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# WHAT A WEEK



By JEREMY WALSH

## Lasting Memories

One of the many tasks assigned to me as editorial director is to approve online obituaries submitted by designated family members or friends (or the funeral home) in remembrance of loved ones who have died.

I don't edit with a heavy hand because they're usually written just the way the family wants it, but I do read each one closely. The story of a community is reflected by the lives of those who lived there and made it what it was and what it is today.

I've penned my fair share of news obits, which are traditional articles written as straight journalism independent of the family's direction — generally, the passing of a local public figure or other influential resident.

But I've never had the need to author a family member's obituary thus far. I was asked to copy edit the remembrance of my grandfather, Francis M. Walsh, before it published in the local paper, but I certainly was not the lead writer. I like to think I'll be ready for that difficult day when it arrives though.

The obits on our Lasting Memories page online, along with those that run in our print edition, always seem so insightful and heartfelt while also filled with such detail about the person's life.

That's partly why I read through them so intently. I have no shame in admitting, however, that there is a professional interest as well.

Not every notable death comes on our editorial radar courtesy of a press release or direct message — although I very much appreciate the time and effort involved when people do reach out to us.

There have been at least a couple dozen situations where I learned of a former local leader's passing from the family obituary on our Lasting Memories. Coming right to mind was the article I wrote after reading that L. Arnold Abrott, who served on the Pleasanton City Council and local school board in the 1950s and '60s, died in 2021 at age 105. What an imprint Abrott left.

Other times, with my hard-nosed reporter hat on, I can spot clues about a possible death in the public sphere based on a family obit too — such as if it's about a person in their 20s or 30s with no mention of an illness or cause, it can mean something happened like a fatal crash or even homicide out of the local area. I've had multiple instances of that lead to news coverage.

Learning about the lives of fellow

residents is part of learning about our shared history as a community, which is so important for social reflection and social growth. And on the individual level, writing or reading an obituary about someone close in your life (present or past) can be so cathartic for the grief process.

I'm proud the Weekly provides opportunities for both the personal and collective contemplation via Lasting Memories and our own coverage.

If you haven't seen it yet, I recommend checking out last week's Art Space on our DanvilleSanRamon.com in which blogger John A. Barry remembered Tri-Valley artist and teacher Beth Batchelor, who founded the Alamo Danville Artists' Society. Batchelor passed away earlier this summer at 105 years old.

Over on our obits page, I was fascinated to learn more about the life of Rob Allen, a paleontologist, author and family man from Pleasanton, a beautiful narrative written by his wife Jerri Pantages Long, who has freelanced for us in the past.

Long's is one of three obituaries you can also read in this week's paper.

Dr. Len Cheney left his mark on many a mouth in Pleasanton, as a longtime orthodontist in town (who also enjoyed auto and sailboat racing among many hobbies). Patricia Lanning's obit highlights her devotion to animals, including as a racehorse owner and parimutuel clerk.

We've actually had a run of obituaries in recent weeks, between the paper and website; they sometimes come in waves, for whatever reason.

Herlinda Orozco (86) was the matriarch of the family behind the Casa Orozco restaurants. Charles F. Crohare (91) oversaw the Tri-Valley's largest olive orchard for decades. You'd often see Patti Taylor (68) at Amador Valley Quilters or Pleasanton Rose Show events. Tom Lembo (87) ran Lotsa Pasta in Danville with his wife Diane for years.

And just recently the family of Jimmie McClure, former longtime Foothill High School counselor and coach, submitted an obituary about his death in May at 81 ahead of the celebration of life at the Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Pleasanton this weekend.

Read those Tri-Valley obits and others on our Lasting Memories page online at [pleasantonweekly.com/obituaries](http://pleasantonweekly.com/obituaries). ■

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Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund poses for a photograph at Foothill High School on July 27. Photo by Christian Trujano. Cover design by Doug Young. Vol. XXIV, Number 29



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**Madeline Hammes, Kate Pecoraro, Zoe Landis and Moose**  
*Elementary school students*

We're all so excited to head back to school soon. We'll get to see all of our friends again, and also our teachers from last year. We've really had enough of summer already.



**Eknoor K. Singh**  
*Elementary school student*

I'm very excited to get back to school because I truly love learning new things. We might even get to dissect something this year, and start learning about the periodic table. I want to be a chemist when I grow up.



**Anik Singh**  
*Elementary school student*

I'm happy school is starting so early this year because I just can't wait to get to kindergarten. Plus, I'll finally be in the same school as my big sister. I can't wait to be able to give her a big hug whenever I see her on the playground.



**Kellan Patel**  
*Elementary school student*

I'm sad that the summer is ending because it seems to have gone by so quickly. But on the other hand, I'll be happy to get back to school because I'll be able to see and spend time with all of my school friends.



**Jackson Cash**  
*Student*

I'm really excited. Getting back to school will give me so many opportunities to learn new things I don't already know, meet new people and make new connections. I think the timing is absolutely perfect. I feel like I've had plenty of time to spend with family and friends, and now it will be great to move on and see what the future has in store for me.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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## DIGEST

### Try Transit to School

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority is again offering its Try Transit to School promotion, which allows local middle and high school students to ride for free on all Wheels bus routes during the first weeks of school.

The program, which runs through Sept. 4, applies to all regularly scheduled Wheels and Rapid bus routes in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin to give students a taste of “how easy it is to ride Wheels to and from school,” LAVTA officials said, adding, “Students can also use this opportunity to ride transit to hang out with friends, go to work, shopping and other fun activities.”

The agency also announced new schedule changes will affect bus routes in all three cities to better accommodate the start of the school year and connect with school timelines: Routes 501, 502, 503 and 504 in Dublin; Routes 602 and 604 in Pleasanton; and two Route 15 afternoon trips in Livermore.

Visit [wheelsbus.com](http://wheelsbus.com) or call 925-455-7500.

### EBRPD response info

The East Bay Regional Park District recently launched a new web-based system to make information about the agency’s police and fire departments more accessible and transparent to the public, officials said.

“The system also includes an interactive webpage with near real-time mapping of police and fire activity, including location, date and time, a general description and outcome,” EBRPD said. “The new system also allows the public to sign up for daily or weekly email updates with a summary of public safety activity and links to more information.”

Provided by Sun Ridge Systems, Inc., the new Citizen RIMS and housed on [Crimegraphics.com](http://Crimegraphics.com) will allow email updates to be automatic rather than manually input by staff. Go to [ebparks.org](http://ebparks.org).

### Free therapy

Tri-Valley Haven is offering short-term therapy (up to 10 counseling sessions at no cost) to people and families who have experienced trauma such as domestic violence or sexual assault.

“We provide individual and family therapy for children, teenagers and adults,” Tri-Valley Haven reps said. “In addition to individual and family counseling, we facilitate two ongoing support groups: Healing Through Art, which helps to overcome destructive effects of past trauma and abuse, and a DV Support Group for survivors of domestic violence.”

Call 925-449-5845 ext. 5 or visit [trivalleyhaven.org](http://trivalleyhaven.org). ■

## Livermore Lab scientists achieve fusion ignition for second time

Results of July experiment still under review, officials say, as news makes international headlines

**By CIERRA BAILEY**  
The National Ignition Facility at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has recently repeated scientific energy breakeven after initially doing so for the first time in history back in December, lab officials have confirmed.

In an experiment conducted on July 30, scientists at NIF were again able to demonstrate a nuclear fusion reaction that produces more energy than the laser energy used to drive it. The last time this feat occurred was on Dec. 5, 2022, which sparked a wave

of excitement throughout the scientific community internationally as it marked a major step toward advancements in national defense and the future of clean energy.

LLNL officials told the Weekly in an email that analysis of the results of the July 30 experiment are still underway, but in alignment with their standard practice, they plan to report those results at upcoming scientific conferences and in peer-reviewed publications.

During a May celebration of the original milestone at LLNL, U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm referred to fusion as the

“holy grail”, noting that it offers the promise of affordable, abundant and reliable clean energy.

In addition to the implications for environmental efforts, these successful experiments — which simulate the conditions inside of a star — have the potential to help scientists safely study nuclear explosions, a benefit that could be a game-changer for national security.

“The pursuit of fusion ignition in the laboratory is one of the most significant scientific challenges ever tackled by humanity, and achieving it is a triumph of

science, engineering, and most of all, people,” LLNL Director Kim Budil said at the time of the initial accomplishment last winter.

The first successful fusion ignition experiment came after six decades of research and work by multiple generations of scientists. In less than a year, NIF researchers were able to duplicate the momentous breakthrough, which LLNL officials previously said was their next goal.

The news of the second successful fusion experiment was first reported by The Financial Times over the weekend. ■



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The cast of the new reality show pose for a promotional photo at one of their homes in the Ruby Hill community in Pleasanton. “The Gems of Ruby Hill” debuted on July 29 and is streaming now via [Cpics.tv](http://Cpics.tv).

## ‘The Gems of Ruby Hill’

Pleasanton residents star in new reality TV show

**By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**  
Step aside Beverly Hills and Atlanta, there’s a new group of wives — and one man — looking to rock the reality TV world with their recently launched show, “The Gems of Ruby Hill”, which was shot in the backyard of the Tri-Valley.

And while they don’t necessarily compare themselves to the women in “The Real Housewives” franchise, mostly because they all have worked and continue to work in different jobs, the

cast members and Pleasanton residents all still very much encapsulate the fun, dramatic and unfiltered feel of any other reality TV show.

All while simultaneously highlighting their South Asian and Indian American heritage and culture.

“That kind of South Asian representation has been totally missing considering that Indians are one of the wealthiest minority groups,” Anoop Judge, one of the cast members of the show who

lives in the Ruby Hill community, told the Weekly. “With so many of them being in the tech industry, we should have had this kind of show in the Bay Area ... 15 years ago.”

Created and produced by Nila Dhugga, a Hayward native who now lives in Tracy, the show follows the lives of a group of four women and one gay man, who have all worked hard to build their careers and lives in order to

## Supervisor Miley seeks reelection

Wants to see key initiatives through in 7th term

**By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO**

Despite originally kicking around the idea of retiring from his seat, long-time Alameda County District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley said his work is not done just yet as he gets ready to run for a seventh term next year.

Miley, who is currently serving as the president of the Board of Supervisors for a second time, first joined the board in 2000 after having served on the Oakland City Council from 1990 to 2000.



Nate Miley

He said that in those last two decades, he has worked hard to serve and properly represent the residents in his district, which currently includes Pleasanton, portions of Oakland and the unincorporated communities of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, El Portal Ridge, Fairmont Terrace, Fairview and Hillcrest Knolls.

“I just think my collective knowledge, experience, expertise, relationships that go far and deep, is something that is kind of duty bound and an obligation to be continued to serve for another term,”

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# Innovation Tri-Valley CEO stepping down; interim leader selected

Organization also welcomes new board officers

By NICOLE GONZALES

Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group confirmed this week that CEO Lynn Naylor is departing the organization and marketing director Katie Marcel has been chosen by the board to serve as interim CEO while the organization continues to look for its next permanent leader.

Naylor is set to leave ITV at the end of the month to take on a new role as president of an undisclosed organization described as an “emerging foundation committed to a more responsible, equitable and sustainable world.”

Marcel will begin work as interim



Katie Marcel



Lynn Naylor

CEO on Sept. 1.

According to the organization, Board Chair Stephanie Beasley will lead the search to fill the CEO position on a permanent basis.

“The ITV board brings together the brightest minds in the region

to advocate for our Tri-Valley as an innovation hub with an exceptional quality of life. I’m proud of the success ITV has delivered amplifying the Tri-Valley brand for more than a decade,” Naylor said in a statement Monday.

Naylor initially took over the role of the organization’s CEO in August 2018.

She continued, “ITV founder Dale Kaye and I have each led this dynamic organization for six years. Now is the perfect time to identify the next leader to shine a spotlight on our regional innovation and work with our board to deliver on the community’s vision of its own future.”

News of Naylor’s departure came one week after the nonprofit announced several new members taking seats with its board of directors. The group announced its onboarding members, including new leadership for executive board chair, board secretary and treasurer.

Beasley, the new executive board chair, comes to ITV as the executive strategy leader at Sandia National Laboratories. Dyrrell Foster, president of Las Positas College, will now serve as ITV vice chair.

Naylor shared more thoughts on the new board members.

“Our community is grateful for ITV’s impressive board leadership. Their vision for the future will stand and deliver for decades to come,” she said.

ITV acts as a collective of leaders committed to seeing civic, research, education and business aspects of

the area thrive. The group aims to network with and connect leaders in those sectors locally.

The organization was originally founded in 2011 after a successful business conference co-hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce known as “How the Tri-Valley Fits Into a Global Economy”. Following collaboration between speakers, significant discussions and connections, Tri-Valley leaders set out to solidify the organization as ITV.

“With 2 national labs, more than 730 tech companies and a GDP of \$42B, the Tri-Valley is home to some of the world’s most dynamic innovation brands,” ITV group members said. “ITV showcases the region as a technology and innovation powerhouse, outpacing the Bay Area mega-region in both job creation and economic growth.” ■

## GEMS

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live in the affluent area of Ruby Hill in south Pleasanton.

The show was shot in October 2021 and followed the group of Indian friends and Ruby Hill neighbors for two months as they did everything from planning weddings to throwing axes at Limitless Axes and Ales in Pleasanton.

Dhugga told the Weekly that the underlying theme of the show was not just that these families have fairly normal lives, they also are still putting in the work in their day-to-day careers, which play off their culture and South Asian heritage of being hard workers.

“For every episode there’s something really positive as far as South Asian excellence and success that’s



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From left: Anoop Judge, Anjali Jhangiani, Kaleem Ali Qureshi, Rani Dhillon and Dr. Sudha Chinta make up the cast of the reality TV show, “The Gems of Ruby Hill”.

shown,” she said. “Each episode deals with very real, South Asian issues. When we live in America, we’re raising our families and kids here, but we still want to hold on to our tradition.”

That’s especially true for Judge, who came to the U.S. after being born and raised in New Delhi, to continue her career in law.

After working as a litigator for roughly seven years, she had to quit her job in order to take care of her high school daughter who developed a medical condition. It was during that time when she rediscovered her passion for writing, which came naturally given that she had a bachelor’s degree in English literature.

That’s when she decided to write her first book, “The Rummy Club”, which touched on topics that she experienced in her own life as an immigrant such as marriage, friendships and family businesses.

She has since gone on to continue her successful career in publishing with three other published books and another on the way.

But for Judge, being on “The Gems of Ruby Hill” was particularly special in the sense that it blew the door wide open for more representation in the TV world for Indians and South Asian, which for her was already an issue in the publishing industry.

That sentiment was also shared by Rani Dhillon, one of the other cast members who is also the CEO and owner of NOBLE Hospice and Home Health Care, a hospice health care facility in Fremont.

However, her experience being born in the U.S. and coming from a family who had big agricultural ties in California’s early history gave Dhillon a slightly different perspective coming into the show. She not only wanted to live up to her family’s legacy, she wanted to be able to represent the kids like her who grew up in predominantly white areas and faced racism to show that

people like her could also make a name for themselves.

“Unfortunately, I was the victim of a lot of racism being one of the only brown people in a very predominantly white affluent area,” Dhillon said. “I feel like I have a little bit more to prove just because I was raised here ... I want to make sure that people know that the South Asian community has a lot to offer.”

That’s why when she got the call from Dhugga to get involved with the TV show — even though she had originally planned to only be involved behind the scenes — she knew she had to put together just the right group of women to be able to really show that South Asians also lived these glamorous and successful lives just like any other person living in the U.S.

But at the end of the day, Dhugga said it really couldn’t have even started without her brother’s newly founded streaming service, Cpics, which is where the show airs.

She said that even though there had already been discussion within certain groups in Los Angeles to create a show like “The Gems of Ruby Hill”, it wasn’t until Cpics came about that she was actually able to see the project come to fruition simply because it’s a streaming service that solely features South Asian shows and movies.

“Right now, streaming is so popular, but Netflix and Amazon, they’re very happy to say that they have their one South Asian represented show ... and they think that’s enough,” Dhugga said. “For Cpics to be able to support something like ‘Gems of Ruby Hill’ or the many other shows that are coming out on that platform and to give these types of shows a house, a place ... I think that’s amazing.”

Cpics is currently running a 30-day free trial for anyone wanting to check out the show. The first episode aired on July 29, with episode two out now and episode three coming out on Friday. ■

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# Lawmakers express ‘strong’ concern over proposed bridge toll hikes

Swalwell, DeSaulnier oppose state bill to create urgent funding for Bay Area transit

BY BAY CITY NEWS SERVICE

At least seven California representatives have expressed “strong” concern over proposed state legislation that would raise tolls on a number of Bay Area bridges, saying this would unfairly impact mostly lower-income residents.

In a letter addressed to Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state Senate and Assembly leaders, U.S. Reps. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) and Anna Eshoo (D-Menlo Park) pointed out that the toll hikes outlined by the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Bay Area Public Transportation Emergency Act or Senate Bill 532 would result in Bay Area drivers possibly paying around \$9.50 to cross just one bridge by 2025.

SB 532 proposes to raise tolls by \$1.50 on seven Bay Area bridges in 2024, and if passed would implement the fourth such toll hike on the region’s bridges in six years. The revenue from this raise would be transferred to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for allocation to transit operators that provide service within the Bay Area and are experiencing a financial shortfall.

However, analysis of bridge toll users has shown that these costs are unfairly being borne in part by low- to moderate-income, car-dependent Bay Area residents who must commute across bridges because they cannot afford to live near where they work, the lawmakers said.

“We’re concerned that this legislation will disproportionately impact our constituents and low-income communities who depend on driving for their transportation to and from work, and ultimately does not provide long-term, sustainable solutions for some of the operating issues of the Bay Area public transit agencies,” the letter read.

The lawmakers also cited data from bridge toll transactions showing that around 59% of the toll payers on the Bay Area bridges come from just three East Bay counties — Alameda with 27.5%, Contra Costa with 19.7% and Solano with 11.8%.

On the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge alone, where over 31 million toll transactions occurred in one year, 52% of the toll payers came from Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Additionally, the percentage of bridge drivers originating from Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties has increased since 2015, and now accounts for almost 31 percent of toll transactions, the lawmakers said in the letter.

Unpaid toll violations are yet

another indicator of the disproportionate impact of toll hikes on vulnerable communities, according to the lawmakers. Four of the five zip codes with the most unpaid toll violations are majority non-white, have higher rates of limited English-speaking households, and have higher rates of poverty than the Bay Area as a whole, and four of them are located in Contra Costa and Solano counties.

“The impacts on all constituents in the Bay Area must be considered. Many employees now have the advantage to do their work from home. There are others, the working people of the Bay Area, that don’t share this advantage, and the proposed toll hike comes straight

out of their wallets,” the letter further stated.

Alongside DeSaulnier and Eshoo, five other lawmakers indicated their opposition to the bill, including U.S. Reps. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore), John Garamendi (D-Walnut Grove), Barbara Lee (D-Oakland), Linda Sanchez (D-Whittier), and Mike Thompson (D-St. Helena).

The lawmakers concluded their letter by laying out a number of asks for the proponents of SB 532, including a cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the proposed increase in bridge tolls on the average daily driver of these affected Bay Area bridges; a plan for independent oversight of both the distribution of funds by MTC to the Bay Area



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The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

transit agencies and the usage of funds by Bay Area transit agencies; and an analysis of which transit agencies will receive support from these funds, and their areas of service, compared to the drivers that pay the tolls.

The Bay Area tCouncil, a business-sponsored public-policy advocacy group, has said it is siding with DeSaulnier, Eshoo and the other

lawmakers in opposing SB 532.

“Before yet again asking motorists to dig deep and pay more in tolls, let’s have a complete and honest review of our region’s transit system, and ensure that we are delivering on reliability, efficiency, safety and connectivity among the 27 operating agencies,” Bay Area Council President and CEO Jim Wunderman said in a statement. ■

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# Pleasanton Rotary Club continues clean water projects overseas

Work includes renovating toilet facilities, installing filtration systems and boreholes

By JOSEPH CHIU

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton is set to begin three new Water and Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) projects in foreign communities through partnerships with the Rotary clubs of Umungasi in Aba, Nigeria, Santa Cruz and San Juan West in Kalayaan Laguna, Philippines.

The local club began conducting WASH projects through contributed partnerships with international Rotary clubs in West Africa in 2021. Pleasanton Rotarians have already completed seven WASH projects with services such as renovating toilet facilities and introducing fresh water to overseas communities.

“We know that bringing clean water, toilet facilities with sinks for handwashing and WASH training on the importance of clean hands, is saving and changing lives,” Nancy Harrington, co-chair of the WASH committee, told the Weekly. “Children are able to survive their early years due to the elimination of water-borne diseases.”

“Girls stay in school after puberty because they feel safe and are given privacy in the bathrooms. Boys stay in school because they don’t have to go home when they run out of drinking water which they brought to school in a gourd,” Harrington added. “Both boys and girls have improved school attendance.”

A recent WASH project with the Rotary Club of Onigbongbo, Lagos, Nigeria in May resulted in an \$8,504 project renovating toilet facilities, sinks and WASH training at the Estate Primary School in Nigeria. The Pleasanton Rotary Club also put in \$4,400 to the Rotary Club of Owerri, Nigeria where they constructed and installed water storage tanks, boreholes and pumps to introduce fresh water to the Umodu Mbieri Community within two weeks.

The process of these projects involves their partnership with Rotary International Clubs where the Pleasanton Rotarians install items within their budget. Pleasanton’s club will monitor each completed

project with documentations and photos every six months for three years, which according to Rotary International, is a “very good indicator” that their funds have been greatly appreciated and maintained by those local communities.

“Obviously we’re not over in Nigeria helping with the construction, but the photos and the communication between the two clubs help develop a bond,” Harrington said. “The other aspect of working with Rotarians in another country is the relationship we build with one another over time. We always spend a little time socializing while online so we get to know one another.”

The Pleasanton Rotary Club

will soon begin three new WASH projects. With the Rotary Club of Umungasi in Aba, Nigeria, they’ll renovate a toilet facility at the Umuika Community School.

The club will also work on a project with the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz and San Juan West in Kalayaan Laguna, Philippines, installing a borehole with a solar pump and a water filtration system for the Sitio Pulot community.

“We’re saving and changing lives,” Harrington said. “Water, toilets/sinks and using soap to wash hands is so basic it is unbelievable that so many people in the world do not have access to them. We know that most of our club members also feel the same way.”

The Rotary Club knows that the need for clean water and sanitation is the single issue that can impact health, education, equality and progress of all people, officials said. For more information, visit [pleasantonrotary.org](http://pleasantonrotary.org). ■

## MILEY

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Miley told the Weekly.

He said one major factor that led to him wanting to run for the seat again in 2024, rather than calling it a career, were the sudden deaths of Alameda County District 2 supervisor Richard Valle and District 3 supervisor Wilma Chan, coupled with the retirement of District 1 supervisor Scott Haggerty in 2020.

“With three supervisors who I would say collectively had close to 100 years of public sector experience and 60 to 80 years of experience — maybe on the Board of Supervisors collectively — I just didn’t think it would be wise to leave the county in the hands of three or four new county supervisors,” Miley said.

He said that while he does understand the desire from some members of the community to see someone new take over, who might have new ideas to bring to the table, having someone like him who understands how things work and who understands the needs of his different communities under his district is more important.

But it’s not just his experience that Miley said he will be leaning on during his reelection campaign, which so far has one challenger, Jennifer Esteen, a nurse and former State Assembly candidate from Ashland.

There are still several initiatives and projects that Miley is either championing or supporting that he wants to see come to fruition before he leaves the board — one of which being to place a roughly

\$10 billion general obligation bond on the November 2024 ballot that would bring in money for all nine Bay Area counties.

Being a member of the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, Miley said that this bond would raise about \$1 billion alone in Alameda County, as well as \$300 million for Oakland, that will go toward affordable housing — specifically for both production, preservation and also rent protection.

“For as many homes and folks we sheltered last year, we still had more people that became unsheltered,” Miley said. “And it’s just not an Alameda County issue, it’s a regional issue. So this bond would go a long way.”

Apart from affordable housing, Miley said he will also be running a

campaign focused on other priorities such as continuing the work to fund the Valley Link rail line project, looking at the unincorporated areas to see if they want to be incorporated into the county and pushing for reparations for Black and African American communities.

“With reparations, I’m not really looking to put money in people’s pockets,” Miley said. “I’m looking to see how we can address the educational, the criminal justice, the health disparities ... those types of things have disproportionately affected African Americans.”

Another area of concern that Miley wants to address, if reelected, is one that Pleasanton residents and others in the Tri-Valley are very familiar with — PFAS contamination.

PFAS, otherwise known as forever chemicals that come from certain man-made products, have been

a hot topic in the Tri-Valley and specifically in Pleasanton after the city and the Zone 7 Water Agency discovered the chemicals in the groundwater and in Pleasanton’s city-run wells.

Miley said that after meeting with attorneys — specifically one attorney who was involved in the massive PFAS settlement with 3M Co., a chemical manufacturing company — he wants to push for more education on the chemicals.

He also wants to get the chemical manufacturers to not only pay to educate the communities, he wants to have them pay to get people tested and to eventually find a way to remove the contaminants from the environments in his district as well.

Miley’s campaign website, [mileyforsupervisor.com](http://mileyforsupervisor.com), has not yet been updated for the 2024 campaign season. ■



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## National Night Out

Residents on Gatetree Circle in the Pleasanton Valley neighborhood enjoyed some time with each other and local first-responders as one of the many parts of the city to host a party on Aug. 1 for National Night Out. Observed each year in Pleasanton, as well as throughout the Tri-Valley and the country, National Night Out aims to connect police and fire personnel with the communities they serve as well as raise awareness for crime prevention and public safety programs.

## District 1 Supervisor Haubert to run for reelection

‘I love what we have done to improve the live of people in my district’

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Alameda County District 1 Supervisor David Haubert is gearing up to run for reelection with hopes of retaining his seat on the five-member Board of Supervisors next year.

Haubert was first elected to the board in 2020, following the retirement of his predecessor Scott Haggerty. Haubert’s district includes the cities of Dublin and Livermore; most

of the city of Fremont; the unincorporated community of Sunol; a portion of the city of Pleasanton; and most of the unincorporated area of the Livermore-Amador Valley.

While his campaign has not yet issued a formal announcement, Haubert confirmed his plans to run for reelection to the Weekly. “I love my job, I love what we have done to



David Haubert

improve the lives of people in my district, and I’m excited to run for reelection,” he said.

Haubert said he wants to continue championing several of the initiatives he’s already involved with, including addressing homelessness, food insecurity and a number of Tri-Valley-based programs including One Nation Dream Makers, Tri-Valley Haven, Open Heart Kitchen and CityServe of the Tri-Valley as well as affordable housing advocates like Eden Housing and MidPen Housing, among others.

Haubert previously served as mayor of Dublin from 2014 until his election to the Board of Supervisors in 2020. He also served two years on the Dublin City Council before being elected mayor and 10 years on the Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees before that.

No other District 1 contenders for the 2024 election have announced their candidacy so far.

Information about Haubert and his previous public service roles is available on his website, davidhaubert.com. However, it has not yet been updated for the 2024 campaign season. ■

## Biden nominates county judge for U.S. District Court position

Lee’s ascension requires Senate confirmation

BY JEREMY WALSH

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Eumi K. Lee has been selected by President Joe Biden for nomination to the bench of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, pending approval by the U.S. Senate.

Lee, a law professor and private attorney earlier in her legal career, has served on the Alameda County Superior Court since 2018, when she was appointed by then-Gov. Jerry Brown and became the first Korean-American judge in the county’s history.

She was among four prospective federal court nominees nationwide announced by Biden on July 27, with the White House calling the candidates “extraordinarily qualified, experienced, and devoted to the rule of law and our Constitution. These choices also continue to fulfill the

President’s promise to ensure that the nation’s courts reflect the diversity that is one of our greatest assets as a country — both in terms of personal and professional backgrounds.”

A graduate of Pomona College and the Georgetown University Law Center, Lee worked as a law clerk for late judge Jerome Turner in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee from 1999 to 2000 and late judge Warren J. Ferguson in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2001 to 2002 — employed as an associate at Thelen, Reid & Priest LLP in between.

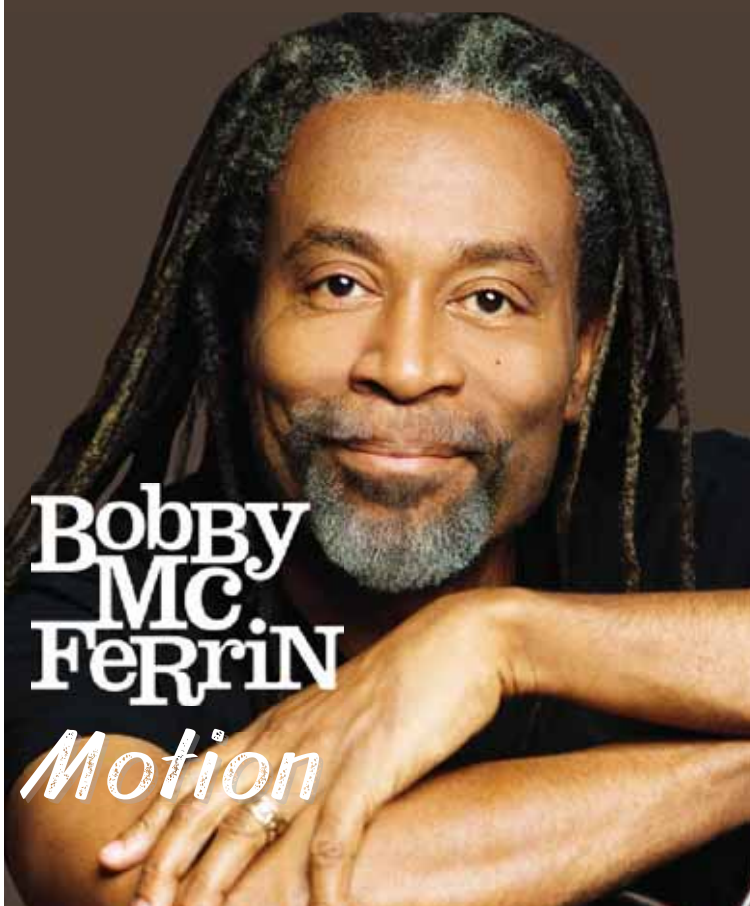
She practiced law as an associate at Kecker & Van Nest LLP from 2002 to 2005, and then served as a clinical professor of law at the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (then known as the UC Hastings College of the Law) from 2005 until her appointment to the Alameda County bench in December 2018.

A timeline for Lee’s confirmation process before the Senate has not yet been released. ■



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# Everything you need to know about fentanyl crisis in Bay Area

Explainer article covers past and present of deadly drug, plus efforts to mitigate now and in future

By THOMAS HUGHES / BCN

The California Department of Public Health and multiple Bay Area counties are seeking to educate the public about the fentanyl crisis currently hitting the state and nation. The below explainer provides answers to some basic questions about the topic, which cost nearly 6,000 lives in California in 2021.

## What is fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid. It is 50-100 times more potent than morphine and can be fatal in amounts as small as a few grains of sand, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Opioids are the class of drugs that include forms that are non-synthetic, meaning they are naturally occurring, and synthetic, which means they are manufactured chemicals that act in the same way, according to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Examples of non-synthetic opioids, which are derived from the poppy plant, include heroin and morphine, according to the Mayo Clinic. Examples of synthetic opioids include fentanyl, OxyContin, and Vicodin.

Opioids are used to treat severe pain, by prescription. They block pain receptors in the brain. There is no medical use for heroin, which is an illegal narcotic. Other opioids, both synthetic and non-synthetic, are approved for use by the FDA to treat severe, acute pain, often following surgery, during cancer treatment, or during end-of-life care, according to NIDA.

Fentanyl is prescribed in the U.S. under brand names such as Duragesic and Actiq, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Illicitly manufactured fentanyl can come in both liquid and powder form, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

## What is rainbow fentanyl?

Rainbow fentanyl is just dyed fentanyl.

It is increasingly found in pill or powder-brick form to which colorful dye has been added. The DEA believes the trend is an attempt by cartels to market the drug to children.

## What is the fentanyl crisis?

Cities and counties across the country are experiencing steady increases in fatal overdoses attributed to fentanyl, especially among young people, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and California Department of Public Health.

The federal government declared the crisis a public health emergency in 2017.

In the Bay Area, San Francisco reported a slight decline of fatal opioid overdoses in 2021 from the previous year, but still had far more deaths per 100,000 residents than any other Bay Area county, according to data from the CDPH overdose dashboard.

Age-adjusted rates are used in health data to equalize the age distribution in different populations to compare against a single standard. The CDPH uses the United States 2000 population figures. The adjusted number represents the death rate per 100,000 people in a population with an equalized age distribution.

In 2021, the last full year for which data is available, San Francisco led all Bay Area counties in both total fatal overdoses and in the death rate using a standard, age-adjusted population, per 100,000 people. The city recorded 435 deaths from all opioid overdoses, with an age-adjusted death rate of 42 per 100,000 people.

Sonoma County was second in the standardized death rate, at 25.6 per 100,000 people. The county recorded 122 total fatal opioid

overdoses in 2021.

Third was San Joaquin County, with 143 total fatal overdoses, or an age-adjusted rate of 18.7 deaths per 100,000 people.

On the other end of the spectrum, with 27 total overdoses in 2021, Monterey County had the lowest death rate, at an age-adjusted rate of 5.6 deaths per 100,000 people. Santa Clara County had a rate of 7.7 deaths, with a total of 154 fatal overdoses in 2021.

Overdoses are being driven both by people using fentanyl intentionally and people using other drugs that have been either combined with fentanyl or are counterfeit pills that include fentanyl. Counterfeit pills can appear to mimic well-known prescription drugs like Adderall and Valium, according to the DEA.

Epidemiologists have defined three prior waves of addiction that impacted the nation, according to the San Mateo County Health Department. The first was in 1996, as synthetic opioids became prevalent and over-prescriptions increased.

In 2010, users who had become addicted turned increasingly to heroin, fueling a second wave of addiction. The fentanyl crisis escalated in 2013 and 2014 as the drug became increasingly overprescribed and smuggled in from overseas.

There is now a fourth crisis being defined, as fentanyl is increasingly being combined with stimulants and other drugs, including xylazine, a large-animal tranquilizer that is not approved for use in humans. The DEA and CDPH both issued recent public health alerts warning of the use of xylazine.

"Xylazine is making the deadliest drug threat our country has ever faced, fentanyl, even deadlier," DEA Administrator Anne Milgram said in a statement.

## What caused the crisis?

In 1996, pain was redefined in the medical community as a fifth vital sign. This ushered in a huge change in the health care industry. Pharmaceutical companies became heavily invested in what was a growing sector of the health care system: pain management, including chronic pain management. That same year, Oxycontin was introduced and marketed as a way to control chronic pain.

Writing for the peer-reviewed medical journal *Clinical Therapeutics* in 2013, authors Dr. Natalia E. Morone and Dr. Debra K. Weiner said more basic pain-management education was needed by prescribing doctors:

"In clinical practice pain as the



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U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration photo of a lethal dose of fentanyl next to a penny for scale.

5th vital sign has proven to be more complex to assess, evaluate, and manage than originally anticipated. It has also had some serious consequences which were never intended. Associated with the national push to adequately manage patients in pain has been a rise in prescription opioids as well as a rise in opioid related death. Guided by pain as the 5th vital sign mandates, patients report pain and expect their providers to respond. Many clinicians do not know what the appropriate response is because they lack adequate education in the approach, examination, and management of patients in pain."

Pain management for even basic medical procedures was creating more and more addicts, who turned to other means to satisfy their addiction after their medical treatment ran its course. Fentanyl is the latest form of opioid being abused, but it is much more potent and deadly than other forms of the drug, bringing renewed urgency to the overall problem of opioid addiction.

## Where does fentanyl come from?

Outside of abuse of prescription fentanyl, according to the DEA, illicit fentanyl mainly comes from China. Additionally, base chemical ingredients are shipped to Mexico and manufactured there by drug cartels, which then smuggle the drug into the United States, often compressed into counterfeit pills that mimic more well-known brands.

## Who is dying from fentanyl?

People mainly between the ages 10-49 have been dying of overdoses. Black people are being more disproportionately affected in the current trends. Earlier waves of opioid addiction impacted white people more disproportionately, according to the San Mateo County Health Department.

## How is the health care system handling the issue?

There are two priorities in the

health care system: one is preventing overdose deaths through emergency antidotes like Narcan, a brand name for naloxone, which can be used to save a person suffering a fatal overdose.

The most effective "gold standard" treatment is called medication-assisted treatment, known as M.A.T., and involves using medications like methadone to try to stop the addiction cycle.

The other is to make treatment options, including M.A.T., more available and affordable, including in jails and prisons.

San Mateo County is seeking to combine M.A.T. with coaching and counseling, and support from community resources like more housing options.

Health care regulators have also sought to dramatically decrease the number of opioids prescribed by doctors. The CDC announced in 2020 that prescriptions had fallen from a peak in 2012 of 255 million prescriptions nationwide, the equivalent of about 81 prescriptions per 100 people, to about 142 million in 2020, about 43 per 100 people.

## What is law enforcement doing?

At the federal level, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Food and Drug Administration have tried to reduce over-prescriptions by doctors.

The DOJ also recently finalized a financial settlement with the Sackler family, the owners of Purdue Pharma, which created Oxycontin and continued to aggressively market the painkiller to doctors despite knowing about its highly addictive nature.

The DOJ has also sought to put pressure on Mexican drug cartels to stop the flow of fentanyl across the border. In April, leaders of the Sinaloa cartel were indicted by the DOJ on charges of trafficking fentanyl, weapons, and money laundering.

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is announcing significant enforcement actions against the largest, most violent, and most prolific fentanyl trafficking operation in the world — run by the Sinaloa Cartel, and fueled by Chinese precursor chemical and pharmaceutical companies,” said Attorney General Merrick Garland in an April 14 statement. “Families and communities across our country are being devastated by the fentanyl epidemic. Today’s actions demonstrate the comprehensive approach the Justice Department is taking to disrupt fentanyl trafficking and save American lives.”

In April, Gov. Gavin Newsom assigned the California Highway Patrol and California National Guard to a joint task force with local authorities in San Francisco to target some of the hardest-hit areas in the crisis, including the Tenderloin neighborhood.

“The fentanyl crisis is a serious threat to public health and the safety of our communities — and addressing this crisis requires a multifaceted, collaborative approach,”

said Attorney General Rob Bonta in a statement at the time. “The California Department of Justice works every day to combat the fentanyl crisis, from seizing illicit fentanyl through our ongoing enforcement efforts to bringing California billions of dollars through our lawsuits and investigative efforts to hold the opioid industry accountable.”

### What are federal lawmakers doing?

The U.S. Senate is considering multiple bills to address the crisis.

Sen. Rick Scott (R-Florida) has introduced to bills related to stopping the trafficking of the drug. One bill would require more regular inspections by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the other would enhance electronic data tracking from international shipments through the U.S. Postal Service.

Two senators, one Republican and one Democrat, introduced a bill in May that would further instruct the Treasury Department to find ways to sanction and disrupt shipments from transnational actors. The bill is called the Fentanyl Eradication and Narcotics Deterrence Off Fentanyl Act, also known as the FEND Off Fentanyl Act. The bill unanimously passed the committee on banking, housing and urban affairs in June.

### What are state lawmakers doing?

California is considering Senate Bill 641, introduced by Sen. Richard Roth (D-Riverside) and sponsored by Assemblymember Matt Haney (D-San Francisco), among others. The bill would expand the state’s Naloxone Distribution Project to increase the dosage of the life-saving drug, seek additional versions than the sole, current supplier, and make it more widely available to cities and counties with funding through the state.

The Assembly public safety committee held a special meeting in May and advanced four bills on the subject, including one to increase penalties for dealers of the drug.

The CDPH Substance and Addiction Prevention Branch partners with local medical providers to increase awareness and offer prevention and disruption strategies, which are bolstered by the data monitoring and collection the branch undertakes. The data also informs the public through the online overdose dashboard.

### What are counties doing?

Counties are seeking to make the lifesaving drug Narcan more widely available and are lobbying for generic versions to become available. They are supporting state legislation that would provide funding for the drug statewide.

Counties are also seeking to increase the availability of chemical test strips, which can help users identify the presence of fentanyl before using drugs.

Counties are trying to make treatment options more affordable and available by investing in counseling, rehabilitation and medically assisted treatment options.

Counties like San Mateo County are also seeking to increase the availability of “wet” or “damp” housing options for those experiencing homelessness, which would allow people to obtain shelter without being sober.

And counties are trying to educate the public, especially youths, parents and school personnel.

### Liability for over-prescriptions?

The makers of Oxycontin, Purdue Pharma, settled a class-action lawsuit brought by multiple states that alleged that Purdue knew about the addictive qualities of prescription

opioids but continued to push doctors to prescribe them at high rates.

The company agreed to pay \$6 billion to nine states, including \$486 million to California to be used for opioid treatment programs.

“The opioid crisis has left a trail of pain, grief and destruction across the nation that will leave its mark on generations to come. Its ringleaders — Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family — bear responsibility for causing much of this grief,” Bonta, the state attorney general, said in a statement in May.

Bonta highlighted the fact that Purdue executives pleaded guilty to felony misbranding of OxyContin but continued selling and marketing the drug.

An even larger settlement with Janssen Pharmaceuticals, parent company of Johnson & Johnson, and three major distributors was agreed to in 2021 and finalized last year. The companies agreed to pay \$26 billion through 2038. California is expected to receive about \$2.05 billion, according to the California Department of Health Care Services.

Walgreens also settled a federal lawsuit in May with the City and County of San Francisco that will see the company pay \$230 million over 14 years to compensate for lacking safeguards against distributing high numbers of opioid prescriptions.

### How do I administer Narcan?

Narcan is an antidote for overdose. The FDA made the drug available without a prescription in April in an attempt to make it more readily available.

The following instructions are from Adapt Pharma, the makers of Narcan, and are approved by the FDA:

1. Lay the person on their back
2. Remove the Narcan nasal spray from the box and remove the tab with the circle to open the spray bottle.
3. Hold the bottle upright with your thumb on the red plunger and position the nozzle in between your forefinger and middle finger.
4. Tilt the person’s head back, providing support under the neck with one hand. Use the other hand to gently place the nozzle into one nostril, stopping when your fingers touch the bottom of the person’s nostril.
5. Press the red plunger firmly and administer the entire dose into one nostril only.
6. Remove the spray bottle from the nose after using.
7. Move the person into the “recovery position,” which has the person lay on their side, tucking both hands under the head for support and extending the leg that is on top in that position slightly forward to stop the person from rolling onto their stomach.
8. Get help immediately. If the overdose victim does not respond to the first dose, Narcan can be safely administered every 2-3 minutes, as many times as is necessary.
9. Put the empty spray back into its box and discard away from children.

### How to respond to a suspected overdose?

1. Shake the unresponsive person and shout their name
2. Call 911 if unresponsive
3. Administer naloxone or Narcan
4. Perform chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth CPR
5. If the patient is still unresponsive, repeat steps 3-5. Stay with the patient. ■

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## TAKE US ALONG



**Don in Portugal:** Meg Jagoe, a senior at Amador Valley High School, traveled with her family to some of the most historic areas of Portugal. Here she is in the old town area of Guimaraes, Portugal, a medieval plaza dating back to the 4th century. Guimaraes became the first capital of Portugal, in the 12th century.

## THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### City Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Remillard Conference Room Operations Service Center– 3333 Busch Road., via video/ teleconference and will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and at <https://www.tri-valleytv.org> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

- Continued from July 18, 2023 – Adopt the updated Economic Development Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2024 through 2028
- Presentation on potential local revenue measure feasibility effort

#### Economic Vitality Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Remillard Conference Room Operations Service Center– 3333 Busch Road

- Receive an Overview of the Citywide Strategic Plan Project
- Receive Update on City’s Water Program

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BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

School is back in session at Pleasanton Unified School District this week, and as thousands of students get ready for another year of homework and tests, many in the community are wondering about the status of upcoming bond measure projects, school curriculum and changes around the world that might affect student learning such as artificial intelligence.

The Weekly recently sat down with PUSD Superintendent David Haglund for a one-on-one discussion about everything from the recently completed Measure I1 bond projects that occurred over the summer, the upcoming Measure I bond project design deliberations, student behavior and discipline, updates on specific programs like special education, and teacher retention and turnover rates.

“This is an exciting time for the

Pleasanton Unified School District,” Haglund said.

### Past and upcoming projects

In 2016, Pleasanton voters approved the \$270 million Measure I1 general obligation bond, which has since helped PUSD address school safety upgrades, deteriorating facilities and updated classroom technology and infrastructure.

Seven years later, students now have a completely rebuilt Lydiksen Elementary School, and new science classroom buildings at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools and Hart Middle School, which are now completed, according to Haglund.

Over the summer, the district finished up some of the final roofing, HVAC repair and replacements and painting at schools like Donlon and Hearst elementary. Just recently, construction was also completed

for Foothill’s second career technical education (CTE) building.

Foothill’s first CTE building — which included new parking, walkways, fencing and landscaping too — consists of three engineering classrooms, two computer labs and two science classrooms where students practice with things like flight simulators, cybersecurity programs and much more.

That first building was already completed last year but the second building, which used matching Measure I1 funds along with a state grant to help fund it, will now be used to store things like 3D printers, laser cutters and other equipment that students use.

As far as upcoming projects under the most recently passed Measure I, the \$395 million bond issuance Pleasanton voters approved last November, Haglund said that most of that work is still in the design phases and that the district will be focusing on getting as much community input on those projects starting in the fall.

Some of the first things the district would like to start with are what they called “quickstart projects,” such as moving the long-running Horizon Early Education Center and STEAM Preschool program to Harvest Park Middle School and replacing all of the middle schools fields in Pleasanton with artificial turf.

Haglund re-emphasized that it’s important to district staff and their architects that they get as much public engagement and input as possible so that the stakeholders — teachers, staff, students and parents — all have a say in how these projects will look like.

And the same goes for the bigger projects in Measure I such as

the construction of new Amador and Foothill gyms and performance arts centers and the newly reimagined Village High School, which is planned for demolition to make way for an entirely new educational options center.

“We talked about that — when we showed the schematics during the campaign period — that these were just conceptual designs,” Haglund said. “We wanted to work with the stakeholders and the sites for the turnout to be the final design product.”

Right now, he said the district has been reaching out to school sites and staff who work at the facilities for input and for the gyms and the performing arts centers they plan on bringing in teachers and families next.

As for Village, he said the plan is to begin moving students out of classrooms located at the top of the hill, to areas on the bottom where the district offices are currently located on the Bernal property.

He said the move will coincide with the district beginning its transition into its new, two-building district offices, which are located at 5758 and 5794 West Las Positas Blvd.

Haglund said district administrators and staff will begin moving to the new offices on Aug. 17 so that students and teachers can start moving into those empty spaces at the bottom of the hill in September and out of what Haglund called “unsafe facilities.”

“They’re working on a phasing process. So the first phase is getting the students and teachers out of the buildings on the hill and into the district office building and the lower level where special education and adult education are currently located,” Haglund said.

He added that during that time, Village staff and administrators will continue to work with architects to come up with some initial designs for the new building.

Haglund also said that the Pleasanton Virtual Academy, which is currently located in the building at the very top of the hill, will move down into where currently, the purchasing and technology department is on the corner of Abbie and First streets.

He reiterated that all of the Measure I projects still need to be brought to the community for input and until that happens, there are no set timelines as to when we might see some of these Measure I projects come to fruition.

“We wanted to give conceptual understandings to the community so they could see what it was they were investing in,” Haglund said. “But we also wanted to make sure that we weren’t pushing things down the local stakeholders’ throats. They need to be involved.”

### School curriculum and grading

As the new academic year begins, many districts, including Dublin Unified School District, have been kicking around the idea of equitable grading practices, or as Haglund likes to call it “grading for mastery.”

And while Dublin recently decided to drop the idea of moving toward that type of curriculum, Haglund said that it has been nice to see cohorts of Pleasanton teachers starting to use that type of teaching and grading and telling their colleagues about the benefits it has been having on their students.

Haglund pointed out one major distinction: PUSD has no control



Top of page: Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund sat down with the Weekly for a wide-ranging interview ahead of the start of the school year. (Cutout photo by Christian Trujano). Topics included recently completed work at Hart Middle School’s new science building. (Shown in background photo, courtesy PUSD). Above: The new paint job at Hearst Elementary School was funded through the \$270 million Measure I1 bond. (Photo courtesy PUSD).

over how a teacher grades and that the district will not be forcing teachers to practice this form of instruction at all.

With that said, as someone who has used that style of teaching in his past, Haglund lauded the idea of grading for mastery because it shouldn't be about giving every student in a classroom the same assignment and simply giving them a grade based on that performance.

He argued it should be about getting students to master the material through intervention and support so that both the student who already understands the subject can be challenged and the student who doesn't understand the material at all can catch up.

While Haglund said PUSD isn't forcing its teachers to teach that way and isn't really tracking the teachers that do, with more teachers and students praising those grading practices he sees that becoming a norm in the future.

"I think in the community, sometimes people hear the word equity, and they immediately think it's about dumbing down curriculum ... That's not what it is," Haglund said. "It's trying to move teachers off of this one-size-fits-all to having this huge toolkit that they can leverage to support each child in their classroom, as opposed to having a lesson that they give to all children in the classroom."

One of those tools that Haglund said could be valuable in the coming years is artificial intelligence (AI).

With the quickly increasing technology becoming available and popularized, Haglund said it's important for PUSD staff and teachers to realize that AI isn't going away — which means they have to adapt and learn how to utilize it in the classroom.

"There's some teachers that are scared to death that kids are just going to start turning in stuff that's been generated by the computer. Well, No. 1, kids have been doing that for a long time, right," he said, pointing to Google being used for years to plagiarize.

That's why he said that educators must now try to find out ways to leverage AI as a tool rather than try to block students from using it all together.

"There's a lot of cool things that you can do as a teacher, utilizing those artificial intelligence engines," he said. "You can ask the engine to create an outline ... so (students) can see what an outline looks like."

He said once students know what the outline looks like, they can start doing the work to fill in that outline and actually get to writing whatever paper they want. He said being able to see what the outline looks could now help students spend less time scratching their heads wondering what the outline should look like in the first place.

He said as far as AI in PUSD, the district can't go into every single

phone or laptop and prevent students from using the technology, which is why some teachers are already beginning to embrace the technology.

"It's about structuring the instruction around the tool, so that you're not playing a game with the kids where you're saying 'don't do this,'" Haglund said.

As far as other areas in the district's curriculum, Haglund pointed to the special education department and how he is already seeing improvements with the relationship between the department's staff and parents, which he said have not always been great.

"The proof of the improvements in that group is the reduction in due process complaints," he said. "When I first got here, there was this opposition from the district office to the parent community where they were stopping help from being provided. At least that was the opinion of the parents at the time."

But he said since Jeni Rickard, director of special education, and Kari Straface, assistant director of special education, got on the team, they were able to sit down with parents and work through things so that the students can get the help they need.

However, one of the areas that he still wants to see expanded is making the preschool programs be more inclusive so that kids with learning disabilities cannot only receive the help they need at an early age, but they can do it without being taken out of a traditional classroom.

"I'm hoping that as we get better at the inclusive preschool and that inclusive practice works itself into the elementary school grades, we'll start to see kids and families that come to terms with the issues earlier and move kids out of special education designation as much as possible as they go through the years because kids that are in special education classes don't need to be in special education classes in large measures, they need to have special education services," the superintendent said.

## Student behavior and discipline

On Jan. 19, the PUSD community was shocked when parents shared a video on social media showing a girl, later determined to be a Pleasanton Middle School student, punching and stomping on the head of another student in front of the Pleasanton Public Library.

What came after was several meetings, both at the city level and the school board level, where parents expressed their outrage over what they said has been a long-standing problem of fighting and bullying at the PMS, and even some of the other middle schools.

And while the district addressed those comments during a joint city and district meeting in April, Haglund doubled down in saying that the district is committed to



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Participants in last year's Leadership Pleasanton program take a tour inside the district's new headquarters located at 5758 and 5794 West Las Positas Blvd. in March. With renovations now nearly finished, district staff will begin to move in soon.

helping students, not just simply expelling them and giving up on them after they make a mistake.

"Look, you got a 12-year-old girl who did something incredibly stupid," Haglund said. "Does that 12-year-old girl deserve to go to college? Does she have an opportunity to learn anything in the next six years in order to get a great college education and get a job? Shouldn't she have that opportunity?"

He said that while the pandemic did have a lot to do with stunting social growth of many students due to the fact they weren't able to learn how to deal with emotions or being around other people in person, he said what the parents did in sharing that video on social media, rather than going directly to the district, was not the appropriate form of action.

"Instead you, the parent, chose to bully the girl digitally online in such a way that it will live forever, so that anytime a college recruiter searches it, they'll find it, or an employer searches it, they'll find it," Haglund said. "That was an adult bullying a 12-year-old. And not one adult, it was a bunch of adults bullying a 12-year-old, as opposed to making sure that the 12-year-old got the help that they needed at the school site."

While Haglund did say that teachers and administrators will need to do everything they can to start repairing the damage the pandemic had in terms of social growth in students, he said it's going to take everyone in the community to show the children what it means to be a respectful member of the community.

"Is it the teachers' responsibility? No. Do they have work to do or do they have a role to play in that work? Absolutely," Haglund said. "Is it my fault? That I caused that to happen? I don't think so. Do I have responsibility for addressing the issue with our kids and with our families? Absolutely I do."

"Same thing with the members of the community," he added. "When you see something out there that's being pushed around that No. 1, you don't know is true, and No. 2, you haven't attempted at all to try to find out information outside of reading something on social media, knock that off. Ask the questions, make the phone calls, engage with people and try to be a part of the solution instead of just a part of the problem."

## Teacher and staff turnover

Over the last year, the community has seen principals, administrators and teachers leave for other districts.

The PUSD Board of Trustees recently appointed two new principals — one for Pleasanton Middle School and one for Walnut Grove Elementary School — at its June 22 board meeting.

The Dublin Unified Board of Trustees also recently appointed Michael Williams, the former Amador principal before moving to the PUSD district office, as their director of human resources on May 23.

And while many might see these changes as a sign of a large surge of staff leaving the district, Haglund said that they haven't seen a greater number of teachers leave.

"Every year, we look at a retention rate or a turnover rate of about 5%, and this year it's the same," he said.

However, he did point to Valley View Elementary School, which he said recently lost a number of teachers.

"That's because there was a district nearby that was recruiting them and offering them money that we couldn't offer them in terms of stipends and whatnot, because we don't have an agreement with the association to provide stipends," Haglund said, explaining that PUSD

doesn't have an agreement with the Association of Pleasanton Teachers to offer teachers extra pay for bilingual certification programs.

"That's not part of our contract, so we're not allowed to do it even if we wanted to," Haglund said.

And even though he said that cohort of teachers leaving the school didn't affect the overall retention rate, he still hopes to eventually improve the relationship between the district and the teachers union so that hopefully in the future they can offer those stipends, better benefits and overall better compensation for district employees.

"There's a lot of people that are frustrated because this district doesn't have benefits," Haglund said. "We have \$5,000, toward benefits for our certificated staff, which is our teachers. We had to wrestle in order to get that."

"We're trying to wrestle now to get another \$5,000 to take it to that full single Kaiser coverage, but that's negotiated so it's not something that we can just do," he added. "Trust me, if I could just do it — utilize dollars that I have, and then negotiate the balance — I would do it in a heartbeat, but I can't because that violates the negotiations process that the district has agreed to."

He said that in order to get to that point in negotiations, both PUSD and the APT need to talk and have more conversations in order to build trust. He also said it's about following through with the things each party says they are going to do.

"As in any relationship, trust goes both ways. And so it's not about one side learning how to trust the other side; it's about the players at the table, developing a communicative relationship so that they have trust with each other," Haglund said. "It's not about the district trusting APT or APT trusting the district. It's about the individuals that are on that bargaining team on either side of the table, developing productive relationships." ■

## Winning as a family

Pleasanton's Bernardi team reflects on taking the gold at national bocce tournament

By Christian Trujano



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Navina Bernardi tests out the bocce courts located at Centennial Park, next to the Pleasanton Senior Center.

For most people, playing bocce can be a relaxing and fun game for family gatherings or on a weekend at places like Da Boccery in Livermore.

But for the Bernardi family, bocce can be a serious sport with serious awards.

So when the Pleasanton-based team — made up of Dario, Joey and Navina Bernardi, along with their longtime family friend Paolo Pro — brought home first place in the Highwood Bocce Club's 2023 United States Bocce Federation National Championships in Chicago, they didn't just feel the joy from winning; they felt the joy of being able to do it as a family.

"I know it's been about a month, but I still can't believe we won," Dario said regarding their win during the June 18 weekend. Dario is the father of Navina and Joey.

A longtime Pleasanton resident, Dario spent most of his life growing up and going to school in San Jose. He said that his family really got into bocce thanks to his parents, his wife and her parents, who were all born in Italy.

"A lot of Italian people play bocce," Dario said.

But he said the bocce playing didn't start right away. The first time he said they really started playing bocce as a family was during one Thanksgiving at Dario's late father's house in San Jose.

Dario and his son Joey would walk out to their backyard along

with Dario's father and his father-in-law for a couple of games.

"When my dad was alive, we would just have so much fun out there," Dario said.

But when the bocce-and-restaurant venue in Livermore first opened up close to their home in Pleasanton (originally operating as Campo di Bocce; now Da Boccery), that's when Dario said his family really started to play with a more serious tone.

He said what was nice about discovering bocce around the same time was that as his kids picked up the game and began playing really well, he also started getting better right alongside them.

Then, when the competitiveness took over, they started looking at what it took to play at higher levels and began joining local tournaments.

Joey, who was raised in Pleasanton but now lives in San Jose, said that he first got into bocce around 2004 after he suffered an ACL injury during a rugby game in high school. After being told by his doctor that he couldn't play rugby anymore, Joey turned to bocce and started playing at the then-new Campo di Bocce in Livermore.

Since then, he went on to become the U.S. under-21 champion in 2010. Now he mostly plays at the Campo di Bocce location in Los Gatos, which he called his home club.

Navina, who was the only one

born in Pleasanton, also has her own accolades after earning fourth place in the 2015 bocce world championships in Italy.

But while Joey and Navina said that having their own individual accolades and being able to travel the world to play the sport they love has been great, winning the national title this year with their family was the most meaningful experience in their bocce career.

"We kind of took a little break from bocce because of life, school and work," Navina said. "To come back and play as a family and to be lucky enough to win, it was really special."

Even though he knew they all had the right experience to win, Dario said it still felt surreal receiving that gold medal.

He said one thing he felt had helped was that he, his two kids and Pro — who joined their gold-winning team as the fourth player — all peaked at the right time in terms of their performance and bocce playing ability.

They all also said that what made it a particularly memorable time in Chicago wasn't just the fact that they won, but the tournament itself was well run, the facility was top notch and the competition was fierce while also being respectable and friendly.

Dario added that out of the 84 other players from almost 10 different states across the country, the local team out of Chicago was definitely the toughest they had to face.

"We were lucky that we beat them," Dario said. "Nobody was expecting us to beat them. That kind of kind of sent a little shockwave through the bocce club."

Joey added to that point, saying that despite all of their individual accomplishments in the bocce world, this win felt uniquely special.

"I know these two knuckleheads, and I know how good they can play and so for me ... I was just so happy that we were able to perform at the

right time at peak effort," Dario said. "It's hard, especially on away courts, so I'm just so proud of them. It is a team game and we really played like a team."

"Bocce is a little bit like golf," Navina explained. "Those two days we went on the courts and we were hitting the balls right down the fairway. Our misses were good — we were just hot at the right time."

"But a couple of days before I played in a different tournament and I couldn't do anything right," she added, followed by a "ditto" from her dad.

And it's during those tough times that the Bernardis made sure to communicate, stick together and realize that they all had each other's backs.

"There's a trust factor when you're on the court with people that you've played with for your entire bocce career," Joey said. "I can tell what Navina is thinking right away, she can tell what dad's thinking."

"You don't fear making a mistake, because dad's got my back and Navina's got his back," he added. "Paulo had my back the entire first day for sure, so you're able to play a little bit freely. I think that was a big aspect of it."

Joey said that even though they did breeze through most of the competition — they pretty much shut out both teams in the semifinals and finals — that confidence in his family having his back still helped during the few tough moments that they faced.

"We look at the scores and it makes it sound like it was easy," Dario said. "These are some of the top players in the U.S. ... (but) we put so much pressure on them every ball and we were able to just kind of finish. It was just amazing."

He said after the final game was over, one of his favorite memories was seeing his wife's big smile.

Another favorite moment was when Dario found out that his

mother, who still lives in her home in San Jose and saw their performance via livestream, cheered them on while they played in the national championship. Well, she didn't necessarily cheer as much as she screamed at the livestream when any one of the Bernardis made a poor shot.

"She's 89 years old and she knows bocce," Dario said. "She has a caretaker, she's watching TV, we get home and we have a big smile on our face and (her caretaker) goes 'You know Dario your mother was yelling at you when you made a bad shot' ... I'm trying not to laugh but I looked at her ... and she's like, well, you know, you missed a couple of shots."

Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown also wants to show the Bernardi family how proud their city is of their win, which is why she said that she is working with city staff on a written commendation and presentation for the Pleasanton champions at a future council meeting.

"This is a proud moment for Pleasanton as we celebrate the Bernardi family's national bocce ball championship! On behalf of the city of Pleasanton, congratulations to the gold medal winners," Brown told the Weekly.

Now that the tournament is over, Dario said that although there is always next year's tournament to look forward to — and other smaller ones this year — he and his family are just excited to get back to their local leagues and play with friends.

And while Joey said that maybe it's time to try and win the gold at a global tournament, his dad said for now, having a national accolade as a family is enough.

"I just say thank you. Thank you to Paulo for playing with us and to my family for sticking together," Dario said. "This is the top of the heap for me, this medal. I don't know when this feeling is gonna go away and I don't care. I hope it never leaves me." ■



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From left: Joey, Navina and Dario Bernardi pose with their gold medals from 2023 U.S. Bocce Federation National Championships.

# Actors embody animals onstage in ‘Pets (and Their Humans)’

Quirky play questions relationship between people and their pet companions

By NICOLE GONZALES

The Encore Players are set to put on a play that questions the role and relationship between pets and their owners, staging “Pets (and Their Humans)” at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore over the next two weekends.

Members of the Encore Players have described the play as a quirky, poignant and comedic work that encourages audience members to think about the connection they share with the animals in their lives. The upcoming play will ask the question: “Where would we be without our pets?”

The story follows a widower named Brad, who is trying to cope with the loss of his wife and quickly turns to his animals for support.

“When Brad’s wife dies, he finds

solace by talking to his pets,” said actor Donna Blevins, who plays a human role in the play. “But what happens when his pets start talking back? Is Brad going crazy or can he actually talk to animals?”

“Pets” is directed by Dana M. Fry, and stars local actors Bob Cowgill, Lesleyann Coker, Marsha Howard, Donna Blevins and Lea Blevins.

The piece was originally written by New Jersey playwright, Mike Sockol, who won Best Original Play from the New Jersey Association of Community Theater.

“Encore Players like to present stories that people can relate to, think about and want to discuss,” Donna Blevins said about the work of the Livermore-based theater troupe.

“Past productions of ours include ‘The Long Christmas Dinner’ by



ENCORE PLAYERS

Actors in Encore Players rehearse for their production of “Pets (and Their Humans)”, which opens this weekend at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore.

Thornton Wilder, about generations of one family over the years. ‘Jake’s Women’ by Neil Simon was about a man struggling with his marriage while dealing with conversations — real and imagined with women in his life. ‘The Dining Room’ by A. R. Gurney showed scenes that take place in a household, from the past to present,” Donna Blevins added.

Lea Blevins, another member of the Encore Players, plays one of the animals in “Pets (and Their Humans)”.

“Embodying an animal presents a new kind of acting experience for those of us playing the pets,” she said in a statement. “It’s been a fun challenge and I hope audiences enjoy this

comedic, poignant play.”

Founded in 2014, Encore Players aims to remain committed to its mission of being a diverse, inclusive and safe space for performers of all backgrounds and values. While the group accepts actors and creatives of all ages, it focuses on highlighting senior performers or “seasoned” actors.

The theater group has routinely put on performances from all genres at local venues, such as “Lysistrata” and “It’s a Wonderful Life”.

Afternoon and evening shows of



“Pets (and Their Humans)” are set to take place at the Bothwell Arts Center.

Evening shows are this Saturday (Aug. 12) and next Friday and Saturday (Aug. 18-19) at 7:30 p.m., and afternoon performances are at 2 p.m. this Sunday (Aug. 13) and next Sunday (Aug. 20).

For tickets and more information, visit <https://encoreplayers.net>. ■

# Eugene O’Neill Festival kicks off in Danville

Celebration of famed playwright seeks to showcase women’s voices this year

By JEANITA LYMAN

Danville’s role in the history of modern theater is being celebrated again this year, with a number of local events that kicked off last week and continue through next month bringing the work of the “father of modern theater” — Eugene O’Neill — back to life in the town he settled in shortly after winning a Nobel Prize.

This year’s Eugene O’Neill Festival marks the 23rd produced by organizers with the foundation bearing the famed playwright’s name and based out of his former home at the Tao House, with the main event — a full production of an O’Neill play — inspiring them to

emphasize women’s voices with the theme “Having Her Say”.

The festival kicked off at Danville’s Auburn Lounge on Aug. 2, featuring a discussion by dramaturg and Babson College professor Beth Wynstra, a Walnut Creek native who has worked with Eugene O’Neill Foundation artistic director Eric Fraisher Hayes on the last three productions from the foundation, about her recently released book that showcases the role of women’s voices and the upheaval surrounding gender roles that O’Neill explored in his work.

Wynstra’s book “Vows, Veils, and Masks: The Performance of Marriage in the Plays of Eugene

O’Neill” debuted on July 7, giving the local audience one of the first opportunities to hear insight from the author and join her for a discussion.

In addition to exploring O’Neill’s showcasing of women’s voices, this year’s festival will also showcase a timely update to a well-known Victorian story that explored the repression of women during O’Neill’s time.

“The Yellow Wallpaper 2.0” was developed by Los Angeles playwright Jennifer Maisel while in residency at the Tao House in 2021, and seeks to adapt premises of the classic short story by Charlotte Perkins Gillman for the modern day with

an exploration of domesticity and gender roles inspired by restrictions and shutdowns in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Maisel will return to Danville for pre- and post-show discussions during the two-night run of her play at the Veterans Memorial Building on Aug. 19 and 20.

While Maisel’s play is a highly anticipated event and a rare opportunity to see the recent work come to life on stage — as well as to talk with the playwright behind it — the main event aims to bring O’Neill’s work to life with a full-scale production of “Anna Christie”, which is known for featuring what is widely considered one of his most

impressive and compelling female protagonists.

The play earned O’Neill a Pulitzer Prize in 1922 for its portrayal of the protagonists battle for self-determination that takes the form of a visit to a waterfront saloon and reunion with her father that addresses and explores childhood trauma after supporting herself via sex work.

While the three-weekend run of the production doesn’t start until next month, fans can get a head start exploring the play via a reading group looking at the text ahead of time by joining a virtual discussion on Aug. 31.

“Anna Christie” opens on Sept. 9 for an evening show in the Old Barn Theater at the Tao House site on the outskirts of Danville. A full schedule and more information about the festival are available at [eugeneoneill.org/productions/festival](http://eugeneoneill.org/productions/festival). ■

# ‘Flora in Focus’ at Livermore Library

Showcasing flower art from Tri-Valley talents

By JOSIE DE LA TORRE

Local watercolor artist Meghana Mitragotri is presenting the first “Flora in Focus” art exhibition at the Livermore Civic Center Library all month long.

The flower-themed art exhibition features local artists from the Tri-Valley area with artworks varying from watercolor to mixed media to East Asian brush paintings, immersing visitors into a captivating, colorful, floral world.

“Being a floral watercolor artist, I have always wanted to organize a floral group art show. I had the privilege

of joining several local art groups and made some exceptional friends since then. These friends, among many others, have not only inspired me with their artistic styles but have also contributed to my growth as an artist,” Mitragotri told the Weekly.

“It was time to honor these wonderful individuals in a small way. Hence, this year I thought it would be great to bring to the community the first floral group art show along with friends & artists who not only have a strong body of floral work but are wonderful community contributors as well,” Mitragotri added.

Well-known Tri-Valley artists

Monique Makepeace, Wei-Ting Chuang, Charlotte Severin, Ranjini Venkatachari, Helene Roylance, Vanessa Thomas and Rekha Joshi are participating in the intimate showing.

“Local artists are some of the true gems that help a community stand out. Every member of this group has inspired even the youngest of minds to pursue interest in the visual arts. Plus, art is fun and flowers bring such joy,” Mitragotri said

“It is of utmost importance to promote and support local artists for their exemplary attempts in engaging the community with their unique skills. Artists supporting

artists’ has become a common objective for many of us living in the Tri-Valley,” she added.

“Flora in Focus” commemorates the invigorating beauty of flowers and aims to inspire the audience through the combined talents of local and recognized artists in the Tri-Valley area, according to Mitragotri. The art show highlights the vibrant colors, textures and intimate details of flora.

The free art show will take place at the Civic Center Library at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. now through Aug. 31. A reception will take place this Saturday (Aug. 12) from 2-4 p.m. ■



“Breath of Spring” by Vanessa Thomas.

## Leonard Victor Cheney

May 9, 1940 – July 31, 2023

Dr. Leonard Victor Cheney passed away on Monday, July 31, 2023, surrounded by his wife and three children. He was a devoted and loving son, husband, father, and grandfather. Leonard, known to all as Len, was born on May 9, 1940, to Leonard P. Cheney and Viola Seidcheck Cheney in Chicago, Illinois. At two years old, his family moved to San Leandro, California, where his mother created a loving home and his father owned and operated a local auto-supply store. He graduated from San Leandro High School in 1958 and attended UC Berkeley for two years where he was in Air Force ROTC. Len then transferred to the UCSF School of Dentistry, graduating in 1964 at the top of his class with a specialty in Orthodontics.

Following dental school, Len served as a captain in the Air Force and was stationed at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, for two years working as an orthodontist and teaching English to children. After his service, he traveled extensively, including through Japan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Burma, India, the Soviet Union, Germany, and France. Many of the wonderful stories he told throughout his life came from these adventures.

Upon returning to the United States, Len lived in Berkeley, CA, where he met the love of his life, Sue Gray. Sue and Len were married on December 19, 1970, at Sue's home parish, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Berkeley. They then moved to Pleasanton and soon welcomed their first daughter, Laura, in 1972, then Ana in 1975, and finally Alex in 1979.

Len opened his orthodontics practice in Pleasanton in 1970 next to Amador Valley High School. He oversaw the building of his office from the ground up and created its beautiful Japanese garden, inspired by his time in Okinawa. At the time, Pleasanton's population was just 18,000 people, and Len started with only two patients. But as Pleasanton grew over the decades, he became a fixture in the community, and countless people who grew up in Pleasanton owe their smiles to his skill and artistry. Len loved his work and talking with and learning about his patients, and the assistants who worked with him over the years became like family. He also volunteered as a clinical instructor at the UOP Dental School in San Francisco for several years late in his career. Len reluctantly retired in 2016 after practicing orthodontics for 52 years.

Len had numerous hobbies and passions throughout his life. In the early 1970s, he raced in and won many SCCA races in a Porsche Speedster at Laguna Seca and Sears Point Raceway, before deciding that auto racing

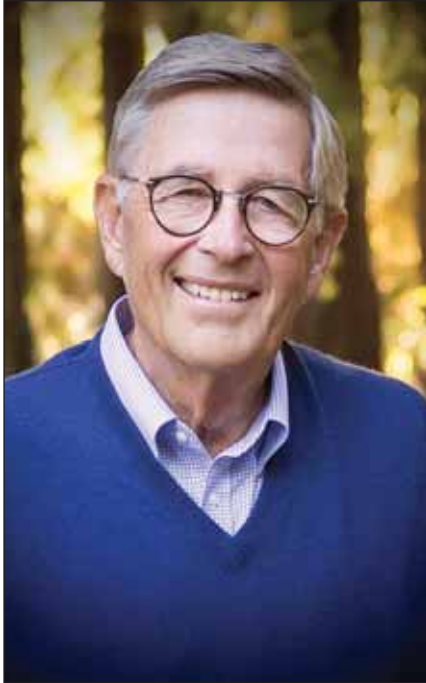
was too dangerous for a new father. He then bought a Hawkfarm sailboat (which he named "Hot Cakes") without knowing how to sail. Emblematic of his passion and determination, he read every book he could find on racing sailboats and then won several races on the San Francisco Bay in the late 1970s and early 1980s with a crew that included a Pleasanton oral surgeon, Richard Roman, and a former Pleasanton mayor, Bob Butler. Len was an excellent downhill skier and photographer, a skilled chess player, and an avid cyclist. He was also a dedicated (and at times frustrated) golfer and a longtime member of Castlewood Country Club, where he enjoyed golfing with friends and his son right up until the month before he passed. He loved art, antiques, and anything French; chocolate malts and Mamma Burgers at Val's

in Hayward; watching Seinfeld and retelling the jokes; sitting in the sun with a book; and supporting his beloved Cal Bears through their many ups and downs. He also loved people and Pleasanton. He enjoyed attending Valley Community Church and valued the connections he made there, and he was known to strike up conversations with total strangers wherever he went.

Len's greatest passion was his family. He enjoyed family gatherings at his home in Pleasanton and at the family cabin in Tahoe Meadows. He was happiest when the whole family was gathered around the table sharing a meal, a good glass of wine, and some laughs. Len showered his children and grandchildren with love and affection; he delighted in their activities and accomplishments. He could make you feel like the most special person in the room. He was the consummate gentleman and a great storyteller, and he exuberantly expressed wonder and awe for the gift of being alive. Len had a contagious enthusiasm for the little things in life, a genuine warmth, and a tender heart. As one of his favorite theologians, Frederick Buechner, wrote: "The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you." Indeed, family parties will not be complete without him. He will be missed immensely.

Len is survived by his beloved wife, Sue Cheney, his children, Laura Cheney, Ana Moon (Eric), and Alex Cheney (Sonya), and his grandchildren, Andy, Emily, Abigail, Thomas, Leila, and Ali.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, August 20th from 11:30 am until 2 pm at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.



## POLICE BULLETIN

### Federal charges filed in \$1.1M armed robbery of jewelry store

Four defendants were booked into Santa Rita Jail, with another still at-large, following an investigation into an armed robbery at a San Ramon jewelry store earlier this year that has now resulted in federal charges.

Paul Tonga, Sunia Faavesi, Ryan Montgomery and Kyle Vehikite were arrested and taken into custody on July 26 for pre-trial detention in a federal complaint brought by the Department of Justice that was filed on July 31. A fifth suspect, John Tupou, is wanted and on the lam, according to authorities.

The charges stem from an armed robbery at Heller Jewelers in San Ramon on St. Patrick's Day that was captured in photos and videos from onlookers and shared widely via social media.

The brazen midday heist in the middle of a busy shopping center — which yielded \$1.1 million in stolen goods — was the product of careful planning and coordination behind the scenes that started well in advance of the incident, according to allegations from federal prosecutors in a motion filed in the U.S. Northern District Court's Ninth Circuit.

The San Ramon Police Department received a dispatch call about the armed takeover and robbery at the City Center Bishop Ranch jeweler at approximately 2:45 p.m. on March 17, moments after a Jeep Grand Cherokee and an orange Dodge Charger can be seen pulling into the shopping center's valet section, according to surveillance footage. Seven robbers can be seen emerging from the two vehicles and making their way to the entrance of Heller Jewelers.

"The evidence shows that the robbery was carefully planned and tightly choreographed, with the defendants scoping out the site a week in advance, lying in wait in the hours before the robbery itself, transporting the inside men to the store where the robbery was executed in the space of a couple minutes, and then fleeing via different routes to a meetup spot in Oakland, where they

dumped two getaway cars before going to their separate ways," U.S. attorneys Ismael Ramsey and Thomas Colthurst and assistant U.S. attorney Alethea Sargent said in a recent court filing.

They added that the identities of several suspects in addition to the five named in the motion had not yet been confirmed.

Investigators allege they were able to identify the five suspects named thanks to a photograph of Tonga's car at the scene of the robbery, as well as a GPS device hidden in a Rolex watch that enabled them to trace it alongside Tonga's vehicle once it was promptly activated after the theft.

"A painstaking investigation over the following months allowed investigators to identify the other named defendants," prosecutors wrote.

If it weren't for the combination of those two leads, the efforts on the part of the suspects to avoid authorities — which included crossing state lines — might have resulted in a cold case.

It was not immediately clear whether the defendants had retained attorneys yet.

—Jeanita Lyman

### In other news

- Tracy police arrested two young men from Lodi following a shooting that left one man fighting for his life after an apparent road-rage exchange on Interstate 580 near Pleasanton escalated into gunfire some 30 miles down the road last Friday afternoon.

The investigation began just before 2:45 p.m. Friday (Aug. 4), with the Tracy Police Department receiving multiple 911 calls about shots being fired on the 700 block of West Clover Road. Officers arrived to find a man suffering from life-threatening injuries, according to police.

The man, whose identity has not been revealed, was transported by ambulance to an area hospital, where he was listed in critical condition over the weekend, police said.

The department's general investigations unit would later learn that the impetus for the shooting likely originated from a road-rage dispute involving occupants of a silver Jeep Wrangler and a white Nissan cargo van on eastbound I-580 near

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Surveillance footage shows details of an armed robbery at Heller Jewelers in San Ramon earlier this year, during which two suspects brandished guns.

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

## Aug. 7

**Domestic battery**

- 2:34 a.m. on First Street
- 11:20 a.m. on Chabot Drive

**Theft**

- 2:45 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Robbery**

- 4:42 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

## Aug. 6

**Graffiti offense**

- 12:41 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue and Mavis Drive

**Warrant arrest**

- 7:51 p.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive
- 8:40 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

## Aug. 5

**Assault/battery**

- 3:52 a.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

**Vehicle tampering**

- 1:14 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 3:14 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

**Shoplifting**

- 3:22 p.m. on the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Vandalism**

- 10:08 p.m. on the 6700 block of Paseo Santa Cruz

## Aug. 4

**Domestic battery**

- 5:20 a.m. on Vineyard Avenue

**Burglary**

- 9:55 a.m. on the 200 block of Main Street
- 3:01 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

**Theft**

- 10:01 a.m. on the 6800 block of Inglewood Court

- 6:03 p.m., 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

**Warrant arrest**

- 10:24 a.m. on the 200 block of Sullivan Court
- 10:35 a.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Robbery**

- 2:32 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

## Aug. 3

**Theft**

- 7:49 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 9:38 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 3:40 p.m., 5700 block of Pleasant Hill Road; catalytic converter theft
- 5:54 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Burglary**

- 8:12 a.m. on the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 2:57 p.m. on the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

**Warrant arrest**

- 4:18 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

## Aug. 2

**Theft**

- 9:08 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road
- 1:08 p.m. on Abbie Street; theft from auto
- 4:37 p.m., 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; catalytic converter theft
- 5:47 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

## Aug. 1

**Vandalism**

- 6:53 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive
- 2:39 p.m. on the 3900 block of First Street
- 11:08 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Theft**

- 9:33 a.m. on the 5800 block of Stoneridge Drive

struck him and his sedan on I-580 in unincorporated Livermore last week, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The situation began unfolding at about 6:45 a.m. Aug. 2 when a gray 2007 Toyota Corolla traveling on I-580 eastbound in the No. 5 lane drifted to the right and crashed against the yellow attenuator barrels on the right shoulder east of Greenville Road in Livermore, according to CHP Officer Tyler Hahn.

The driver got out of the Corolla and stood next to his sedan, which came to rest on the freeway and blocked the right-hand lane, according to Hahn.

Then, a 2012 Freightliner semi-truck towing a box trailer on the freeway struck the Corolla, and the man was subsequently hit by both his own car and the big-rig, Hahn said. The 51-year-old died at the scene. His name has not been released publicly, with family notification still pending as of Tuesday night, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau.

The circumstances remain under investigation. Anyone with information related to the case can contact CHP-Dublin at 925-828-0466. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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Pleasanton, which continued all the way into the Tracy area via I-205, police said.

Police said that although the suspect vehicle fled the scene, Tracy officers were able to locate it on I-205 nearby and arrest the two occupants. Lodi residents Eduardo Tarvin, 23, and Jacob Nevarez, 21, were booked into the San Joaquin County Jail on suspicion of attempted murder and shooting into a vehicle.

"We are asking for the public's assistance in viewing any dashcam footage, cellphone video or other eyewitness accounts that may have captured any part of the incident leading up to the shooting," police said about their ongoing investigation.

Anyone with information about the case can contact Detective Brian Azevedo at Brian.Azevedo@TracyPD.com or 209-831-6534 or Tracy Crime Stoppers at 209-831-4847 or text TIPTPD to 274637.

—Jeremy Walsh

• A Tracy man who was standing next to his car after an initial crash died after an approaching semi-truck

## Robert Allen Long

May 23, 1946 – July 9, 2023

Many small children are enchanted with dinosaurs. Very few, however, have a lifetime fascination with fossils. Robert Allen Long was in the exceptional minority. Born May 23, 1946, in Whittier, California, some of Rob's earliest childhood memories are visiting the impressive local public library with his parents (Elsa Erbes Long and O. Aubrey Long) and his older brother (Tom). There, in the children's section, Rob discovered many books depicting dinosaurs. He was hooked!

By age 11, Rob was saving up his allowance for bus fare to downtown Los Angeles on weekends. From the bus station, he hiked through not-so-nice neighborhoods to reach the towering city library. For 25 cents, he could get an inter-library loan from almost anywhere in the state, allowing him to read scientific tomes and papers about fossil discoveries. At that time, libraries did not have photocopy machines available to the public, so Rob took tracing paper and pencils to trace the illustrated fossils.

By age 15, Rob had the audacity to hitchhike to University of California, Berkeley, to tell Fulbright scholar Dr. Samuel P. Welles that he had made an error in his scientific paper. Rob believed that the dinosaur was incorrectly described. Sam was convinced, and changed the mounted skeleton to show not one, but two crests, as Rob suggested: *Dilophosaurus*. That was the beginning of a friendship and working relationship that lasted until Sam's death in 1997. Sam invited Rob to participate in summer "digs" in Arizona, particularly at the Petrified Forest National Park (1965-68). They also took a 6-month trip across the United States, taking over 30,000 shots of fossil bones in museums along the way.

"Arizona Long," as we lovingly called him, had field work adventures that included encounters with scorpions, rattlesnakes, flash floods, and quicksand. Then there were the two dozen kidney stones that occurred after field seasons. Rob considered it all worth the joy of discoveries.

Rob became a research associate at UC Berkeley, leading his own field crews on fossil hunts in Petrified Forest National Park. He named most of the animals found there, plus the localities. During the summer of 1985, Rob was the leader of a crew that discovered the fossil remains of what Rob called "a whopping small dinosaur." Rob named it *Chindesaurus* – the world's oldest dinosaur!

That discovery, and the military helicopter airlift of the fossil from the Painted Desert to UC Berkeley, touched off an international news flurry, with television and newspaper interviews. Rob's name and photograph appeared in USA newspapers from *The San Francisco Chronicle* to the *New York Times*, and many more. He was featured as a "news-maker" in *Newsweek Magazine*. A documentary film was made, which now can be seen

online via You-Tube. (Its title is "A Whopping Small Dinosaur.") That documentary is shown each June 6 on "Dinosaur Day" at the Petrified Forest National Park.

Rob published a book called "Dawn of the Dinosaurs," but in the world of paleontology, Rob is best known for co-authoring with Phil Murry in 1995 a lengthy monograph (254 pages) with the lengthy title of "Late Triassic (Carnian and Norian) Tetrapods from the Southwestern United States." It became known as "The Green Book" (for its cover color) by graduate students in many parts of the world.

Paleontology provided Rob with lots of special experiences, including being one of the consultants for the 1992 movie "Jurassic Park." He and his colleague Dale Russell told filmmaker Phil Tippett that upright dinosaurs would not

have forked tongues (which are used by low-to-the-ground or slithery creatures to sense prey). But did it really matter to the millions of people who would see the movie? Was it worth costly changes? Apparently so.

During the summer of 1967, Rob was staying in Berkeley when a friend invited him on a picnic in the wine country sponsored by UC Berkeley's International House. Rob happened to carpool with two other fellows in a VW bug driven by Jerri Pantages, who was living at International House while completing her teaching credential. From that chance encounter came a marriage that lasted 54 years, until Rob's death on July 9, 2023, after his 8-month battle with esophageal cancer. They lived in Pleasanton, California, for the past 45 years.

Besides Jerri, Rob is survived by their son Geoffrey Elliott Long; brother Tom Long (wife Kathy) of Walnut Creek; nieces Melissa Long and Natasha Leydecker and their families; brothers-in-law Richard Pantages (wife Sandi) of Fremont and Tim Pantages (wife Sue) of Tigard, Oregon; plus cousins, colleagues, and friends who have enriched his life.

Before his death, Rob was pleased to donate his extensive scientific library and notes to the Petrified Forest National Park (PFNP) to help establish a research library for use by visiting paleontologists. Thanks to Bill Parker, Program Manager, Resource Stewardship and Science, for facilitating the project. PFNP has become THE center of Triassic research in recent decades. The research library will be housed in an historic building designed by architect Richard Neutra, which is scheduled for restoration and refurbishing. Memorial donations to the project may be made to: [http://give.nationalparks.org/goto/Robert\\_Allen\\_Long](http://give.nationalparks.org/goto/Robert_Allen_Long)

At Rob's request, no memorial services will be held. Special thanks to Kaiser Permanente's departments of oncology, palliative care and hospice for helping Rob maintain his quality of life until the very end.

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Repaired Foothill football blocking sled a symbol of John Madden's local legacy

Also: Remembering Jimmie McClure, former Falcons coach and school staffer

Foothill High football is all about the legacy the program has created.

John Madden was also about the legacy he created when he coached the Oakland Raiders.

Those two things being said, it seems only natural the legacies created by both the school and the man blend.

In this case it's in the form of a seven-man blocking sled the Falcons use to begin practice.

When Madden retired from coaching, he had a seven-man sled in the parking lot of his office complex in Pleasanton.

When his son Mike started coaching freshman football at Foothill, he got a similar sled for Foothill and a new tradition was started.

"Mike got the same type of sled for his team," former longtime Foothill coach Matt Sweeney said. "John had started every practice using it. That was classic John — there's no substitute for driving the sled. We always wanted that type of persona."

The sled is still in use today, but there was one problem heading into this season. The pontoons were in dire need of repair, and it was becoming a worry for some of the Foothill coaches.

Enter Foothill athletic director/site coordinator Paul Faris.

"Jorge (Quero) had some concerns that with the pontoons wearing out it may harm the track," Faris said of the Foothill track coach's concern. "I agreed with him and knew we needed to fix it."

Faris got hold of someone at Rae Crowther Co., the company that built the sled, and found that they could buy new pontoons.

"We bought four new pontoons and three pads," Faris said. "We had four pads that we could still use. We put \$3,000 into the parts."

Getting the parts wasn't even half the battle.

"Paul getting the parts helped us save at least 50%," said current Foothill coach Greg Haubner. "But it was a legit project. There were rusted-on bolts — it was not easy."

Not easy, but it was accomplished. Faris and assistant football coach Greg Chandler had the tools needed to get the bolts cut off, including the 1-1/8 inch bolts.

"We got a crew together and got it done in three to four hours," Faris said. "It actually was quicker than I thought it was going to take us."

And done before the official starting date of Aug. 7 to begin football practice.

"It's 100% another of John's legacies," Sweeney said of hitting the sled. "It teaches the kids not to use their head but their shoulder to block. It's about teaching and being physical."

Which is something Haubner embraces.

"With the way the practice rules are now, it's important to hit the sled," Haubner said. "You can beat the heck out of an inanimate object."

For Faris it was almost personal getting the sled fixed.

"Being a former lineman, we hit the sled every day when I was at



COURTESY PAUL FARIS

Foothill High School athletic staff recently repaired the program's blocking sled, which was contributed years ago by former freshman coach Mike Madden, son of late Hall of Fame pro coach and Pleasanton resident John Madden.

Amador," Faris said. "It excites me that another generation of kids gets to hit the sled."

#### Remembering Coach McClure

Jimmie McClure, the longtime Foothill counselor and coach, passed away in May of this year at the age of 81. The family has a celebration of life planned for this Saturday (Aug. 12) from 2-5 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street.

After growing up in Oakland, McClure took his baseball skills to college and eventually ended up playing for both the Los Angeles Dodgers' and New York Mets' minor league organizations.

Once his playing days ended, he returned to Oakland and began

teaching and coaching.

McClure moved his family to Pleasanton in 1971, and he started at Foothill as a counselor in 1975. In the 20-plus years at the school, he coached football, basketball, track and field, and baseball.

As the girls' basketball coach, he led the Falcons to their first-ever East Bay Athletic League championship.

Shortly before retiring from Pleasanton, McClure returned to the classroom at Harvest Park Middle School, teaching P.E., biology and coaching the girls' basketball team. ■

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### South Korea wins LL Intermediate World Series in Livermore

West Seoul Little League takes home its third-ever LLIWS championship

By JOSEPH CHIU

Avenging a 5-2 loss in last year's Little League Intermediate World Series championship, West Seoul Little League was victorious on Sunday by defeating Tampa's Keystone LL 11-4 in the 2023 LLIWS title game at Max Baer Park in Livermore.

The game started slow for West Seoul, giving up two runs to Keystone in the first two innings. After pulling out starting pitcher Minseok Bang following the first inning, Bomun Jung pitched five innings for West Seoul and gave up just five hits and one run, while posting five strikeouts on the mound.

Facing a 2-0 deficit, West Seoul turned it up for the third and fourth innings, scoring four runs apiece to build a six-run lead and never looked back. Jihoon Park and Minjun Lee each recorded two hits and one RBI to lead the team in hitting.

West Seoul continued shutting out Keystone through the fifth inning until giving up one run in the sixth inning. With 12 total hits in the game, West Seoul had an answer to stop any momentum that Keystone built up throughout the game.

In the top of the seventh inning, West

Seoul distanced themselves with a single by Sangmyeong Ahn leading to a score for Minhoo Kim, and a double by Lee allowing Ahn to score their 11th run.

Jiho Shin came in for South Korea in the bottom of the seventh inning with three out standing between West Seoul and a championship. He ultimately gave up two hits and one run while striking out two batters including the final strikeout against Keystone's Jordan Martorana on a swing to seal the 11-4 victory for West Seoul.

In six games in Livermore, West Seoul recorded 24 RBIs, 53 hits, and scored 40 runs, the most by any team in this year's tournament contested from July 30 to Aug. 6. Park led South Korea with nine hits and seven runs while also leading the team with 20 strikeouts against 47 batters in 13 innings pitched.

Bollinger Canyon LL from San Ramon represented the California D57 Region in the LLIWS, but was eliminated after losing 5-4 against Keystone in their first game and falling 5-2 in the next match against Taylor North LL from Michigan. The Tri-Valley team defeated Northwest Czech Republic LL 10-3 in a consolation game on Aug. 3. ■



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West Seoul's Little League intermediate team came out on top after taking down five international teams en route to winning the tournament played in Livermore.

## Entertainment

**BOYS OF SUMMER** One of the most authentic Eagles tribute bands around, the Boys of Summer will have you rocking out from start to finish. Bring a low-back chair or blanket, first-come, first-served on the concert lawn. Doors open at 6 p.m. and band starts at 8 p.m., Aug. 11. Tickets \$50. Visit [wentvineyards.com](http://wentvineyards.com).

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** Pleasanton Downtown Association's popular Concert in the Park series will take place most Friday nights this summer featuring an eclectic mix of music from classic rock, blues and big band to today's hits. 7-9 p.m., Aug. 11. Lions Wayside Park.

**COURTYARD CONCERT** Kick off the weekend and join for happy hour in the Madden Courtyard starring Matt Finders & Friends. 5:30 p.m., Aug. 11. Tickets \$20. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**ENCORE PLAYERS PRESENT PETS (AND THEIR HUMANS)** When Brad's wife dies, he finds solace by talking to his pets, but what happens when his pets start talking back? A quirky, poignant comedy that encourages audiences to rethink the role of pets in their lives. Aug. 12-13; 18-20. Tickets \$25. Bothwell Arts Center. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**KAIFI KHALIL KAHANI SUNO 2.0** Kaifi Khalil is a Pakistani singer-songwriter and composer based in Karachi. His song Kahani Suno 2.0 topped Spotify charts in Pakistan, Bangladesh and India. 8 p.m., Aug. 18. Tickets \$69-\$349. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

**MUSTANGS OF THE WEST** Mustangs of the West is a band with west coast roots steeped in both classic California country and folk rock. 8 p.m., Aug. 19. Tickets \$25-\$55. Visit [livermorearts.org](http://livermorearts.org).

## Talks

**AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS** Lecture: Wacky Doodle Quilter, by Kim Brownell. Kim calls herself the Wacky Doodle Quilter because of her easy-going whimsical style, not always following the rules and ignoring the Quilt Police. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Aug. 12. Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Visit [amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://amadorvalleyquilters.org).

**IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK** On this walking tour explore the many beautiful historic homes along Railroad Avenue, Second Street and Neal Street. Learn about the families that occupied those homes, their contributions, and how they lived their everyday lives in our small but industrious town. 10 a.m., Aug. 12. Museum on Main.

**AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING WITH CHUCK YEAGER** Chuck Yeager was always irritated by the question "do you have the right stuff", but

## PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

### Meet Clyde

Clyde is a gentle giant. You might have heard all huskies are super energetic, but he begs to differ. He definitely has zoomies in him and loves going for walks, but he's most content lounging nearby his people or doing something fun together. Some of his hobbies include playing with squeaky toys and getting lots of snacks. Meet love bug Clyde at the East Bay SPCA Dublin Adoption Center. Learn more at [eastbayspca.org](http://eastbayspca.org).

the answer was obvious. The right stuff was seen in Yeager being a double ace in WWII, or when he was chased across the Pyrenees by Nazis. Chautauqua scholar Doug Mishler will portray the pilot. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Aug. 15. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

**TEEN FENTANYL AWARENESS TALK** High school presenters will share a talk about fentanyl awareness and the dangers of prescription drug abuse. This program is geared towards teens and adults. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Aug. 16. Dublin Library.

**HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS** Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club meets in-person and virtually via Zoom. Overcome fear of speaking in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Visit [haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org](http://haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Exhibits

**FLORA IN FOCUS ART RECEPTION** The Flora in Focus Art Reception is 2-4 p.m., Aug. 12, at the Livermore Civic Center Library which includes unique giveaways & raffle prizes.

**FALCONS AT FIFTY** Pleasanton's Museum on Main's exhibit "Falcons at Fifty: Foothill High School 1973-Present" commemorates the school's fiftieth birthday featuring memorabilia and artifacts from throughout the school's history, as well as clips from interviews with alumni and current and former faculty and staff. Through Aug. 19. Visit [museumonmain.org](http://museumonmain.org).

**WATERCOLOR SHOW AT HARRINGTON GALLERY** The California Watercolor Association features approximately 50 works of water-based media, showcasing artwork of the organization's Signature Members who have exhibited in three or more CWA National Exhibitions. Through Aug. 26. Visit [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

**COMIC CROSSING: THE ART OF THE GRAPHIC NARRATIVE** A multimedia art exhibit featuring a collection of visually stunning and emotionally compelling graphic novels, comics, and illustrations. Thursdays to Sundays, 1-5 p.m., through Oct. 8. Uncle

Credit Union Art Gallery. Visit [livermorearts.org/visual-arts-2](http://livermorearts.org/visual-arts-2).

## Outdoors

**SUMMER NIGHT HIKE** See Sycamore Grove Park in a way that not many visitors have before, at night with this guided night hike through the park and discover what happens after the gates close. 7:30 p.m., Aug. 19. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**CALIFORNIA BUTTERFLIES** Observe California native butterflies and learn surprising facts about these critters and their significance to the ecosystem. A colorful arts and crafts activity is to follow. 2 p.m., Aug. 20. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

**BOCCE IN PLEASANTON** Enjoy a game of Bocce on recently renovated courts offered through Lifetime Tennis at Centennial Park. For more information visit [lifetimeactivities.com](http://lifetimeactivities.com).

**HOT NIGHTS RECREATION SWIM** LARPD is hosting Hot Nights Recreation Swim every Friday,

from 6-8 p.m. in the activity pool of the Robert Livermore Aquatic Center. Admission \$6. Visit [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

## Farmers' Markets

**PLEASANTON FARMERS' MARKET** The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is Saturday year round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. W. Angela St. Visit [pcfma.org/pleasanton](http://pcfma.org/pleasanton).

**LIVERMORE THURSDAY FARMERS' MARKET** The Livermore Thursday Farmers' Market is 4-8 p.m., now through Oct. 12. Rain or shine. 2155 3rd St.

**LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS' MARKET** Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9

a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J St & L St.

**DUBLIN FARMERS' MARKET** The Dublin Farmers' Market is Thursdays, 4-8 p.m., through Sept. 28. 4201 Central Pkwy.

## Government

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL** The next hybrid Pleasanton City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Aug. 15. Visit [cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING** The Livermore City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Aug. 14. Visit [cityoflivermore.net](http://cityoflivermore.net).

**LIVERMORE PLANNING COMMISSION** The Livermore Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is 7 p.m., Aug. 15. Visit [cityoflivermore.net](http://cityoflivermore.net).

## Patricia L. Lanning

July 23, 1949 – July 26, 2023

Patricia L. Lanning was a 54-year resident of Pleasanton. She died Wednesday, July 23rd at her home after a brief illness. She was a native of Pittsburgh, PA and moved to Fremont with her family in the early 1960's where she graduated from Mission High school in Fremont. Patricia also attended Chabot / Las Positas College.

Patricia was a lover of animals and always had numerous pets. She recently adopted 8 feral cats in the last year. In the 1970's she showed dogs, in the 1970's through the early 1990's she owned and raced thoroughbred racehorses. In the 2000's she showed Siamese Cats. Patricia was active over the years with many charitable organizations. She was proudest of running the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association -Ladies Auxiliary at Bay Meadows in the 1980 and the monies raised to purchase a modern horse ambulance at Bay Meadows Racetrack. Patricia was a Pari-Mutual clerk for over 20 years and worked at racetracks though out Northern California. Patricia retired from EDC Electric Inc. in Fremont, CA where she was the office manager.

Patricia is preceded in death by her husband Michael Lanning, her parents Collette Oldfield and Kenneth Oldfield, as well as sister Denise Goulter. Patricia is survived by her current husband John Bidwell of Pleasanton, sister Sharon MacConell (Tom) of Bradenton, FL, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Robert and Patricia Bonderud of San Rafael, CA as well as many nephew's, nieces and great nieces & nephews.

Services: Visitation from 4-7pm Wednesday, August 9th, at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

Funeral: Thursday, August 10th, 10am at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton, CA.

Burial will be at St. Augustine's Cemetery, Pleasanton.

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# Public Notices

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 526387

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):

AMADOR DENTAL AND ORTHODONTIC  
5000 Pleasanton Ave, Suite 110  
Pleasanton, Ca 94566

FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON:  
01/11/2017

UNDER FILE NO. 526387

REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):

JACOB DEVINNEY DDS INC

37 Vista Montemar

Laguna Niguel, Ca 92677

State of Incorporation: California

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on July 31 2023.  
(PLW Aug 11, 18, 25 and Sep 1, 2023)

## THE STONE QUEENS

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599294

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) The Stone Queens, located at 648 Division Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

YVETTE S HELMERS

648 Division Street, Pleasanton, Ca 94566

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 12 2023.

(PLW Jul 21, 28, Aug 4 and 11, 2023)

## IDN ELECTRIC

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599388

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) IDN Electric, located at 8132 Ensenada dr #4 Pleasanton, Ca 94566, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

JAKE SNYDER

8132 Ensenada dr. #4

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/17/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 17 2023.  
(PLW Jul 28, Aug 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

## KNPH SOLUTIONS

### KNPH TECHNOLOGIES

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599598

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) KNPH SOLUTIONS, 2.) KNPH TECHNOLOGIES, located at 5049 Rigatti Cir, Pleasanton CA 94588, ALAMEDA.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

PARAG INGALE

5049 Rigatti Cir

Pleasanton, CA 94588

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 26 2023.  
(PLW Aug 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

## ANAND'S PHOTOGRAPHY

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599411

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Anand's Photography, located at 576, Gyles Place, Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda County.

This business is conducted by: an Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

ANAND KUMAR SANKARAN

576 Gyles Pl

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/06/2023

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 18 2023.  
(PLW Jul 28, Aug 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

## DUBLIN TAQUERIA

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 599640

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Dublin Taqueria, located at 3986 Summit Rd. Dublin, Cal 94566, Alameda.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

DUBLIN TAQUERIA INC.

4174 Hazelhurst Ct Pleasanton, Cal. 94566 California

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda on July 27 2023.  
(PLW Aug 11, 18, 25 and Sep 1, 2023)

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Case No.: 23CV038338

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Madison Cathryn Salis filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

MADISON CATHRYN SALIS to MADISON CATHRYN WILLIAMS

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: 09/05/2023, 9:30am, Dept 14 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 07/17/2023

Charles A Smiley

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Case No.: 23CV038786

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Aryaman Paul filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ARYAMAN PAUL to ARYAMAN AARAV PAUL

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: 09/05/2023, 9:30 A.M., Dept. 14 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA, 94612.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

PLEASANTON WEEKLY

Date: 07/24/2023

Charles A. Smiley

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Case No.: 23CV038339

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Whitney Williams filed a petition

with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

GABRIELLA ANGEL BARKER to GABRIELLA ANGEL WILLIAMS

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

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Date: 07/17/2023

Charles A Smiley

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(PLW Aug 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

MEROLIN PETER CHRISTIE

Case No.: RP23144735

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MEROLIN PETER CHRISTIE.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Sanjay Patel in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that: Sanjay Patel be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 23 2023 at 9:45 am in Berkeley Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:  
James D. Frangos, Esq.  
Law Offices of James D. Frangos  
411 Borel Avenue, Suite 500,  
San Mateo, CA 94402  
650-571-6035  
(PLW Aug 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

# Employment

Safeway Inc. hiring Fulfillment Optimization Manager in Pleasanton, CA. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$154,523-158,700/yr. Email resume TA.Applications@albertsons.com. Attn: M. Gutierrez. Ref # 0710AT

Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. Software Engineer, Demand Planning in Pleasanton, CA. 2% dom. & int'l travel to company locations for meetings. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$168,993-196,500/yr. Email resume TA.Applications@albertsons.com. Attn: S. Gibson-Cooper. Ref # 0619PJ

Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. Software Engineer in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$149,252-164,300/yr. Email resume TA.Applications@albertsons.com. Attn: P. Nagpure. Ref # 0725SM

Safeway Inc. hiring Data Scientist in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute. Reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$131,100-196,500/yr. EOE. Email resume TA.Applications@albertsons.com. Attn: S. Talib. Ref # 0628HC

Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. QA Automation Engineer in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$149,989-196,500/yr. Email resume TA.Applications@albertsons.com. Attn: H. Lich. Ref # 0711SVY

Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. Software Engineer V in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$183,310-196,500/yr. Email resume TA.Applications@albertsons.com. Attn: S. Gibson-Cooper. Ref # 0710HS

Safeway Inc. hiring Solutions Architect, Digital Applications in Pleasanton, CA. May telecommute reports to Pleasanton. Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$215,197-246k/yr. Email resume TA.Applications@albertsons.com. Attn: M. Ferreira Ref # 0802USRS

**Safeway Inc. hiring Sr. Product Designer in Pleasanton, CA. Telecommute position. May work from anywhere in US. Domstc. travel 1x/yr to company offices for meetings.** Must have legal right to work in US. EOE. Subj. to bckgrnd check. \$135,803-218,600/yr. Email resume TA.Applications@albertsons.com. Attn: R. Oliver. Ref# 0619YL

Workday, Inc. is accepting resumes for the following positions at various levels in **Pleasanton, CA:**

**Data Engineer (20637.1940)** - Develop and support Data Services, Data Warehouse, Analytics, MDM, Data Quality and Advanced Analytics/ML for multiple business functions including Sales, Marketing, Services, Support and Customer Experience. Salary: \$154,523 - \$194,500 per year, 40 hours per wk.

**Product Manager (20637.2082)** - Designs, develops and manages activities or a significant product or product category. \*Employer will accept a three (3) or four (4) year bachelor's degree. Salary: \$157,600 - \$236,400 per year, 40 hrs per wk.

**Sr. Program Manager (Product Dev) (20637.2000)** - Deliver secure applications to Workday customers powering a rapidly growing global business. Salary: \$149,094 - \$218,800 per year, 40 hours per wk.

**Sr. Enterprise Applications Analyst (20637.1728)** - Define Application Performance Monitoring (APM) tools and requirements for Non prod and production in partnership with Dev Engineering and IT Operations teams. Salary: \$136,000 - \$204,000 per year, 40 hrs per week.

**Sr. Data Engineer (20637.1829)** - Establish an onboarding approach for new AWS cloud capabilities to support data services. Salary: \$199,098 - \$240,200 per year, 40 hrs per wk.

**Sr. Enterprise Applications Analyst (20637.1938)** - Analyze complex business problems to be solved with configuration solutions. Salary: \$154,523 - \$204,000 per year, 40 hrs per wk.

**Salesforce Business Systems Analyst (20637.2001)** - Functional and solution analysis and light design for the Salesforce platform, and related technical areas. Salary: \$131,498 - 158,900 per year, 40 hours per week.

Workday pay ranges vary based on work location and recruiters can share more during the hiring process. As a part of the total compensation package, this role may be eligible for the Workday Bonus Plan or a role-specific commission/bonus, as well as annual refresh stock grants. Each candidate's compensation offer will be based on multiple factors including, but not limited to, geography, experience, skills, future potential and internal pay parity. For more information regarding Workday's comprehensive benefits, please go to [workday.com/en-us/company/careers/life-at-workday.html](http://workday.com/en-us/company/careers/life-at-workday.html)

Interested applicants submit resumes by mail to: J. Thurston at Workday, Inc., Attn: Human Resources/Immigration, 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Must reference job title and job code.

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## Report: Dublin home prices drop at sharpest rate in nation

Pleasanton, Livermore also rank in top-20 despite all three cities posting \$1M+ average values

By CATHERINE ALLEN / BCN

Bay Area cities have experienced some of the biggest drops in home prices across the country, including Dublin at the top of the list, according to a new study evaluating typical home values from May 2022 to May 2023.

According to the report by investment advising company SmartAsset, San Francisco was the largest city in the top 10 list for price reductions, with home values falling by 13% from 2022 to 2023. The company used Zillow Home Value Index data from May 2022 and May 2023 for single-family homes, condos and housing co-ops.

Dublin's year-over-year home value dropped by \$229,706 (15.37%), to rank No. 1 in the report. The average home value in Dublin still remained at nearly \$1.26 million.

Pleasanton (seventh, at a 12.11% drop), Livermore (15th; 10.67% drop) and San Ramon (17th; 10.02% drop) also finished in the top-20 of largest declines, according to the report.

But the fall in prices isn't necessarily a good sign. Housing inventory is still tight, and housing experts say the trend is instead due to a fall in demand, as people leave the Bay Area in search for a lower cost of living.

In a Zillow Home Price Expectations

Survey polling economists and housing experts, respondents predicted housing prices to fall 1.6% through December 2023. The culprit, they said, is a lack of affordability and high mortgage rates driving down demand. Yet the respondents also expect to see housing prices rise 3.5% per year through 2027, which is the rate that prices grew in the 80s and 90s, a relatively stable time, according to the survey report.

Corey Smith is the executive director of Housing Action Coalition, a San Francisco-based nonprofit advocating for affordable housing. He's seen people leave the region due to housing costs, paired with new remote work opportunities.

"We prefer to see housing prices go down because of supply increases," Smith said. "We need to be trying to build as much housing as we can so the supply increases are ultimately the things that drive down prices."

Smith noted that despite the lower prices, housing is still out of reach for many people.

The typical home values for Dublin and San Francisco were about \$1.27 million. The report says Palo Alto's homes are "atypically expensive" for a smaller city. While the cost decreased by 12.82% over the year, the city's typical price in May 2023 was still \$3.16 million.

"It's like, OK, great. We still have a long way to go to make it affordable for folks," Smith said.

Out of the top 10 cities with lower prices, Oakland was the only one with a typical home value under \$1 million. Its home prices fell by 12% in the past year to \$814,053.

This trend comes after a period of rising housing prices. For instance, in two years from June 2020 to June 2022, the median single-family home price for the Bay Area increased 36%, according to data from the California Association of Realtors.

But the state is seeing some relief from the longtime trend of increasing prices.

As of June of this year, the California Association of Realtors reported that home prices have decreased by nearly 3% in the Bay Area over the past year. In May, the state's Department of Finance announced that new housing growth was at its highest level since 2008, countering the tight housing supply that has kept prices up.

According to the state's report, Alameda County had some of the highest housing growth in the state. Alameda County is also home to the majority of the California cities that saw a drop in housing prices this past year.

Smith said he's optimistic about the next

decade in California largely because the state is taking affordable housing more seriously. New state legislation, like the in-progress Senate Bill 423 and Assembly Bill 2011 that went into effect in July, enforce streamlined approval processes for affordable housing projects.

To Smith, people have seen that a lack of housing means key workers, from the service industry to public safety, can't afford to live in the Bay Area.

"You're seeing those staffing numbers go down and it's not good for the region," Smith said. "I think just politically people are getting to a place of, 'Yes, actually, we're OK with building more housing. We think this is a good thing.'"

Zillow's "typical home value" is measured using active home listings as well as the value of homes that are not actively on the market, SmartAsset spokesperson Ray Marek said. The value resembles a median price by looking at homes in a given market that fall in the middle tier, or 25th to 65th percentile. The study looked at U.S. cities with populations of at least 65,000 based on the U.S. Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey. To read the whole report, go to [smartasset.com](https://smartasset.com). ■

*Editor's note: Embarcadero Media East Bay Division editorial director Jeremy Walsh contributed local data to this story.*

### HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 20-23 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. Editor's note: California REsource inadvertently skipped Alameda County data for June 20-23 in last week's report; these statistics are now included here.

#### Pleasanton

**8169 Arroyo Drive #4** W. Zhang to N. Chin for \$525,000

**2662 Calle Morelia** G. & P. Thomas to S. & V. Shunmugavelu for \$1,825,000

**847 Division Street #B** C. Davis to S. & M. Cantero for \$530,000

**2832 Gray Fox Court** Kameny Family Trust to Yang Family Trust for \$2,710,000

**2146 Greenwood Road** K. Mokada to B. Anklesaria for \$2,130,000

**1776 Harvest Road** Dilernia Family Trust to Y. & M. Gong for \$1,700,000

**1992 West Lagoon Road** Eclavea Family Trust to Babu Trust for \$2,501,000

**1562 Lexington Lane** M. & K. Patel to R. & V. Bhavnani for \$2,050,000

**4678 Mohr Avenue** R. Gonzalez to H. & V. Rathi for \$1,651,000

**7777 Oak Creek Court** J. Yang to D. & J. Alphi for \$1,940,000

**3635 Portsmouth Court** Koubek Trust to Dhuvur Family Trust for \$1,975,000

**4696 Shasta Court** Chesapeake Trust to N. & N. Rathod for \$1,830,000

**1171 Sunset Creek Lane** Wohlenberg Trust to S. & S. Choi for \$3,060,000

**198 Trenton Circle** B. & A. Palmquist to A. & S. Goplani for \$1,377,000

**1904 Zenato Place** Gunn-Loftin Trust to Tandale Family Trust for \$4,650,000

#### Livermore

**240 Hillcrest Avenue** J. & J. Demartini to B. & K. Gill for \$1,089,000

**4220 Milton Way** A. & J. Buyer to K. & M. Zuriakat for \$1,630,000

**1009 Murrieta Boulevard #8** L. Torrez to B. & E. Goldstein for \$410,000

**210 South R Street** B. & J. to C. Jensen for \$1,230,000

**2970 Siena Road** Bullock Family Trust to Ware Family Trust for \$2,250,000

**683 Sonoma Court** Moreno Family Trust to F. & W. Sahibzada for \$1,080,000

**3604 Thornhill Drive** Adams Trust to Ilkal & Baig Living Trust for \$1,875,000

**869 Waverly Common** Thomas Trust to Trame Trust for \$960,000

#### Dublin

**7676 Arbor Creek Circle** Droogas Living Trust to M. & A. Dungo for \$890,000

**7917 Bristol Road** Bronk Trust to J. & S. Lu for \$1,398,000

**7861 Cranford Lane** Kaler Family Trust to S. Tourekanova for \$1,230,000

**5638 Iron Horse Parkway** S. & J. Chang to S. & V. Kolluri for \$1,215,000

**11685 Ladera Drive** Vanhulle Living Trust to A. & E. Iverson for \$1,450,000

**7721 Lisa Court** Fox Trust to Avery Property Management LLC for \$920,000

**6619 Maple Drive** M. Heffner to D. Lee for \$1,220,000

**7406 Oxford Circle #7** Ehrlich Trust to 1991 Ents LLC for \$920,000

**4781 Perugia Street** Chang Living Trust to J. & C. Hur for \$960,000

**8254 Vomic Road** R. Brown to Turn Co LLC for \$700,000


**3691 Westford Court** A. & H. Schumacher to Sunkad Family Trust for \$2,650,000

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](https://PleasantonWeekly.com).

Source: California REsource


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