remembered with love and fondness by all who knew him. A celebration of life will be held August 20th, 11:00 am, at Lynnewood United Methodist Church located at 4444 Black Ave. Pleasanton, CA. 94566.

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 16

Domestic battery

■ 7:00 a.m. on Bernal Avenue

Warrant arrest

■ 10:55 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

July 15

Drug violation

■ 11:31 p.m. at Franklin and Johnson drives

July 14

Alcohol violation

■ 1:01 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Warrant arrest

■ 7:06 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Domestic battery

■ 11:39 a.m. on Owens Drive

DUI

■ 11:37 p.m. on the 300 block of Main Street

July 13

Domestic battery

■ 3:20 p.m. On Santa Rita Road

Catalytic converter theft

■ 5:46 p.m. on the 7900 block of Stoneridge Drive

Fraud

■ 6:11 p.m. on the 1100 block of Mataro Court

July 12

Drug violation

■ 10:23 a.m. on the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road

July 11

Drug violation

■ 12:15 a.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

Theft

■ 9:39 a.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; auto theft

■ 3:17 p.m. on the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

■ 12:34 p.m. on the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road

Fraud

■ 7:04 p.m. on the 1900 block of Fiorio Circle

July 10

Weapons violation

■ 2:12 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Warrant arrest

■ 2:26 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Koll Center Parkway

■ 6:07 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road

Drug violation

■ 12:21 p.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Criminal threats

■ 12:37 p.m. on the 1000 block of Valley Avenue

Vandalism

■ 12:58 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Bicycle theft

■ 7:43 p.m. on the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue

By BOARD PRESIDENT MARK MILLER

Investing district property assets for the future of our students

Over the last year, the Pleasanton Unified School District has engaged in a comprehensive facilities master planning process to assess existing property assets and determine needs relating to aging school facilities.

In the fall of 2021, the trustees took action to include three district properties in the city's Housing Element plan. This action was taken to leverage existing, underutilized property assets to enhance existing school facilities and ensure future



generations of students have access to modern facilities in which to learn, play and grow.

At our request, the city of Pleasanton included the three properties — district office, a vacant property off of Vineyard Avenue, and a portion of the Donlon school field — in the city's Housing Element plan earlier this year. We engaged with various community partners around each of the three properties and received helpful input.

Last week, Superintendent David Haglund requested that one of those properties, the field adjacent to Donlon Elementary School, be removed from the city's Housing Element plan.

By preserving the portion of Donlon

field, we hope to make a different kind of investment in the school and the surrounding community.

To that end, PUSD looks forward to ongoing discussions with the city to build consensus around a plan that would benefit both the school and neighborhood. This could include a joint-use agreement relating to the Donlon field that provides for shared field space that serves our students and families, as well as the neighborhood residents.

At our July 14 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the acquisition of an existing Hacienda Business Park property referred to as the Arroyo Building. This move will allow a majority of district office functions to be

centralized in one location, and eliminate anticipated expenses related to modernization of the current facility.

The current district office property at 4665 Bernal Ave. is extremely valuable given the need for housing as well as its proximity to downtown and public transportation. The 7 acres of the existing property being considered for sale, have been assessed by the district's real estate brokers at \$31 million to \$34 million, compared to the \$23.5 million purchase price of the new office space.

The proceeds of the sale of the Bernal property would not only cover the cost of purchasing the new facility and any tenant improvements; the funds would also provide resources to invest in other facility (capital) improvements that would directly benefit PUSD students.

As an added benefit, the Arroyo property hosts leased office space, which presents an additional revenue source yielding an annual return of approximately \$1 million.

As fiscal stewards for our students

and the broader community, this acquisition is an investment that just makes sense. By preserving approximately 3 acres of the Bernal property, we will pave the way for vital facility improvements at Village High School and space for the growing Pleasanton Virtual Academy.

Village High School students are currently housed in buildings constructed in the 1950s on a campus with significant safety and ADA-compliance issues. We can and must do better for a growing population of students that benefit from a non-traditional school option.

As a community, it is vital that we come together to ensure all Pleasanton students have access to high quality school facilities, including innovative spaces to learn, play, perform and compete. ■

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LETTERS

Vote for Julie Testa

It is good news for Pleasanton residents that Julie Testa is running for a second term on the City Council. As a long-term resident of Pleasanton and active for years serving on different boards and committees, Julie understands Pleasanton residents and the need to protect neighborhoods and the downtown from excessive development.

Julie Testa is an important member of the current "slow-growth" council majority — a slim 3-2 majority — that won't give in to powerful and well-funded developer/insider forces who hope to gain billions in future developments in Pleasanton.

Vote for Julie Testa for a second term as city councilmember.

—Susan Reid

UC retirees take note

University of California retirees among your readership should be aware that when a retiree dies, it can take many months for UC to transfer benefits like pension and health plans to the retiree's next of kin, usually a spouse.

These are benefits that the bereaved are entitled to under UC's retirement program. The delays are administrative, and in time the benefits do become available. But the interim can be slow and frustrating for someone who has just lost a loved one and has trouble navigating the UC system. It can also be financially devastating if the next of kin has no other source of income.

We are board members of the Livermore Laboratory Retirees Association, and most of our members are UC retirees. The widows of several deceased members have experienced months without the benefits due them because of processing delays. One is now at seven months and still waiting.

Through our newsletter, we have advised members to make sure next of kin can cover costs for at least six months in case an unexpected tragedy occurs. We are writing this letter to pass on the same advice to the many UC retirees outside our organization.

We're sure the problem will eventually be fixed, but in the meantime it would be prudent for all UC retirees to make sure next of kin have resources to cover their needs for six months or more.

—Julio Diaz, Bill Gish and Jeff Garberson

Two wrongs made right

In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, said: Black people are not legal "persons" according to the U.S. Constitution. (Dred Scott)

1. A slave is the property of the owner and can be bought and sold, even killed by the owner at the owner's discretion. 2. Although he may have a heart and a brain, and he may be human life biologically, a slave is not a human person.

3. A black person only becomes a legal person when he or she is set free. Before that time we should not concern ourselves about him because he has no legal rights.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision said unborn babies

are not legal "persons" according to the U.S. Constitution. (Roe v Wade)

1. An unborn baby is the property of the mother and she can have the baby killed by abortion. This can be done at any time until birth.

2. Although the baby has a heart and a brain, and she may be human life biologically, an unborn baby is not a legal person. 3. A baby only becomes a legal person when he or she is born. Before that we should not concern ourselves about him because he has no legal rights.

Margaret Sanger who started Planned Parenthood targeted minority neighborhoods, and it is still true today.

Thank God the Supreme Court made these two wrongs right.

—Beverly McWilliams

We need a balanced court

Nowhere in the Constitution does it say that we have to have nine Supreme Court justices. Nor would it require a constitutional amendment to add more seats. In fact, Congress has expanded the Supreme Court five times throughout American history.

Congress should use its constitutional authority to rebalance the Supreme Court, which has been taken over by a supermajority that holds extreme views outside of the mainstream of legal thought and out of step with most Americans.

That's why Congress must pass the Judiciary Act, which would add four seats to the Supreme Court and help stem the right-wing supermajority's attacks on our fundamental freedoms, including the right to access abortion care.

There's nothing stopping Congress

from adding justices — except for the political will to do it, of course. In fact, recent polling showed that the majority of the American voters they represent support expanding the court. That's why I'm urging Congress to pass to support the Judiciary Act of 2021 and add four seats to the Supreme Court.

—Arlene Williamson

Horseplay over green energy?

Local special-interest groups advocate for equestrian arenas on agricultural land while blocking a solar farm. Jean King of Friends of Livermore has argued for loosening the restrictions of Measure D, which seeks to preserve open space and farmland.

These groups have also maintained that the measure must remain strictly enforced, sometimes at the same County Supervisors meeting. FoL and Friends of Open Space and Vineyards are currently blocking the Aramis solar project with a lawsuit.

Not only are these special-interest groups prioritizing horse arenas over clean energy during a climate crisis, but they seem willing to say anything to do it, no matter how hypocritical or harmful.

They claim solar farms aren't necessary, as we can get all the clean energy we need from rooftop solar. To meet California's goals for clean energy, we will need both utility-scale solar as well as rooftop solar, according to the U.S. Department of Energy's 2021 report. Depending on rooftop solar alone to solve the climate crisis is like smugly trying to put out a California wildfire with a water pistol.

—Alan Marling

Employment

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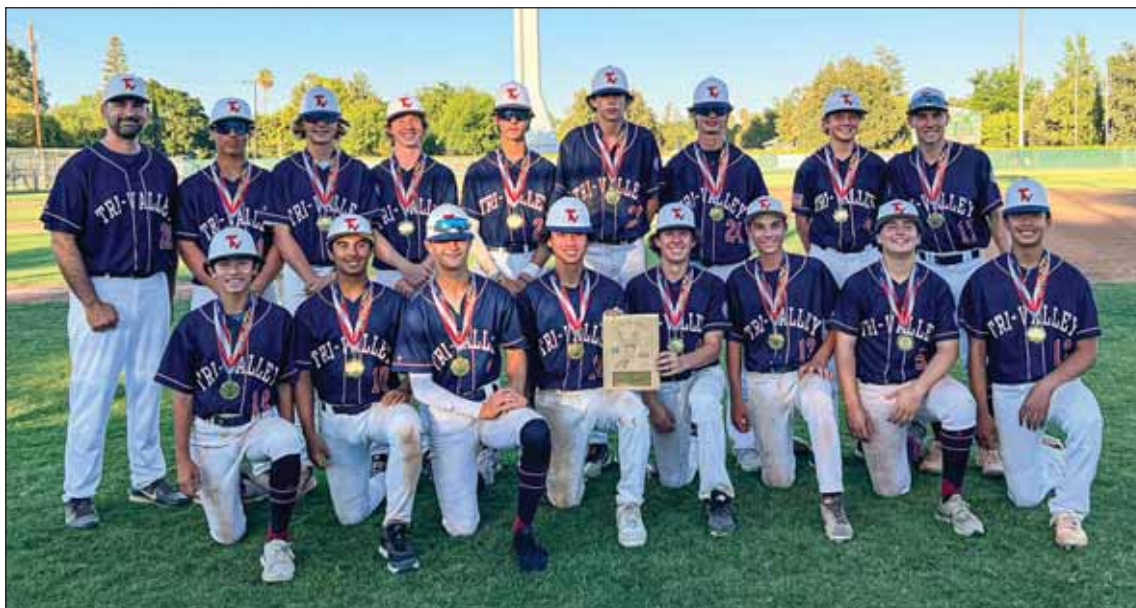
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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER



COURTESY TRI-VALLEY BABE RUTH

Fresh off their Northern California championship, the Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 14 All-Stars begin the regionals tournament next week with their eye on a World Series berth.

Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 14 All-Stars win NorCal tournament

Advance to regionals next week for chance at World Series

I have always taken an interest in Babe Ruth baseball being played during the summer months and share in the excitement when our local sides advance through the All-Star tournaments.

In the late 1970s, I was a member of the Pleasanton Babe Ruth All-Star team that advanced through the district tournament and on to the state tournament before having our season ended.

So, when I see another local side — in this instance the Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 14 All-Stars — win another state tournament and advance to regionals, it puts a smile on my face.

The 14s rolled through the state event for the second straight time and now will be heading to regionals in hopes of earning a spot in the Babe Ruth World Series.

The Northern California tournament took place in Woodland, and Tri-Valley went through it 3-0, outscoring their opponents 31-3 in the three games.

In the first game, Tri-Valley opened with a 6-1 win over Washington Manor. George Schmitt Jr. led the way at the plate with a triple.

The game was all about the pitching, something that carried the team throughout the event.

Ryan Cooney started and went four innings, allowing two hits and

walking one, but he struck out five. Brennan Baptist threw two innings, giving up one hit and the lone run, but struck out five in the short stint.

Christian Morales went the final inning, giving up two hits and striking out three.

The second game was a 15-0 laughter over Woodland, the tournament host. Kade Robertson and Baptist each had a double to lead the offensive attack.

Grant Hoeninger got the call on the mound and went the first three, allowing one hit and striking out four. Anthony Luy went the final inning in the game that was shortened by the mercy rule. Luy got a pair of strikeouts to close the game.

The win sent Tri-Valley into the title game, where they were able to relax and watch the other teams battle to get to the championship.

By the time it was over, Tri-Valley knocked off Woodland again, this time 10-2 to win the title. Hoeninger had a double to lead the way on offense. Cooney again got the start on the mound and responded by walking just one batter and striking out four in three innings of work.

Baptist, Morales, Luy and Eli Davidson each threw an inning to allow three hits, two runs, and striking out six.

Next up for Tri-Valley is the Southwest Regional, July 25-30 at Hanford High. They open the tournament next Monday taking on Central California (Santa Maria).

The carrot at the end of the stick is a spot in the Babe Ruth World Series, Aug. 11-21 in Williston, N.D.

The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 14s is led by manager Andrew Crabill (Amador Valley alumnus, San Diego State alum and member 2011 World Series 13s champs) and coach John Flora.

The players are Aiden Foley (Amador-freshman), Anthony Luy (Foothill-sophomore), Brennan Baptist (Amador-sophomore), Christian Morales (Foothill-freshman), Dylan Souza (Foothill-freshman), Eli Davidson (Foothill-freshman), George Schmitt (Foothill-freshman), Grant Hoeninger (Foothill-freshman), Hudson Flora (Foothill-freshman), Jake Tsunemoto (SRV-freshman), Kade Robertson (Amador-freshman), Matteo Minnite (Foothill-freshman), Nic Fox (Cal-sophomore), RJ Manicki (Foothill-freshman) and Ryan Cooney (Foothill-freshman).

Well done boys and carry the Babe Ruth local program all the way! ■

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

Entertainment

JUNGLE BOOK KIDS The Sparks Players & Lil Sparks perform The Jungle Book Kids at the Firehouse Arts Center, based on the Disney movie and Rudyard Kipling's book. 2 p.m., July 22; 7 p.m., July 23. Tickets \$10. Visit firehousearts.org.

LEE ROCKER OF THE STRAY CATS Grammy-nominated Stray Cats founder and upright slap bassist Lee Rocker will rock the Bankhead performing Stray Cats hits and songs he performed with other music legends. Tickets \$20-\$45. 8 p.m., July 22. Visit livermorearts.org. Bankhead Theater.

CITY CENTER UNPLUGGED Celebrate summer with City Center Unplugged, a Friday evening outdoor music series featuring an array of local bands. Grab an outside table, enjoy a leisurely dinner and catch some of the tunes that will be filling Alexander Square. 6-8 p.m.

PLEASANTON CONCERTS IN THE PARK The Pleasanton Downtown Association's popular Concert in the Park series takes place every Friday night through August 26th, featuring an eclectic mix of music from classic rock, blues and big band to today's hits. The free concerts run from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park. July 22, Burton & Co.

NEWSIES THE BROADWAY MUSICAL Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Presents Newsies the Broadway Musical, based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899. This Disney musical tells the story of Jack Kelly, a rebellious newsboy who dreams of a life as an artist away from the big city. July 23-24; 30-31. Tickets \$21-\$39. Visit livermorearts.org. Bankhead Theater.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE VINEYARD Shakespeare in the Vineyard is back and bigger than ever with SPARC Theater. 7:30 p.m., July 23-24, July 29-30, Aug. 5-7. Visit sparctheater.org/shakespeareinthevineyard. Darcie Kent Vineyards, 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore.

TUESDAY TUNES IN LIVERMORE Enjoy Tuesday tunes through August 16. Shea Homes Stage, Livermore Plaza, 2400 First St. 6:45 p.m.

LAS POSITAS PRESENTS LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical, "Little Shop of Horrors" has devoured the hearts of theater-goers for more than 30 years. 8 p.m., July 28-31. Tickets \$10-\$20. LPC's Mertes Center for the Arts, outdoor amphitheater. Visit laspositascollege.edu.

MUSIC IN THE ORCHARD Visit the popular Music in the Orchard at the Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort and Spa. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy talented musicians while supporting local students. July 28. Visit purpleorchid.com/music-in-the-orchard.

626 NIGHT MARKET AT THE FAIRGROUNDS The iconic California festival features hundreds of food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music and entertainment that

appeals to all ages. Tickets \$5. July 29-31. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

VASCO ROAD JAM IN JULY Livermore's Vasco Row at the corner of Vasco and Research will be hosting a day of live music, food trucks and local vendors. 2-8 p.m., July 30.

Talks

LIVERMORE LIBRARY CELEBRATES BASEBALL'S DIVERSE HISTORY Encore Players and volunteers from Sandia and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories present an in-person show titled "Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Baseball Over the Years". This free educational program is 7-8 p.m., July 25. Civic Center Library.

NATURE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD The Livermore Public Library LARPD are hosting Nature in Your Neighborhood at the Springtown Branch Library. The event will start with a Ranger presentation about wildlife that is local to the area and participants will take a short walk through the open space behind the library. This free event is 5 p.m., July 26. 998 Bluebell Dr.

A RAILROAD HISTORY OF LIVERMORE The Livermore Public Library and the Livermore Heritage Guild present Then & Now: Livermore Stories, a local history lecture series. Alan Frank will present "Parallel Paths: A Railroad History of Livermore". 7 p.m., July 27. Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library.

SCIENCE DAY AT LIVERMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY Staff from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will share a 3-D printing demonstration and host a career question and answer session with women in STEM fields. Quest Science Center will also offer a hands-on activity at each program designed for students in grades 4-6 but all are welcome to attend. No registration required. 2 p.m., Aug. 2, Rincon Library; 11 a.m., Aug 9, Civic Center Library.

CRITTERS IN YOUR BACKYARD Learn about what kind of critters you can find at home, from birds to insects and the most common animals that call a backyard home. 2 p.m., Aug. 7. Sycamore Grove Park. RSVP to dsousa@larpd.org or call 925-960-2400.

Exhibits

MUSEUM ON MAIN EXPLORES HORSE RACING HISTORY Pleasanton's rich history of horse racing is the subject of its newest exhibit: The Home Stretch. Using rarely seen material from the Alameda County Fair Archives and interviews given by over three dozen veterans of Pleasanton racing, as well as items lent by trainers, shoers and other members of Pleasanton's racing community. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Through July 30.

THE ARTISTS AMONG US: NATIVE PEOPLE TODAY A new, powerful exhibit by artists from the Bay Area and beyond, representing different tribes and all visually representing their life experiences as Native artists. This exhibit aims to bring art that

represents Native culture in all of its contemporary forms. Thursdays-Sundays, 1-5 p.m., June 2-July 31. Bankhead Theater.

Outdoor Movies

EMERALD GLEN FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES The City of Dublin's free outdoor movie series begins at dusk and guests are encouraged to bring low back chairs and/or blankets. Food and snack vendors begin at 6:30 p.m. Pets are not allowed. Visit dublin.ca.gov. July 22; Luca.

Family

STORYTIME IN THE PARK The Livermore Public Library is hosting Music & Movement storytimes at various neighborhood parks around Livermore every Saturday through Aug. 13. No registration is required for this free event. 10 a.m., July 23, Big Trees Park, 5470 Kathy Way.

BOOK BINGO NIGHT The Rincon Branch Library is hosting a Book Bingo Night, a free evening of fun for the whole family. 6:30-7:30 p.m., July 25.

FAMILY DAYS AT MUSEUM ON MAIN Enjoy an afternoon playing with all types of toys and games including old time wooden toys, optical illusion toys, carnival games and retro toys. Participants will be able to make some toys to take home. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aug. 6. 603 Main St., Pleasanton.

RECREATION SWIM AT ROBERT LIVERMORE AQUATIC CENTER Stay cool this summer on summer nights as LARPD hosts Hot Nights Recreation Swim every Friday throughout the summer in the activity pool of the Robert Livermore Aquatic Center. 6-8 p.m. Cost \$6.

THE WAVE WATERPARK The Wave Waterpark, owned by the city of Dublin, is open through Sept. 5. For more information visit thedublinwave.com or call 925-574-4800.

Hobbies

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS LEMONADE SOCIAL Join the Lemonade Social and bring a bag lunch and a chair. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., July 29. Palomares Park, 7050 Villareal Dr., Castro Valley. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

Support

VA PALO ALTO MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team to facilitate examinations, consultations and referrals for enrolled veterans. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., July 25. 400 Old Bernal Ave.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP Tri-Valley Haven will hold an in-person support group for survivors of domestic violence. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., July 25. Email olga@trivalleyhaven.org or call Sharon

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Fantastic Flock

Flock is a furry, friendly feline looking for her forever family. She's a fan of having fun and finding her way to finagle some snuggling. She'll be a fantastic fit for your family! Learn more about Flock and other cats and dogs at valleyhumane.org. Email info@valleyhumane.org to start the adoption application process. #ShareTheCare

at 925-449-5847 ext. 2607. 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

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., July 26.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS NAMI Tri-Valley will co-sponsor with NAMI Alameda County and Axis Community Health a 1-day informative educational Suicide Prevention Workshop for Family Caregivers. This virtual workshop is at no cost, but registration is required. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Aug. 7. Visit nami-trivalley.org.

HOPE HOSPICE WORKS OF HOPE ART DRIVE Help Hope Hospice bring joy to patients through the gift of art. Individuals are invited to create or donate existing artwork that will be distributed to patients living in Tri-Valley care facilities. The art drive is open through August 19. Visit HopeHospice.com/art.

FREE SHOWER & LAUNDRY SERVICES Monday-Wednesday, 12-4 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore.

FREE HOT MEALS Prepared by Open Heart Kitchen. Monday-Friday, 1-3 p.m. 4444 East Ave, Livermore. Dine-in or take-out. Visit openheartkitchen.org.

GOODNESS VILLAGE NEEDS DRIVERS Goodness Village in Livermore, a Tiny Home Community that provides affordable and permanent housing

options for people experiencing chronic homelessness, is looking for drivers to help get residents to appointments. Visit gvlivermore.org.

DONATE TO TRI-VALLEY HAVEN THRIFT SHOP Profits from the thrift store go directly into funding programs and services. Shelter clients receive vouchers to shop at the store for free for themselves and their children. Visit trivalleyhaven.org.

Seniors

ANDROID SMARTPHONE TRAINING Schedule a free training class at the Pleasanton Senior Center to make a smartphone louder and easier to hear, send or receive text messages, connect Bluetooth devices and more. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., July 22. For a reservation call 925-931-5365.

PLEASANTON RIDES FOR SENIORS Serving eligible Pleasanton seniors with transportation needs throughout Pleasanton and to select destinations in the Tri-Valley. Pleasanton Rides is a door-to-door shared-ride transportation. For reservations and information call 925-398-1045.

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT Family Caregiver Support program provides case management for persons responsible for the care of a loved one. The program offers resources, planning and implementation of care and respite options, long term planning and guest speakers. 10 a.m., July 25. Email jslater@ssptv.org.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

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The following person doing business as: Orgination, 6330 Stoneridge Mall Road, E202, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Barbara Dominguez, 6330 Stoneridge Mall Road, E202, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Barbara Dominguez, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Barbara Dominguez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 10, 2022. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 8, 15, 22, 29 2022.)

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DUBLIN

4845 Mangrove Drive (T) \$839,000
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PLEASANTON

409 Neal Street \$2,289,000
Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 3BD/2.5BA
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3665 Huff Ct \$1,895,000
Sat/Sun 2:00-4:00 4BD/3BA
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3422 Torlano Place \$3,395,000
Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 5BD/2.5BA
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Legend: Condo (C), Townhome (T).

Agents: Submit open homes at PleasantonWeekly.com/real_estate

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 23-27 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and June 13-17 for San Ramon.

1155 Mataro Court Hoggatt Trust to N. & A. Adil for \$2,750,000

4127 Moller Drive N. Maggi to Y. & H. Shin for \$1,450,000

7795 Olive Drive Balthazor Living Trust to L. & V. Nguyen for \$1,858,000

3205 Omega Circle Bencotter Trust to M. & M. Rathore for \$2,875,000

6702 Paseo Catalina Soong Trust to V. & H. Sodha for \$2,120,000

3243 Picadilly Court M. Bisson to V. & M. Deshmukh for \$1,805,000

3687 Reflections Drive Smith Trust to R. & S. Thota for \$1,625,000

8003 Rockford Place Chan Living Trust to K. & Y. Tsang for \$4,150,000

Source: California REsource

Pleasanton

3118 Arbor Drive D. & P. Reardon to J. & H. Kukkamalla for \$2,413,500

367 Bernal Court C. Boyd to P. & R. Ghosh for \$985,000

6930 Corte Mercado Sullivan Family Trust to Wetzig Family Trust for \$2,476,000

2806 Garden Creek Circle Gupta Family Trust to S. & A. Triguna for \$1,600,000

4514 Gatetree Circle Tuohy Family Trust to Carter Trust for \$2,100,000

5667 Hansen Drive G. & S. Lachica to B. & H. Chen for \$1,642,000

5092 Hillcrest Way A. & R. Hayes to S. & B. Beall for \$1,899,000

3128 Joanne Circle N. & K. Kvale to A. & J. Subramani for \$2,000,000

4270 Krause Court Y. Zhu to A. & A. Shirke for \$1,845,000

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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3422 Torlano Place, Ruby Hill
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JUST LISTED
Listed at \$2,289,000

409 Neal Street, Pleasanton
3 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 2,262 Square Feet



JUST LISTED
Listed at \$1,389,000

125 Sylvia Circle, Pleasanton
3 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 1,412 Square Feet



FOR SALE
Listed at \$1,895,000

3665 Huff Court, Pleasanton
4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 2,437 Square Feet



FOR SALE
Listed at \$6,500,000

1012 Shotwell Court, Pleasanton
6 Bedrooms | 6.5 Bathrooms | 7,129 Square Feet



FOR SALE
Listed at \$2,295,000

1147 Mataro Court, Pleasanton
4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 2,401 Square Feet



COMING SOON
Listed at \$2,495,000

579 Trebbiano Place, Ruby Hill
4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 2,806 Square Feet



COMING SOON
Listed at \$2,795,000

6900 Riddell Street, Pleasanton
5 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms | 3,246 Square Feet



COMING SOON
Listed at \$2,295,000

6981 Corte Antonio, Pleasanton
4 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 2,401 Square Feet



PENDING
Listed at \$1,399,000

5980 Corte Cerritos, Pleasanton
3 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 1,745 Square Feet



PENDING
Listed at \$1,645,000

3607 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton
4 Bedrooms | 2.5 Bathrooms | 2,562 Square Feet



PENDING
Representing Buyers

4282 Nottingham Drive, Danville
4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 3,349 Square Feet



PENDING
Listed at \$1,799,000

4515 Gatetree Circle, Pleasanton
4 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 2,172 Square Feet



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JUST LISTED | \$2,250,000
4471 LINDA WAY, PLEASANTON



OPEN HOUSE | 7/23-7/24 | 1-4PM

JUST LISTED | CALL FOR PRICING
4854 BRAXTON PLACE, PLEASANTON



JUST LISTED | \$1,149,000

7368 STONEDALE DRIVE, PLEASANTON
4 BED | 2.5 BATH | 2,119 SQFT



PENDING | LIST PRICE \$2,898,000

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Presented at \$1,200,000

PENDING



2570 Chateau Way, Livermore

Located in one of Livermore's premier locations with its sought after downtown area & the Rodeo grounds. The 2,125 Sq. Ft. of living space offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, indoor laundry with a spacious lot of 11,767 Sq. Ft. Features include side yard & RV/boat access, a 3 car garage and a detached shed/workshop. Updates throughout the home offers ease of enjoyment. A community pool is close by for that summer fun.

Presented at \$1,540,000

SOLD



10405 Ager Rd., Montague, CA

A rancher's dream – this 100 Acre ranch boasts a 2,600 Sq. Ft. hand hewn log home, a steel sided 40' X 60' Pole Barn with a workshop & an attached guest suite, fenced and cross fenced for livestock, 2 ponds, a well producing about 45 gal./min., enhanced with amazing panoramic views of Mt. Shasta & Black Mtn.

Sold at \$880,000

SOLD



500 Happy Valley Rd., Pleasanton

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Pleasanton

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