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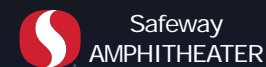
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Father's Day Spirit Run offers family fun, scholarships

I hope you'll join me and hundreds more at the downtown Rotary Club's annual Spirit Run on Father's Day, and really for three reasons:

- It's an exhilarating, fun-filled family activity, and a healthy way to start off this special day for dad.
- Proceeds from corporate and individual sponsors and race fees benefit Pleasanton high school graduates and community projects.
- It's a chance to test your skills, either running in the 10K or 5K events or (like me) taking a three-mile walk along downtown and neighborhood streets and the Arroyo del Valle.

There's even a Kids' Challenge fun run for 8-year-olds and younger, although don't discount these youngsters when it comes to running and endurance. We've seen even 5-year-olds running alongside their parents at very competitive speeds.

But to get all the goodies, including free T-shirts and early registration discounts, sign up by 10 p.m. Wednesday at www.PleasantonRotary.org. Pre-registration fees are \$10 for the Kids' Challenge, and for the 5K and 10K: \$25 for students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade, and \$35 for high school students and adults. A special registration fee of \$25 is available for each member in families of four or more. After Wednesday, registration will only be available on the day of the race.

Over the years this race has raised over \$900,000 in college scholarships and humanitarian projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. Recipients of 2013 Spirit Run proceeds included:

- College scholarships for Pleasanton students
- Wheelchairs for those in need
- Rotaplast
- Valley Humane Society
- Hope Hospice
- The Tri-Valley YMCA
- Victims of the Boston Marathon bombings
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- Amador Valley High School Robotics Club
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- Local Boy Scouts Troop 911
- Assistance League of Amador Valley
- Life Links Program of the Arc of Alameda County

The Spirit Run had its beginnings during the city's 1994 Centennial celebration when Joanie

and Jim Fields, with the help of Brad Hirst and others, started the Arroyo Creek Trails (ACT I) community race.

More than 1,100 runners joined in, although that number fell to 800 the following year, when it was ACT II. Downtown Rotary took over the third year, providing the manpower needed to promote and handle what its members saw as a spirited event, which also gave it its name.

This year, with more than 1,500 runners expected to participate and a larger group that eyes certification for other marathons, Rotarians will have water and other treats available at stations along the way. Club spotters also will alert race officials if a Union Pacific train is approaching so that the top runners can be alerted to speed it up. Several years ago, a train blocked the route at Santa Rita Road, canceling out several top times at the finish line under the Pleasanton Arch on Main Street.

The 10K run will start promptly at 8 a.m. on Father's Day, followed by the 5K run/walk at 8:20 a.m. Three separate Kid's Challenge Races, for children ages 2-8, will include a number of 100-yard dashes on Main Street, finishing right underneath the Arch. Each child participating in the Kids' Challenge will receive a finisher ribbon.

Commemorative Tech T-shirts plus more than \$3,000 in door prizes will be given out to all 5K and 10K participants. In addition, medals and etched-glass trophies will be awarded to the top male and female finishers in designated age groups, as well as the first-place man and woman "Masters" (over 50 years old) winners.

This 21st annual Spirit Run event also marks the start of a series of special events planned over the year ahead to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Rotary in Pleasanton. The downtown club was chartered in May 1965, followed in 1987 by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton North and in 2002 by the Tri-Valley Evening Rotary Club. All three clubs with some 170 current members are affiliated with Rotary District 5170 in San Jose, and with Rotary International, a global community service organization with 1.2 million members in 166 countries.

The first of the celebrations will start with the Spirit Run on Father's Day. See you there. ■

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What was your thought process in deciding to adopt a pet during Maddie's Pet Adoption Days?



Lisa Valech
Mortgage broker

My cat died several months ago. My home just hasn't been the same without her. Now that I am getting over the sadness, I figured the perfect thing to do would be to adopt a pet who needs a home. So I just adopted two adult cats and I'm thrilled to be heading home with them.



Marco Tarin
HVAC installer

I have a cat already, and feel like he is lonely while I'm at work. So I wanted to adopt another, to keep him company. I am adopting a cat that looks like him because I think they might be more likely to get along well if they look alike.



Grant Westin
Maintenance worker

I am a fan of adopting a pet that needs a home because it is saving a life. And of course I am also a fan of "free." So to me, a free adoption is the perfect combination. It is doing something great, and getting something great, all at once.



Marcela Tinoco with daughter Linda
Mom

I want to help reduce the population of unwanted animals, and having a pet teaches children to be gentle and respectful of life. Also, I think rescued animals always make the best pets and are wonderful company.



Sally Mote-Yaffe
Singing instructor

Our dog has seemed so lonely since our elderly cat died last year. So even though I swore I would never get another pet, I figured the best thing I could do for the dog would be to find and adopt a sweet, friendly cat or kitten who needs a home, and make him part of our family.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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DIGEST

Teen sentenced

Cody Hall, 19, of Pleasanton was sentenced last Friday to nine years in state prison for a crash last June that killed a Dublin bicyclist and injured her husband.

Hall reached a plea agreement last month and pleaded no contest to felony vehicular manslaughter for the June 9 death of 58-year-old Diana Hersevoort. He also admitted an allegation of inflicting great bodily injury on Johannes Hersevoort during the afternoon crash on Foothill Road.

The nine-year term imposed by Alameda County Judge Kevin Murphy was the sentence called for in Hall's plea deal. Speeding, unsafe lane changes and illegal passing of vehicles were all factors in the crash, police said.

Host families needed

Edu-Culture Immersion is looking for Pleasanton families to host European teens this summer as part of the English Language Immersion Program.

The Spanish or French high school students, aged 15 or 16, will be in the area for two to four weeks in June, July and August to learn more about the U.S. and practice the English language.

Host families would provide a shared or private room, and meals. Edu-Culture interviews the host families before placing the visiting teens, and then provides chaperones and guides, and is available to help with any problem or emergency.

For more information, visit www.educulture.com or call program director Phyllis O'Neill at 596-1925.

New 2nd counselor

The Pleasanton California Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced a change in the second counselor position of the Stake Presidency.

The new second counselor is Jeremy McFadden, who previously served as bishop of the Pleasanton 3rd Ward congregation. McFadden is a married father of five who works as a controller for Philips Healthcare.

Outgoing second counselor Troy Bourne is moving out of the area and was released from his position. Bourne — CEO and vice president at Continuing Life Communities, owner and developer of Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community — received an expression of gratitude for his service.

The Pleasanton Stake is comprised of six Mormon congregations in the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin.

Baker tops ballot in Assembly race

Democrat Swalwell, Republican Bussell poised to appear on November congressional ballot

BY PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

Republican attorney Catharine Baker topped the ballot in Tuesday's primary in the 16th State Assembly District, which includes Pleasanton, winning 21,270 votes, or 36.5% of all votes cast.

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti finished second with 17,270 votes, or 29.6% of the votes cast.

Two other Democrats in the race trailed, with Orinda Councilman Steve Glazer receiving 13,137 votes, or 22.5%, and Danville Councilman Newell Arnerich earning 6,651 votes, or 11.4%.

Baker and Sbranti will now compete in a runoff in the General Election Nov. 4.

Voting was light most of the day in Pleasanton as precinct workers often sat idle for lack of voters. The light vote was not a surprise in a mid-term congressional race and with no City Council or school board races on the primary ballot.

In the 15th Congressional District race, first-term Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) held on to an



Republican 16th District State Assembly candidate Catharine Baker, with her husband Dan, gets the thumbs-up from her parents Sandy and John Bailey at the GOP election night party at San Ramon Golf Club.

early lead, garnering 28,292 votes, or 49.2% of all votes cast in that race, well ahead of challengers Hugh Bussell and State Sen. Ellen M. Corbett.

Bussell, the only Republican in the race, finished second with 25.9% or 14,901 votes, 610 more

than Corbett who received 24.9% of the vote, according to semi-official results posted June 4.

Bussell, a Livermore resident and technology manager/educator, is vice chair of the Alameda County Republican Party and is employed

by Workday in Pleasanton.

Under California's open primary format, the two candidates who emerged with the most votes, regardless of political party affiliation, move on to the November election, which means Swalwell, the Democrat from Dublin, and Bussell the Republican will face off again in November if the second-place results hold.

State Sen. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord), whose senatorial district includes Pleasanton, will also find himself in a congressional runoff this November after earning 59.1% of the vote for the 11th Congressional District, which includes most of Contra Costa County extending north from Danville.

Retired Immigration Law Judge Tue Phan (R-Danville) will join DeSaulnier on the November ballot, placing second Tuesday with 27.8% of the vote.

In other races:

- Pleasanton school board member

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Architectural rendering shows the Rose Avenue side of the new building that will replace Pastime Pool on Main Street.

Planners OK 2-story building to replace Pastime Pool

Developer agrees to build outdoor plaza for public events

BY JEB BING

The Pleasanton Planning Commission has given final approval to a developer's plan to tear down the 104-year-old Pastime Pool building at 511 Main St., replacing it with a two-story commercial building that will have offices, a restaurant and possibly other retail businesses.

The commission voted unanimously to accept building plans by SLP Properties II to renovate the site. SLP also agreed to establish a 667-square-foot outdoor plaza at the new building's corner at Main Street and Rose Avenue for public purposes. The city of Pleasanton will control the plaza, using it for art exhibits and public entertainment.

In agreeing to dedicate the mini-plaza for public uses, SLP also won a waiver from a requirement of new and expanding downtown businesses to pay into a special off-street parking fund that the city hopes to use someday for a parking garage.

The new building will be 34 feet high and feature decorative cornice treatments along all four sides

of the building. The building's elevator shaft and equipment will be disguised with a clock tower rising to the top of the building and also hiding rooftop mechanical equipment.

Planners said the building design conforms to downtown guidelines and, in fact, will have an architectural style more in keeping with the historical appearance of the older building before it was renovated by Pastime. The building was constructed in 1910 to house Pleasanton's first movie theater, the Gem.

Pleasanton staff planner Jennifer Wallis told the commission that SLP's plans will establish pedestrian-oriented restaurants and retail and upper floors to better serve surrounding residents and businesses within the downtown area.

"The site and building have been designed with sensitivity to the historic downtown," Wallis stated in a report to the commission. "The proposed building and plaza are attractive (and) compatible with the surrounding development and buildings."

SLP said the building's storefronts will face Rose Avenue. No specific tenants have been named at this time. ■

Amador students told to retake AP exams

Second investigation reduces number of affected test-takers

BY AMANDA AGUILAR

Students and parents say they're frustrated and outraged over College Board's decision to invalidate hundreds of Advanced Placement exam scores at Amador Valley High School due to reported "seating irregularities."

The initial investigation by Educational Testing Service (ETS) — a program that administers and scores tests for College Board — determined 400 students had to retake their AP exams, but as of Tuesday afternoon, that total was reduced by 85 students.

"As a senior ready to graduate, I was very excited about this decision, although I had already studied for all three exams," Amador student Aditi Newadkar said.

The first investigation began after a student expressed concerns on May 20 about the seating arrangements during AP exams to testing officials, according to Tom Ewing of ETS.

ETS launched an official investigation after the student's notification and sent an investigator out to the campus on May 21.

Pleasanton schools superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said the investigator visited the testing rooms and measured the spacing between

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BY GINA CHANNELL-ALLEN

Jon Vranesh left his office at Walnut Grove Elementary School so quietly on Oct. 25, 2013, that not even the people closest to him on staff knew he had been asked to leave. It wasn't until parents started asking about his whereabouts that people came to learn Vranesh had been put on paid administrative leave from his position at Walnut Grove, where he'd been principal since August 2011.

On Nov. 5, in response to the inquiries, Pleasanton Unified School District superintendent Parvin Ahmadi sent an email to parents, but it never mentioned Vranesh by name. "Mr. Rich Puppione is serving as an interim administrator of Walnut Grove Elementary School. Mr. Puppione served the District for over thirty years as a teacher, principal and district administrator," the email read. "We are confident our programs at Walnut Grove are in very good hands. Mr. Muniz will continue as the vice principal at Walnut Grove."

Actions in the early morning hours of Dec. 18 only added to the questions and frustration over lack of information. After a school board meeting that lasted until 3 a.m., Ahmadi said in a statement, "In a 4-1 vote, the board found merit to complaints against an administrator. The board instructed the superintendent to issue a written decision to the parties in this matter, and directed that a future meeting include an item on appointing a new principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School."

"There were teachers, parents and members of the community that came forward in strong support of Jon Vranesh," said Sharrell Michelotti, one of Vranesh's supporters and a family friend. "Their strong support for him was not taken into consideration by the board or the administration while they were making a decision on his fate."

In addition to not naming the "administrator," Ahmadi and the members of the school board, including then-president Jeff Bowser, refused to comment on the complaints and who made them, citing privacy concerns.

Ahmadi addressed the speculation around Vranesh's departure in an email to parents after the Dec. 18 decision, stating the district is limited in what information it could release.

"I respect your right to know whether the recent appointment of an interim administrator at Walnut Grove involves questions of student safety," Ahmadi's email said. "While I am not legally permitted to discuss any personnel issues, I can assure you that these changes are not related to the safety of any of our students."

Documents provided to the Pleasanton Weekly by the district in response to a Public Records Act request shed light on the allegation, but also revealed that Vranesh had his own set of grievances against the school district.

One document was a Nov. 7, 2013, letter from the district's attorney — Kim Kingsley Bogard of the

Far from over

Events prior to Vranesh's removal, his fate remain unclear



Jon Vranesh (shown above in file photo) served as principal at Walnut Grove Elementary School from August 2011 until being placed on administrative leave Oct. 25.



AMANDA AGUILAR

Folsom law firm Kingsley Bogard — to Vranesh's attorney, Paul Kondrick, in which Bogard states, "As previously stated, the allegations are that (Vranesh) created a hostile work environment at Walnut Grove through, among other things, the use of vulgar/derogatory terms to describe female employees of the district."

The letter also claims these allegations were made by "several women" and that Vranesh also "made statements to subordinate employees which were interpreted as threatening and intimidating in nature."

Through his attorney, Vranesh has denied the allegations, both in person at closed sessions of the school board and in written documents, including a statement he submitted to the district that he signed under "penalty of perjury" on Dec. 17 denying using the derogatory terms or threatening and "violent" language.

The search for a new principal at Walnut Grove left Vranesh, still a district employee, on paid administrative leave. That changed Jan. 28 when the school board approved moving Vranesh into an "itinerant principal" position.

The change in title and responsibilities might have gone unnoticed if not noticed by Michelotti. The new status was in a summary of personnel changes included as part of the board's consent agenda, in which a list of items is voted on as a whole and without discussion. Vranesh's name was listed in the document as a personnel change from K-5 principal to "itinerant principal."

Assistant superintendent Bill Faraghan sent a letter to Vranesh on Feb. 20 that said, "It is the District's practice to notify employ-

ees prior to Board action to allow them the opportunity to resign from administration in lieu of release. Consistent with that practice, the District is willing to accept a letter of resignation any time prior to commencement of the Board meeting."

'...just the most recent example of unions running the district...'

— Jon Vranesh

In a Feb. 21 letter to Bogard, Kondrick responded to Faraghan's letter by stating, "Under the not so veiled threat of his 'release' or indeed termination as an administrator within the school district, Dr. Faraghan magnanimously presents Jon Vranesh with the 'opportunity to resign' rather than to be fired from the position."

"Jon Vranesh will not be resigning as an administrator within the district," Kondrick's letter continued. "Moreover, there is no objective reason for him to be released, removed or terminated as a PUSD administrator. Moreover, he will not allow himself to be beaten into submission by continued retaliatory, arbitrary actions by the District, including Superintendent Ahmadi and Dr. Faraghan. In other words, Mr. Vranesh has no intention whatsoever to go 'quietly into the night.'"

Many sides

The events and circumstances prior to Vranesh's removal as principal are not completely clear.

After Ahmadi's first email to parents and the resulting story in the Pleasanton Weekly, Vranesh left a voicemail at the Pleasanton Weekly stating, "I put the Pleasanton Unified School District on notice months ago regarding situations that negatively affect staff safety, working conditions and a conducive environment for instruction and student learning," he said. "Rather than taking effective action to eliminate those conditions, they put me on administrative leave."

Ahmadi responded to the Weekly, "It is true that Mr. Vranesh has been placed on administrative leave. The reasons for this leave, however, are not those listed by Mr. Vranesh in his statement. We have explained the reasons for this personnel action to both Mr. Vranesh and his attorney. The rules covering employee privacy do not allow us to comment on them publicly at this time."

"Our district can, however, comment on the typical administrative leave process. In situations where employees are placed on leave, a thorough investigation is conducted. Information shared during the investigation may be limited. This is done both to maintain the integrity of the investigative process and to respect the privacy rights of all parties involved. The district's goal in this and all such cases is to achieve a fair and appropriate outcome."

The investigation was done by Shon Davidsen, an investigator paid by the district. Among the documents obtained in a second Public Records Act request by the Pleasanton Weekly — which were

placed on the district's website in response to the request — were a number of witness statements taken by Davidsen during the investigation.

These statements offered a mix of criticism and praise. Vranesh is described as "a very honorable man" by one, and a "pathological liar" who hates strong women by another interviewee.

Some staff members mentioned in witness statements were taken aback to learn they were part of the statements at all, since they said they had never been interviewed by Davidsen. Linda Pipe, Amador Valley High School registrar, and Mary Snell, Walnut Grove health clerk, addressed the school board March 11 to make public that they had never been interviewed.

"Imagine my shock, confusion and anxiety to discover myself named as a participant in acts of retaliation by two teachers (redacted) and (redacted), as a result of Jon's removal," Snell wrote in a letter addressed to board members.

"I am very angry that words, actions and intentions supposedly attributed to me were included in the printed 'investigation' of Mr. Vranesh without ever contacting me to ascertain the veracity of these words, actions or intentions," Pipe wrote in her letter.

Vranesh started his tenure as principal at a time of change at Walnut Grove. Class sizes were about to rise to 30 and a popular Walnut Grove effort, the Discovery Program, was on the chopping block.

The Discovery Program, in which teachers stayed with students for two years — in kindergarten and first grade, for example — was ended in 2012. In March 2013, Vranesh was called to a meeting where he was told some teachers of non-Discovery classes at Walnut Grove complained they hadn't been consulted about plans to end the program.

According to a timeline presented at the Dec. 17 school board meeting by Vranesh and Kondrick, "Discovery teachers themselves approached Jon Vranesh and voted to close the program," noting those teachers said they couldn't do the same work with bigger classes.

The timeline notes other occurrences and conflicts after the cancellation of the Discovery Program, including an anonymous note left in Vranesh's office in the fall 2012 hinting Vranesh and another person at the school may have been involved in an intimate relationship (an allegation Vranesh denies).

Also that autumn, a conflict reportedly arose between Vranesh and a custodian whose performance was being questioned. Vranesh also said that teachers told him they were becoming overwhelmed with additional duties, including the impending implementation of the Common Core State Standards, a new district-mandated grading system and additional training requirements.

According to Vranesh's timeline, the conflict between Vranesh and some teachers seemed to escalate in May 2013. At that time, at least one teacher tried to "undermine his authority" and "personally attack

and defame" him.

In mid-June 2013, amid ongoing complaints that teachers' rooms weren't being cleaned, Vranesh alleged an unnamed district official ordered him to "surreptitiously stake out" the custodian responsible for the duties in question to see if that person was leaving early, according to the timeline.

Capping off the school year was a request for Vranesh to prepare a "summary of understanding" with the custodian. The summary stated the worker was "expected to come every assigned work day ... and work the entire shift according to the specified cleaning schedule."

The timeline shows that, in Vranesh's opinion, communication between Vranesh and some of the teachers remained tense when school resumed in the fall of 2013. In addition to continuing dismay about the elimination of the Discovery Program, a conflict arose on Aug. 27 with a staff member concerning the placement of a student, and there was angst among some teachers regarding the restructuring of a special education program.

Complaints of falsifying time cards by the custodian whose performance was being monitored the previous school year were verified through Vranesh's "district ordered 'stakeouts,'" he said, and were reported to the district in fall 2013. However, according to Vranesh, the district declined to fire the custodian, which reportedly caused more resentment from the teaching staff who felt their concerns were not being addressed.

Fall 2013

Between Oct. 1 and 16, Vranesh said he met with other site administrators either one-on-one or in small groups. On Oct. 8, according to Vranesh's timeline, the district's elementary school principals met informally off-site to "discuss the lack of support from the district, lack of trust, lack of forum within the district to present ideas, and fear of retaliation from (redacted)."

On Oct. 16, Vranesh had what he described in the timeline as a "courageous conversation" with a few Walnut Grove visitors who appear to be district employees about the "health of our district," specifically the site administrators' inability to "effectively discipline and even remove unsatisfactory teachers and classified staff."

Vranesh said he told the visitors that "teachers and classified unions get 'worked up' on any adverse personnel affecting their members, and the 'downtown' abandons administrators." When he was asked by one of the visitors to explain that statement, Vranesh said, "Well, my school is filthy; students sat in filth during the entire last school year." He continued that there were refusals to follow direction and the official cleaning schedule and that someone or something was causing "fear," but "still (redacted) is not fired."

This, according to Vranesh, was "just the most recent example of unions running the district, and the administrators system wide

in the district had no confidence that any teacher or classified employee reprimand or discipline would be supported..." He told the visitors that the Walnut Grove teachers were "extremely angry at him for being ineffective and not even able to get basic services at WGE."

On Oct. 17, the timeline notes, Vranesh met with someone presumed to be a teacher who described an interaction earlier in the month. The teacher reported that he or she was in the classroom after school and another district employee said a third employee had been insulted when the teacher called the third employee "my trash fairy." The employee also brought up other actions the teacher had made that were perceived as disrespectful.

'The district's goal in this and all such cases is to achieve a fair and appropriate outcome.'

— Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi

According to the teacher, the employee who confronted him or her got very emotional and "told me that there was stuff going on at our school and (redacted) was documenting everything and (redacted) had already called into a labor person to notify them about what I did and said. I suggested that perhaps I should notify my union rep," the teacher reportedly told Vranesh. The interaction left the teacher feeling "uncomfortable," "targeted" and intimidated.

On Oct. 18, the first allegations of inappropriate language emerged. According to Vranesh's timeline, he was told in a phone conversation that someone had "claimed that Jon Vranesh used 'B' and 'C' words with someone in the workplace," to which Vranesh responded, "WHAT!?! That is crazy! That is outrageous!"

At a meeting on Oct. 21, Vranesh was informed about accusations he used expletives about teachers, and Vranesh said he responded that the accusations were false and "outrageous."

According to Vranesh, on Oct. 24 a site meeting was held with Walnut Grove teachers who were asked to "raise their hand as a group if they ever disagreed with Jon Vranesh, or if Jon Vranesh said anything that they did not like, or if Jon Vranesh have ever said anything bad about anyone." The group or individual that called the meeting was redacted from the document.

On Oct. 30, Vranesh filed a complaint of his own, alleging, among

other things, that the district failed to act on safety issues including the intimidation of Walnut Grove teachers, retaliation for reporting safety concerns, failure to conduct an investigation, defamation of character, harassment, intimidation and discrimination. Vranesh filed an official complaint alleging "discrimination, harassment and retaliation based on gender" with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing on Nov. 5.

Throughout November and December, supporters attended school board meetings, asking that Vranesh be returned to the school and questioning his being placed on paid leave.

Richard Puppione, who took the helm at Walnut Grove when Vranesh was placed on leave, stepped down Nov. 21 due to health issues. Steve Maher came out of retirement as the school's interim principal until a new principal was named May 13.

A 17-page letter dated April 16 informed the school board members and the superintendent of Vranesh's "claims for money damages and injunctive and other relief against your local public or other entity, for amounts totaling significantly in excess of \$10,000."

Claims are generally required before a lawsuit for money damages can be brought against a public entity.

The letter states that "PUSD and its agents and employees defamed Jon Vranesh" by "making or publishing false statement(s)," and by "making statements to third persons that disparaged Jon Vranesh's skills and services, especially to the public." It also claims Vranesh's right to privacy was violated.

In addition to naming the district, Ahmadi and assistant superintendent Luz Cazares, the claim also names the president of the Association of Pleasanton Teachers, Peggy Carpenter, as allegedly conspiring to "intentionally interfere" with the employment contract and the economic relationship between Vranesh and the district.

Meanwhile, Vranesh is still acting as "itinerant principal" and doing data entry work at the district office at his administrator's salary of \$125,000 a year, according to his attorney, and his fate is unclear. His contract as an administrator will not be renewed for the 2014-15 school year, but Ahmadi would not comment about whether Vranesh will be an employee of the district next school year and, if he is, what his role will be.

"He was one of the best administrators in the district," said Michelotti who, like many others, still follows the school board for information about this situation. "The parents and community members were not happy with the outcome of this decision." ■

Editor's note: This story is the result of seven months of gathering information primarily through the California Public Request Act. One of three requests produced 32 documents with more than 700 pages. Links to the documents are available in the online version of the story at www.PleasantonWeekly.com.



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Martha Carroll Draper

May 24, 1950 - May 29, 2014

Martha Draper, longtime resident of Pleasanton peacefully passed away on May 29th at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek with her family at her side. Martha was originally from Tennessee but moved to Pleasanton in 1979 to be with her family. She worked in retail for many years ending up at Emporium-Capwell in Pleasanton. For the past 22 years she lived at Ridgeview Commons where she will be greatly missed by all who knew her for her caring ways and intelligence, not to mention her skill as a poker player.



She leaves behind her children, Katie Riggins (Chris), Jim Draper (Rori), Blake Draper (Judy), and Garland Draper (Skip Means), as well as her much loved grandchildren Grant, Claire, Daphne, Skyler, Jillian, and James and 5 great grandchildren. She was such a presence in all our lives, as well as many others and will be greatly missed. At Martha's request there will be no service. All who knew her will remember her passion for birds and bugs, creatures and critters, so anyone wanting to honor her memory can choose an organization like The Nature Conservancy.

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ELECTION

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Jeff Bowser lost out in his bid to become Alameda County's new superintendent of schools. He finished third among the five candidates with 18,682 votes, or 17.89%.

Associate county superintendent Karen Monroe led the way with 35,536 votes, or 34.02% of the vote. San Lorenzo school board member Helen K. Foster finished second with 22,913 votes or 21.94%.

Since neither garnered more than 50% of the vote, Monroe and Foster will compete in a runoff for the position in November.

The other candidates were Ursula Reed, of San Leandro, with 14,436, or 13.82%, and Bay Area nonprofit executive Naomi Eason, who trailed with 12,254 votes, or 11.73%.

• Voters selected three incumbents and one challenger from seven candidates to serve on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors.

Sarah Palmer, a Zone 7 board director since 2006, led the ticket with 10,716 votes, or 21.10% of all votes cast in the election.

Other winners of board seats were challenger Jim McGrail, with 9,582 votes, or 18.86%; John James Greci, Jr. (in his 20th year on the board) with 8,594 votes, or 16.92%, and current board president Bill Stevens, with 7,019 votes, or 13.82%.

Incumbent AJ Machaevich failed to gain re-election, placing fifth with 6,090 votes. Challengers Alfred A. Exner (with 5,135 votes) and Matt Morrison (3,515 votes) finished sixth and seventh respectively.

• Pleasanton and Alameda County voters approved Measure AA, a countywide measure that extends until 2034 a half-cent sales tax that provides funds to help the county's public health system and for community medical services for low-income and uninsured residents.

With all votes counted, Measure AA received 94,865 Yes votes, or 74.50% of the votes cast for the measure, well over the two-thirds majority of votes needed to pass.

Votes against the measure totaled 32,474, or 25.50%.

• In a vote that could serve as a bellwether for advocates of a school parcel tax in Pleasanton, Livermore voters approved Measure G, extend-

ing a \$138 annual school parcel tax. The measure received more than the two-thirds favorable votes needed in that district's special election, with 71.18% Yes votes compared to 28.82% No votes.

The tax, which was first approved in 2004 and re-authorized in another vote in 2008, provides nearly \$4 million in annual funding for Livermore schools.

• County voters elected Steve Manning as the new auditor-controller/clerk-recorder. The chief deputy auditor received 73.72% of the vote.

Businesswoman Kathleen Knox received 25.59% of the vote for auditor despite bowing out of the race late last month amid felony charges alleging she lied about living in San Leandro when actually residing in Danville. Knox, who pleaded not guilty to the counts, remained on the ballot because the removal deadline had passed.

• Four incumbents running unopposed won another term in their countywide posts: Sheriff-Coroner Gregory J. Ahern, District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley, Treasurer-Tax Collector Donald R. White and Assessor Ron Thomsen. ■



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Let Concerts in the Park begin

2014 season kicks off with classic soul, Motown

By JEB BING

Grab your blanket and put together a meal — it's time for Concerts in the Park, Pleasanton's favorite picnicking and live music venue.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association's popular Concert in the Park series starts tonight and will take place every Friday night through Aug. 29, featuring an eclectic mix of music from rock, blues and big band to '50s and '60s oldies, soul and Latin rock. The free concerts run from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park, on the corner of First and Neal streets.

Patrons are encouraged to pick up dinner "to go" from one of downtown Pleasanton's many restaurants and bring it with them to the park.

While concert-goers are allowed to put out blankets and chairs (at their own risk) in Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks, they are asked to wait until the morning of the concert to do so. The use of rocks to hold down blankets is prohibited, as large rocks can damage lawn-mowing equipment. Also, the use of plastic tarps, which can burn the grass, is not allowed.



JEB BING

Crowds fill Lions Wayside Park last August for one in a series of Concerts in the Park.

Safeway is the presenting sponsor for the 2014 Concert in the Park season. The Pleasanton Weekly is the media sponsor. Additionally, each concert is sponsored by a different local business.

Concert in the Park Line-Up:

- **June 6** — West Grand Boulevard, classic soul & Motown, sponsored by SafeAmerica Credit Union
- **June 13** — James Nagel Band, rock & soul, sponsored by the Alameda County Fair
- **June 20** — Ruckatan Latin Tribe, Latin rock, sponsored by The Cellar Door
- **June 27** — The Crisis, eclectic rock, sponsored by Alain Pinel Realtors
- **July 11** — Cooltones, Big Band &

swing, sponsored by The Wine Steward

- **July 18** — OTR, classic rock, sponsored by Wealth Management Associates

- **July 25** — Plastic Paddy, Celtic rock, sponsored by Renewal By Anderson

- **Aug. 1** — Finding Stella, modern/alt rock, sponsored by Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies

- **Aug. 8** — Tommy and the 4 Speeds, 1960s, sponsored by Uncle Credit Union

- **Aug. 15** — Burton & Co., jazzy rhythm and blues sponsored by Firehouse Arts Center

- **Aug. 22** — Magic Moments, hits of the '50s & '60s, sponsored by Studio Seven Arts & Renjen and Associates

- **Aug. 29** — Public Eye, high energy rock, sponsored by New Leaf Community Markets. ■

Parents oppose school calendar changes

12 parents, 1 student speak during public comment session

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The school district's boardroom was standing-room only with parents eager to learn more and voice their opinions about the non-traditional class calendar options during Tuesday night's school board meeting.

Most parents that spoke during public comment were against the proposed calendar change that would start in 2015-16, with many saying the district terribly mishandled public communication on the topic.

"I feel like you're trying to slide this under us," said Pleasanton Middle School parent Tracy Whelan.

Many parents echoed her statement, saying that they didn't know the district was looking at modifying the instructional calendar.

However, a Pleasanton parent who asked to remain anonymous said, "Those parents have to be out of the loop to not know about the change. This has been in talk since October. There were forums and emails about the calendar options, and all the information is online."

In response to the argument that the modified calendar would help reduce student stress, Pleasanton parent Rodney Rolaff stated that the district should not be eliminating stress for students, but teaching them how to deal with stress by keeping the traditional calendar.

"If the biggest thing that you have is to reduce stress, then you're missing the point on what you're supposed to be doing for these

kids," he added. "They're supposed to get trained on how to handle their life after they get out of school."

In addition, Hart Middle School sixth-grader Julia Thomas presented the board with a petition with 163 signatures purportedly from Hart students against shortening summers.

Katie Brewner was the only parent speaker who supported a calendar change, stating that even though the modification is mostly for high school students, all kids would benefit from the change because eventually all younger kids become high school students.

"While change is often hard, the change and modification of our school's calendar is in the best interest of our students," she added.

After hearing the public's comments, board members approved the motion to send out a parent survey created by the calendar committee.

In other business, the school board approved the Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan, which outlines \$5 million in anticipated major capital repairs needed on school campuses.

The school board recognized 15 Pleasanton students for various accomplishments.

Foothill High's salutatorians include Yandi Wu and Akshay Ravikumar, and the valedictorian is Bryce Wang.

Amador Valley High's salutatorian is Brian Shimanuki, and the valedictorians are Christine Xu and Ian Zhou.

Hart students — Daniel Jorgenson, Valentina Im, Yuna Jeong, Eleanor Savas and Alpine Tang — were recognized for qualifying for the state's National History Day Contest at Alameda County History Day.

Pleasanton Middle School's eighth-grade associated student body president, Nicole Zhang, was recognized for raising \$3,000.10 in just over a year to help resurface the school's track.

Chloe Connolly (not present at meeting) from Amador, Olivia Brown from Foothill and Connor Castaneda-Warren from Village High School were also recognized for being the student board members.

Also on Tuesday, the school board appointed the new vice principal of Fairlands and Vintage Hills elementary schools as Shay Galletti, who is currently a Foothill teacher and Regional Occupational Program administrator.

The agenda also included an annual report from the Parent Teacher Association council. At the end of the report, the PTA council president Beth Limesand presented the board members a symbolic check for \$1,938,960 representing the volunteer hours PTA has contributed over the year. According to the IRA, each volunteer hour was valued at \$20.

Other matters discussed at Tuesday's meeting included the implementation of the homework policy, the 2014-15 proposed budget and the Local Control Accountability Plan. ■

AP TEST

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seats as well as interviewed students about the seating arrangements.

Based on the measurements and information provided by school officials and people present during testing, ETS determined some students' seating did not comply with regulations requiring students to sit five feet apart and face the same direction.

The school was notified on the evening of May 28 about the "seating irregularities," according to Ahmadi.

Students whose test results were scrubbed were notified May 29 that they would have to retake their AP exams because of improper seating arrangements in certain testing rooms.

"Amador has been administering AP tests for many years and I would assume that they are experienced in this matter," junior Katie Lyness said. "However, due to carelessness, administrators did not comply with simple College Board regulations that have been firmly in place for years."

In addition to an automated voicemail from Amador principal Dr. Thomas Drescher, parents received a letter from the school about the incident with an apology on May 29.

"Please know we are deeply sorry for this mistake. Your child worked tirelessly all year to prepare for this exam," the letter stated. "We fully recognize the impact this has on your child and family."

ETS followed up with a second investigation Monday morning.

"(Vice principal) Rick Sira and I were very relentless with providing the investigator more compelling information and evidence," Drescher said.

After further investigation, ETS is now requiring students that took an exam in testing rooms P-3 and students that sat at a table with another student in testing room P-7 to retake their AP exams.

According to Drescher, the follow-up reduced the invalid exam totals from 587 tests to 409 tests, with 85 students not having to retake their exams.

"Though I am personally relieved

that I didn't have to retake the exam, I remain disappointed that many of my fellow students will still have to retake their exams due to a small error that they weren't responsible for," said senior Jennifer Teitell, who no longer needs to retake her AP macroeconomics exam.

Amador holds parent forums

Amador held parent forums on May 30 and June 1 to address any concerns or questions parents had about the seating issue. The meetings were only open to parents and closed to the media.

Becky and Rick Altman, parents of senior Jamie Altman, attended the May 30 morning forum and said parents were constantly shouting throughout the meeting.

According to Becky Altman, the Amador principal said at the May 30 forum that he would personally write letters to colleges explaining the situation on behalf of any student who declined to retake the exam.

"The students in no way are accused of doing anything wrong, but they're the ones having to deal with the school's mistake," she said.

School community unites in light of incident

The Amador school community came together in the wake of the initial invalidation announcement to help the impacted students.

Senior Barry Somanathan created a Facebook page named "Vox Populi - AV Students Against AP Retakes" on the night of May 29. It currently has over 200 members.

Lorie Prynns' daughter was not affected by the irregularities, but she says her daughter's teacher cleared the class schedule and had students group together to help the affected students re-study for their AP exams.

Ahmadi also said that teachers and counselors would be available for students as they prepare to retake their exams.

Also, in an effort to help students before they retake the exams, Steps Tutoring and SAT Prep offered free review sessions last Sunday in computer science, calculus BC, U.S. history, chemistry and statistics. A free review session was also offered on Monday for biology. ■

New Leaf aids global vitamin program for needy

New Leaf Community Markets in Pleasanton is partnering with Rainbow Light Nutritional Systems to contribute daily vitamin donations to the Vitamin Angels program, a project that provides children under 5, new mothers and pregnant women in need with nutrients necessary for good health.

The program is underway in the U.S. and developing countries.

"Addressing malnutrition in mothers and children creates a ripple effect in the health and prosperity of families, communities and entire regions for generations to come," said Linda Kahler, president and CEO of Rainbow Light.

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prenatal and Kid's One vitamins purchased at New Leaf Community Markets, Rainbow Light donates one bottle to Vitamin Angels.

Rainbow Light is donating an additional 180 bottles in recognition of the number of New Leaf's end-cap displays of their products.

"We are very pleased to support Rainbow Light's outstanding commitment to address the problem of malnutrition in young families, and we thank our customers for making our participation possible," said Sarah Owens, marketing director for New Leaf, located at 3550 Bernal Ave. in the Vintage Hills Shopping Center.

To learn more about Rainbow Light's Circle of Care, visit www.rainbowlight.com/circleofcare. ■

—Jeb Bing

Sarah Marie Liamos

May 9, 1992 – June 1, 2014

Sarah Marie Liamos was easy to spot in a crowd with a beaming smile that depicted her tenacious nature and joie de vivre. Sarah was a Pied Piper for small children and the babysitter of choice for many during her early teens. She volunteered many summers as a Junior Counselor and Counselor at Camp Taylor, a cardiac camp hosted in Livermore and Hawaii, where she served as counselor, mentor, role model, and friend to many young cardiac patients.



Sarah was born with a congenital heart defect that left her with one-half of a heart. It was more than enough when coupled with a beautiful spirit that focused on the betterment of others. Sarah and her family chose to downplay her physical limitations and instead focus on her many talents and achievements.

Sarah continued to work for others during her college years, serving as a weekly volunteer at a Salvation Army after-school program for children of the working poor in Manchester, New Hampshire. During her school breaks, Sarah spent time on college-sponsored community service outreach trips, where she assisted low-income children who were impacted by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and economically deprived children in Camden, New Jersey.

Sarah studied politics in college and worked as an intern for the Fox News Network during the Republican Primary of 2012. She also served as a Student Ambassador for the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College.

Born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Sarah was raised in Pleasanton, CA. She is a 2010 graduate of Valley Christian School in Dublin and recently graduated in the Class of 2014 at St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire where she received a B.A. in Politics and a minor in Criminal Justice. She was enrolled at Suffolk University in Boston, where she planned to pursue studies as a paralegal this fall, and was a summer intern in the legal department of Insulet Corporation in Bedford, Massachusetts.

She is survived by her loving parents Karen and Charles Liamos of Pleasanton, sister Megan of San Francisco, and brother Michael of Pleasanton, grandparents Rita and Constantine Liamos of Englewood, Florida, and grandfather Michael Italiano of Queensbury, New York. Her grandmother Brenda Italiano preceded her in death. Sarah also leaves many aunts and uncles including Steve (Martha) Liamos of Nashua, New Hampshire, Patricia (Larry) Pickett of Englewood, Florida, Ted Liamos of Colchester, Vermont, Suzanne (Tom) Young of New London, Pennsylvania, Mary Lee Italiano of Queensbury, New York and cousins Stephen, Jared and Katelyn Liamos of Nashua, New Hampshire, Christina (Jeremy) Gustie of Sudbury, Massachusetts, Nicole (Drew) Sumner of East Windsor, New Jersey, and Jessica and Brett Young of Pennsylvania.

A memorial service will be held at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton later this June with details to follow.

Immediate services will be held on the East Coast with a wake on Thursday, June 5 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at LeVigne Funeral Home at 132 Main Street in Winooski, Vermont followed by a funeral on Friday, June 6 at 12:00 noon at St. John Vianney Church, 160 Hinesburg Road in South Burlington, Vermont.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Boston Adult Congenital Heart Program at Boston Children's Hospital at bostonchildrenshospital.org/giving. Checks made payable to Boston Children's Hospital can be mailed to Boston Children's Hospital Trust at 401 Park Drive suite 602, Boston, MA 02215.

Donations can also be made to Camp Taylor at 5424 Pirrone Road, Salida, CA 94368.

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Telephone scam asking for MoneyGrams

Pleasanton police are warning the community about a recent telephone scam asking victims to transfer funds via MoneyGrams.

The police department has received several reports about people receiving a phone call from a person claiming to be "Deputy Charles White with the Sheriff's Department."

"Deputy White" tells would-be victims that there is a warrant out for their arrest due to a "no show" to jury duty. In order to avoid arrest, a MoneyGram type of money transfer is needed to pay the fine.

The "deputy" often gives a fake badge number and a local number to call back as part of the scheme, similar to the IRS scam seen earlier this year.

A California courts page warns residents, "Be advised that official court personnel may contact you by telephone, but they will never ask for your personal information."

In other police reports:

- Two men were arrested on suspicion of possession of a burglary tool and probation violation on May 29 at the Motel 6 on Hopyard Road, according to police reports.

Officers reportedly saw a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot and ran the vehicle's license plate.

The vehicle was registered to David Alan Witprachtiger, 26, of Livermore, who was on probation for burglary and had a search clause, according to police.

Officers reportedly saw Witprachtiger walking and allegedly found him in possession of shaved

keys, which can be used to gain access to cars.

Police reports stated that officers then searched the man's motel room and found a male and female who were on active probation.

The man — Robert Gerrit Nash, 22, of Livermore — was also reportedly on probation for burglary and officers allegedly found a shaved key in his backpack.

Witprachtiger and Nash were arrested and booked at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

- An unknown Asian male allegedly stole \$6,000 worth of jeans from Nordstrom at Stoneridge Mall on May 31, according to police.

The unidentified culprit was seen by security on the security camera looking through the men's jeans section, according to police.

Security walked the sales floor and when the suspect heard the door alarm sounding, he allegedly grabbed the jeans and walked outside to an awaiting vehicle. This case is currently under investigation.

- A \$229 drill and other miscellaneous items worth \$660 were reported stolen from a construction site on Stoneridge Drive, police said.

Sometime between May 23-27, someone reportedly broke into the site's modular unit by climbing over the fence and cutting the padlock off, according to police. No arrests have been made.

- A Ford Excursion was egged on the 2200 block of Via Espada on May 26, according to police.

An officer conducted a neighborhood check, but couldn't find any suspects or witnesses.

Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted. ■

— Amanda Aguilar

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made this information available.

May 25

Commercial burglary

- 6:47 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

- 6:59 p.m. in the 2800 block of Chocolate Street

Vandalism

- 8:42 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street

May 26

Drug violation

- 12:05 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

- 2:31 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Vandalism

- 1:43 p.m. in the 2200 block of Via Espada

Shoplifting

- 6:26 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Domestic battery

- 6:29 p.m. in the 1000 block of Marina Village Parkway

May 27

Battery

- 7:55 a.m. in the 200 block of Rachael Place

Burglary

- 7:56 a.m. in the 2900 block of Stoneridge Drive

- 5:26 p.m. in the 400 block of Junipero Street; residential

Vandalism

- 8:49 a.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

Child abuse

- 12:04 p.m. Street information being withheld.

Auto theft

- 12:53 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

- 1:49 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

- 4:16 p.m. in the 3600 block of Annis Circle

Alcohol violation

- 4:15 p.m. in the 7700 block of Creekside Drive

May 28

Theft

- 5:11 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

- 7:26 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road; theft from structure

- 7:47 a.m. in the 7800 block of Creekside Drive; theft from auto

- 8:36 a.m. in the 4400 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft

- 2:59 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street

Drug violation

- 11:57 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Fraud

- 7:33 p.m. in the 4000 block of Silver Street

May 29

Theft

- 8:13 a.m. in the 500 block of Main Street

- 3:44 p.m. in the 6400 block of Alvord Way

- 9:24 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Alcohol violation

- 9:33 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Fraud

- 10:29 a.m. in the 400 block of Division Street

Vandalism

- 11 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

May 30

Theft

- 10:43 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 1:30 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Residential burglary

- 12:17 p.m. in the 2600 block of Lin Gate Circle

May 31

Drug violation

- 3:14 a.m. at the intersection of Owens Court and Owens Drive

Theft

- 6:52 a.m. in the 4600 block of Second Street; auto theft

- 6:14 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; bicycle theft

- 7:29 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Alcohol violation

- 7:58 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; DUI

- 9:53 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street

- 11:20 p.m. Street information not disclosed; DUI

Burglary

- 9:04 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Plaudits for Parks/ Recreation Master Plan

The Pleasanton City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to approve the city's new Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and with good reason. This mammoth document (200+ pages) and research project is the result of a 12-month process that included three community workshops, discussions with each of the city's 20 sports organizations, surveys of 21 community organizations and a total of 300 telephone interviews.

In size and data, it rivals the city's General Plan and is even more comprehensive in its analysis. It provides a realistic and visionary guide for the creative, orderly development and management of parks, recreation facilities and programs in Pleasanton, both now and for several decades to come as the city's population continues to grow.

Susan Andrade-Wax, director of Community Services who championed the Master Plan effort, told the council that with 68% of the city's population now over the age of 35 and with only 43% of the households having children at home, park and recreation needs are changing with the demographics.

This means that in addition to playgrounds and baseball fields, programs and facilities with more of an adult focus will need to be added, including dog parks, walking and hiking trails, more lighted tennis courts, and more picnic tables and barbecues in the parks.

Pleasanton currently has 371 acres of developed parkland, which more than meets the General Plan's parkland acreage goal of 5 acres for every 1,000 residents. But as more people move here, those numbers will change.

If the city's population — now at 72,000 — grows to 78,000 as expected in the near future, another 28 acres of parkland will be required. The city's full range of community programs also will need to be expanded, including those for seniors. High on the list of needs in city parks are restrooms, a much-discussed need in public forums and at council meetings but also difficult to add because of high costs and safety issues.

Browsing through the Master Plan's bound volume of charts, maps, pull-out lists, park and recreation inventories and color photos, it's apparent that Andrade-Wax and her team have done an excellent job of providing and maintaining parks and open spaces, including programs that are accepted by residents and are successfully meeting the public's needs. But in highlighting the evolving changes in community demographics, including age, nationality and race, Andrade-Wax's report also shows numerous changes in recreation programs, open space and other needs that will need to be addressed.

Cricket, rugby, outdoor yoga classes and, yes, public restrooms in neighborhood parks and at the BMX track off Stanley Boulevard come to mind. Restrooms in parks located close to homes have never been considered, but with an aging population and more high-density apartments, "running home" to take care of your needs is no longer always possible.

More dog parks have been among the most pressing requests to the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council, and now Andrade-Wax has won approval for a second one to be established at the head of the Marilyn Kane Trail at Lagoon Road just south of Bernal Avenue and the Bernal bridge over the arroyo. Parking is limited there and planners believe at least one more off-leash trail is needed, preferably on the southwest side of the city.

Another need, cited by Mayor Jerry Thorne Tuesday, is an ice rink. Ice skating clubs in Pleasanton have to travel to a single crowded skating rink in Dublin or to better skate parks in San Jose. At one time, a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks proposed building a multi-rink skating facility on Staples Ranch in Pleasanton. That plan was shelved as the recent recession hurt the Sharks' finances, but Thorne said that plan is still alive and he wants the council and city staff to pursue it.

In accepting the Master Plan report Tuesday, City Manager Nelson Fialho said it will be a "living" document to serve as a guideline on future City Council and staff capital improvement plans. It's voluminous contents also will serve as the source of future commentaries in the Pleasanton Weekly about parks, open space, sports and other recreation activities. ■

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P14-0704, Brad Hirst/Equity Enterprises, for Charles Austin**
Application for a Development Agreement to vest the development approvals of the Austin project (PUD-58 and Tentative Tract 7813) consisting of eight (8) single-family residential lots and 22 acres of permanent open space at 3459 Old Foothill Road for a ten-year period from 2014 to 2024 with a five-year option.
- **P14-0753, Swapnil Anand**
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a tutorial school for up to 40 students of all ages in an existing tenant space located at 4460 Black Avenue, Suite A.

Library Commission

Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Library Expansion Discussion
- Foundation Next Steps
- Commission Outreach Efforts

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Operations and Proposed Fee Changes for the Pleasanton Tennis Complex
- Review of Schematic Design for the Development of Main Street Green Park

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES RECRUITMENT

The City Council is accepting applications for the following Commission Vacancies:

Parks & Recreation Commission

Planning Commission

APPLICATION DEADLINE MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Economic Vitality Committee

1 Member from each of the following categories:

- Green Economy/Environmental Industry
- Residential Real Estate Broker
- Residential Real Estate Developer

Youth Commission

2 Middle School Representatives

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Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or on the City's website at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/newcommapp.pdf>.

For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027. If you are interested in serving on a commission or committee that has no current vacancies listed, you may register your interest in future vacancies by completing an interest card on our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, please visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar

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Sports

Undefeated Amador Valley claims softball crown

Dons down Granada High 2-1 in sectional title game

By JEREMY WALSH

The Amador Valley High varsity softball team capped an undefeated season with its second sectional crown in four years on Saturday following a 2-1 victory over Granada High in the title game at St. Mary's College.

The Dons (27-0, 14-0 in league) made a pair of first-inning runs hold up, backed by strong defense and another stellar outing from senior pitcher Johanna Grauer, who gave up just two runs and threw one no-hitter during the CIF North Coast Section Division I championship tournament.

"We've had many tight games this year, and it's only fitting that the championship game would take this shape," Amador coach Teresa Borchard said. "In the end, it's the combination of hard work, athleticism and mental toughness that produces a perfect season like this one."

Grauer's two-out double got the

Dons offense going in the bottom of the first inning. Shortstop Ashley Lotoszynski drove in Grauer with a triple, and catcher Victoria Molina followed with an RBI single to plate Amador's second run.

That proved to be all the scoring Grauer and the top-seeded Dons would need against the No. 3 seed from Livermore.

Grauer scattered five hits and struck out 11 Granada batters during the complete-game effort.

The Matadors' only run was a solo home run by Taylor Zehr in the top of the sixth inning. The deep ball followed a 10-minute delay after Zehr hit her head in the dugout just before her at-bat, Borchard said.

Infielder Malory Masajilo helped seal the game for the Dons in the seventh inning by making a tough catch on a foul pop up between third base and home plate.

The victory over Granada (19-9) Saturday was Amador's seventh one-run win of the season.

Lotoszynski led the way at the plate, going 2-for-2 with a walk in the title game. Grauer and Molina



THE BORCHARD FAMILY

The Amador Valley High varsity softball team celebrates its undefeated season and sectional title last weekend.

also had two hits.

Amador's shortstop starred offensively throughout the tournament, batting 6-for-7 with four walks, six RBIs and three extra-base hits, including a home run against Castro Valley High in the quarterfinals.

Grauer no-hit Castro Valley in that opening game, an 11-0 victory

in six innings on May 23. The Dons then beat crosstown rival Foothill High 7-1 in the semifinal round on May 28.

Amador finished its dominating 2014 campaign with 15 shut-outs, including four 1-0 wins. The school last won a softball sectional title in 2011. ■

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- Date and location of game
- League
- Team name (including school, if applicable)
- Opponent's name and town
- Winner and final score
- Highlights, top scoring players, box score, etc.
- Your name
- Your phone number and email
- Advise whether you're a coach or parent.

A form can be found online at tinyurl.com/sportsform. For more information, call 925-600-0840, ext. 111. ■



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Foothill honors college-bound athletes

Foothill High School recognized its student-athletes set to move on to play college athletics as part of the school's second annual 'Signing Day' event last month.

The honored Falcons were (bottom row, left to right): Haley Lukas (UC Berkeley, soccer), Maddie Smith (Central Connecticut State University, volleyball), Lulu Huang (Cal State East Bay, golf), Taylor Truex (Indiana University, swimming), Lindsey Kail (University of Oregon, lacrosse) and Logan Winn (Goucher College, lacrosse).

Top row, left to right: Shivani Doraiswami (Pomona College, tennis), Kennedi DeRossett (University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, softball), Jenny Gubner (Wellesley College, lacrosse), Rachel Reichenbach (Stanford University, track and field), Princess Akanyirige (Baylor University, soccer), Josh Miller (University of Nevada at Reno, lacrosse), Tony Shen (Dartmouth College, swimming), Jennifer Beadle (Indiana University, water polo) and Conner McFarlane (Westminster College, lacrosse).

Not pictured were golf standouts Ryan Gronlund (Southern Methodist University), Tanner Hughes (UC Berkeley) and Ryan Maund (Texas Christian University).

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Clubs

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12 at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road. A pot luck dinner will precede the business meeting featuring Stan Morgan, co-president of the Mount Diablo Iris Society with 30 years of experience. Call 485-7812 or go to www.lavgc.org.

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED PRESENT DANIEL WILHELM

Daniel Wilhelm is Senior Field Representative of the Northwest California NRA, and has spoken to thousands of Californians about gun legislation. Join this dinner and special speaker at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12 at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. Tickets are \$30 for members, \$34 for guests. For more information or reservations, contact Rebecca Potts by June 9 at 294-4013 or rebecca.potts@comcast.net. Go to www.trivalleyrepublicanwomenfederated.org.

Concerts

BROADWAY CHORUS SINGS THE COLORS OF BROADWAY

Broadway Chorus looks to the rainbow with Broadway Chorus Sings the Colors of Broadway, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 14; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 15 at Amador Theater. Tickets are \$10-\$20. Call 462-2121 or go to <http://www.broadwaychorus.org>.

JONI MORRIS PRESENTS A TRIBUTE TO PATSY CLINE

Sell-out Joni Morris and the After Midnight Band will honor the legendary first female member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, Patsy Cline, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 7 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

MADS ABOUT BROADWAY

Two-time Grammy Award-winning violinist Mads Tolling will join cabaret great Wesla Whitfield for a program of duets and solos, bringing their distinctive styles to classics from

the Broadway songbook at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 8 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

Events

AN EVENING WITH KING HENRY VIII

Once described as one of the most charismatic rulers to sit on the English throne, King Henry VIII is known in modern times for his six marriages and his role in the separation of the Church of England from the Roman Catholic Church. Join an evening with journalist and teacher Frank Mullen portraying King Henry VIII at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8 at Firehouse Arts Center. Admission is \$10. Call 462-2766.

BLOOD DRIVE LIVERMORE

Donate blood and save a life! The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10 at Fremont Bank, 1879 Holmes St., Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcross-blood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

VFW TEA DANCE

The Veterans of Foreign Wars present a Tea Dance from 1-3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11 at the Memorial Hall, 301 Main St., featuring music by the Mellotones. A light lunch and drink will be provided. Proceeds help needy veterans and their families. Entrance fee is \$10. Call 443-2224.

Film

'ETHOS: A TIME FOR CHANGE'

This 69 minute film narrated by Woody Harrelson lifts the lid on the corruption which stifles our country's progress and offers simple ways to improve the world we live in. See the film on Saturday, June 14 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet and greet potluck at 6:30 p.m., short discussion follows the film. Free, \$3 donation accepted. Call 462-3459.

Fundraisers

PAWS IN NEED 'TIPS FOR CHANGE' DINNER

Enjoy a delicious Italian dinner served by Paws In Need vol-

unteers from 5-9 p.m. on Monday, June 23 at Gianni's Italian Bistro, 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Your tips will help save the lives of local pets! For reservations call 820-6969 or go to OpenTable.com. Call event chair Lisa at 216-1621 for more info. Over-tipping welcome!

TRI-VALLEY CROP (HUNGER) WALK

The CROP Walk is about ending hunger here in the Tri-Valley. The walk is a 2-mile Downtown Pleasanton loop starting and ending at Amador Valley HS parking lot from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, June 7. Register for \$5, but the goal is \$25 per walker. Open Heart Kitchen will receive 25% of money raised. Go to www.bayareahunger-walk.org to register.

Health

BRAIN THERAPY TREATMENTS TALK BY DR. LYNNE MIELKE

Learn about Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10 at Optimal Brain Center, 4463 Stoneridge Drive, Suite B. Both of these non-invasive treatments are safe and effective for treating brain injury, psychiatric and neurologic disorders. Space is limited; please RSVP. Call 846-3600.

Lectures/ Workshops

LAWN CONVERSION

Convert your thirsty lawn into a drought tolerant landscape using the sheet mulching process. Lori Caldwell from Bay Friendly along with Tyler Coen will go over the procedure step by step from noon-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 8 at Western Garden Nursery. Tyler will also go over basic design techniques, plant selection and drip irrigation. Call 462-1760.

Seniors

CHAT WITH THE NAT

Join the City Naturalist as he brings the wonder of the outside world to the Senior Center for an on-going lecture series that covers the local natural

world, from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Lecture may include slide shows, hands on materials, visits from live creatures and plenty of time for Q&A. Cost is \$1.75-\$2.25. Call 931-5365.

FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Celebrate all fathers, past and present, from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. on Thursday, June 12 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Menu by Miraglia Catering with entertainment by Sinatra impresario Jeff Wessman. Cost is \$10-\$12. Register by June 2. Contact 556-4511 or seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

FLAVORS, FACTS AND FUN WITH TEA

The world of tea is as diverse as the worlds of wine and cheese. Join for "a cupping," also known as a tea tasting, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Taste examples of the 4 main types of teas: green, black, white and oolong, learn the basics of processing tea and discuss the different varieties of tea. Call 931-5365.

JUNE IS 'ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS' MONTH

Representatives from local law enforcement, including U.S. Postal Inspectors, District Attorney Elder Protection Unit, Adult Protective Services and Legal Assistance for Seniors will provide information and safety tips for seniors at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 13 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. A prize drawing will be held. Call 556-4511.

Support Groups

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit www.valleycare.com.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Mr. Incredible

His name is Mr. Incredible, and he's a big guy with a big heart. He isn't the kind of cat that will bug you all the time, but will just stare at you with his sparkling eyes and wait for your affection. Meet this 4-year-old domestic longhair at the East Bay SPCA Dublin Adoption Center located at 4651 Gleason Drive in Dublin. Visit www.eastbay-spc.org for more information.

1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP

This is a safe place to speak openly about your experience of pain and to learn ways of coping with it. Meetings are 12:30-1:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays monthly at Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Call 447-1950.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Join these meetings on your healing journey on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, from May 22-Aug. 14 at St. Elizabeth Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Free and open to all. Call Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

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2014 Concert in the Park Line-Up

- June 6 – West Grand Boulevard, Classic Soul & Motown, Sponsored by SafeAmerica Credit Union
- June 13 – James Nagel Band, Rock & Soul, Sponsored by the Alameda County Fair
- June 20 – Ruckatan Latin Tribe, Latin Rock, Sponsored by The Cellar Door
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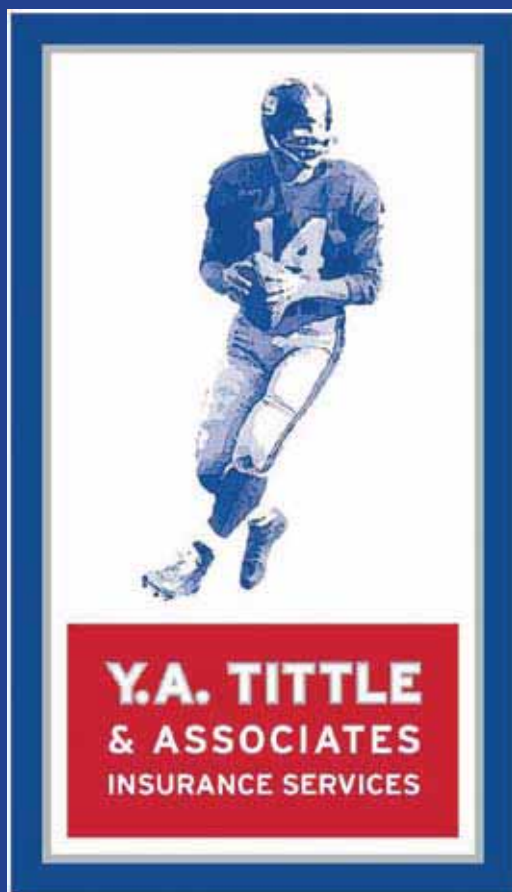


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Staying Healthy

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Inside:

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- Raising healthy eaters
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- Vision for a lifetime

Tips for simple Summer Safety

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The teenager with the burned lip and black teeth last Fourth of July was a first for Dr. Joe Toscano.

"It was a 17-year-old kid with a firecracker in his mouth," explained Toscano, an emergency room doctor at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. "He said he was planning on spitting it out, but the fuse went really fast."

It turned out that two teens were playing chicken with firecrackers, holding them in their teeth, lighting them and seeing who would spit his out first.

"Luckily it was just a burned and bruised torn lip; it didn't hurt his eyes," Toscano added.

Yes, there was alcohol involved, the doctor said, adding that the teens were scared when they came in to the hospital.

"We had to call his parents," Toscano recalled. "They were relieved that he was OK, but they were suitably astounded by (the teens') poor judgment."

Toscano said each July 4th brings fireworks injuries, often from firecrackers or Roman candles.

Donna Koon, director of emergency services for ValleyCare Health System, said fireworks injuries have become rarer at its facilities since authorities began cracking down on their usage.

A more common issue seen at Valley-Care, according to Koon, are rattlers.

"Rattlesnake bites are an issue. We start getting those around Memorial Day," she said. "They are out in the heat in the summertime. People have to be aware of where they are stepping in the summertime, and don't reach down and pick up a snake."

If someone gets bitten, it is important to identify the type of snake to know if anti-venom is needed. "If the snake is killed, bring it in," Koon said.

"I've seen rattlesnakes at Sycamore Grove and in the Morgan Territory," she added. "And they are on the Pleasanton Ridge — people have come in with rattlesnake bites from hiking there."

Rattlesnakes are also found on local golf courses, she warned, especially those close to the hillsides.

Toscano and Koon both said the biggest

danger, especially at the beginning of summer, is dehydration and heat exhaustion.

"We see it especially in the elderly and those deciding to do hiking and running and that kind of stuff in the elements," Koon said. "They tend to not keep themselves hydrated. I think they know they should but not to the level they need to."

"We see people get overheated, and the body can't regulate the temperature as well," she explained. "They aren't sweating to be able to cool off, and they can start to get confused, they get really dizzy, then nausea and vomiting from being overheated, which can make you dehydrate even more."

"The skin is very red, with a flushed chest, cheeks and arms, which gives us a quick sign that something is going wrong. We give them fluids, and luckily the hospital is air-conditioned, which helps cool them down," she continued. "A lot of times there is alcohol consumption. It might be that in the wintertime you can drink four or five beers and it doesn't bother you, but in the summer you have heat contributing to it."

She said Dublin Urgent Care will see patients who are members of the military training at Camp Parks.

"They come from out of state and different areas and are not expecting our 104-degree temperatures," Koon said.

Sports drinks with electrolytes help people stay hydrated, she noted, as does wearing a wet bandanna. Letting kids play in the sprinklers helps keep them cool.

Toscano said bodies become acclimated to the heat during the summer.

"At the very beginning of summer we see a fair number of patients with heat illness, exhaustion, cramps, rapid warming, from people going out and being active," he said. "Any body is more at risk when the temperatures all of a sudden start to get warmer. The body can't do a lot in hot

Prevent heat injuries

Very high body temperatures can damage the brain or other vital organs, so be careful in high temperatures to help the body's cooling mechanisms and prevent heat-related illness.

When temperatures are extremely high:

- Drink plenty of fluid, as much as two to four glasses each hour when exercising heavily. Drink more than your thirst indicates, especially if you're older than 65. Avoid very cold beverages or alcohol.
- Replace salt and minerals by drinking fruit juice or a sports beverage during exercise or work in the heat.
- Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen. At home wear as little clothing as possible. In public wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. In the hot sun, wear a wide-brimmed hat.
- Pace yourself. Start work or exercise in the heat slowly and gradually pick up the pace. If your heart starts to pound or you are gasping for breath, stop all activity, get into a cool area and rest.
- Stay cool indoors. Stay in an air-conditioned area. When the temperature is in the high 90s or above, a fan will not prevent heat-related illness. A cool shower or bath is more effective.
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully, either before noon or in the evening. While outdoors, rest frequently in a shady area.
- Use a buddy system. Monitor co-workers in the heat. Those 65 or older should have someone check on them twice a day during a heat wave.
- Monitor those at high risk: children under 4; people who overexert during work or exercise; those 65 or older; people who are ill or on certain medications; and those who are overweight.
- Adjust to the environment. Any change in temperature, such as an early summer heat wave, is stressful to your body.
- Use common sense. Avoid hot foods and heavy meals; they add heat to your body. Limit sun exposure during the midday hours. Ensure children drink adequate amounts of liquids. Give outdoor animals plenty of fresh water.

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The arrival of summer means families are looking for ways to lighten up when it comes to the clothes they're wearing and the foods they're eating.

They're starting to incorporate fresh, light flavors into their meals, especially as local fruits and vegetables become available. And with the warmer weather, it's much easier to get outside for activities the entire family will enjoy.

If you're interested in revamping your eating routine and helping your family shape up for the summer, here are some helpful hints:

Flavorful and nutrient-rich salad pairings

Summer is the time for salads, which can be loaded up with fresh, locally grown ingredients. The leafy base you choose for your salad can also give your family plenty of power-packed nutrients.

For example:

- Romaine lettuce — contains vitamins A, K and C
- Field greens — rich in iron and magnesium
- Spinach — contains calcium, fiber and beta-carotene

Pair all three greens together for a powerful, nutritious punch. Top off the salad with the right pairing of flavors. For example, tomato salads work beautifully with Balsamic dressing, while Southwestern-style salads are delicious with the addition of corn and lime juice or black beans and avocados.

Lighten up summer with delicious salads, fun activities



Turn ordinary into extraordinary

Grilled veggies and crunchy textures turn routine salads into something you can't wait to dig into. Grill carrots, zucchini and tomatoes

with lean meats for a sweetened and smoky flavor. For those family members who don't crave vegetables, go for the crisp taste and dress your salad with crunchy nuts and

sweet fruits accents. In fact, more than one in four Americans say they'll eat vegetables if they can't tell they're eating them, according to a recent survey.

Power up with a partner

Get active this spring with a friend or with the entire family. Sign up for something new, like a boxing class or dance class, you can enjoy together. Having a partner or group turns the activity into a social event, and it also helps to keep you accountable.

A benefit to staying active? A report by the Huffington Post says people doing physical activities with a spouse, friends or coworker enjoyed the activity more, and were happier.

Keep it simple for a big impact

Instead of setting a huge goal that may seem daunting and unattainable, set mini, achievable goals for yourself. Make simple changes you can incorporate daily to help improve your health. Some ways to do this include:

- Ditch the elevators — Take the stairs at work, the shopping mall or the hotel.
- Pick up cycling — Bike to work, or take a ride after work.
- Get outside — Over the lunch hour, take a walk around the neighborhood.

Adding three 10-minute periods of physical activity in your daily schedule are just as beneficial as participating in one 30-minute period of exercise, according to Heart.org. Plus, if you can do your exercise outside in the sun, you'll be able to absorb some vitamin D, which is also good for your body. ■

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Healthy habits for raising healthy eaters

Strategies to get kids to enjoy healthy foods

For many parents, getting their children to eat the right foods can be a daily struggle.

According to registered dietitian Deanna Segrave-Daly, there are many simple ways for parents to get their little ones to eat the foods they need to grow up strong and healthy. Here are a few ideas you can incorporate into your family's routine:

Train tiny taste buds

Getting young kids to accept new foods can wear down even the most patient parent. It may take 10-15 exposures to a food before a kid accepts it. Encourage trying new fruits and vegetables for just a few bites.

"Fast foods" for smaller tummies

Younger kids, especially toddlers, seem to be hungry at any time but mealtime. Those small stomachs burn calories fast, so it's natural and healthy for kids to snack between meals. Choose nutrient-rich, balanced snacks that are quick to serve. This can include:

- A portion or two of sliced of low sodium ham and tomato slices wrapped in a whole wheat tortilla and cut into one inch pin-wheels
- Fruit cups mixed with yogurt or peanut butter
- Pita wedges with hummus and avocado
- Smoothie made with frozen banana, plain yogurt and chocolate milk

Teaching coordination at the table

Dinnertime is prime time to build young children's fine motor skills that require control of small hand muscles.

Actions like pinching small pieces of food and effectively using a fork and spoon can help with more advanced skills down the line. Have kids practice with small pieces of soft food, like cooked vegetables or fruit — yet another opportunity to expose them to healthy foods.

Give veggies a good rap from the start

Are you setting up veggies as the bad guys? Avoid phrases like, "If you finish your peas, you can have dessert." This sends the message that peas don't taste as good as cookies.

Rather, tell kids to take a bite and if they don't like it, they can leave it. Keep serving it at future meals and one day, your child may surprise you. And remember, your kids need to see you enjoying vegetables, too.

Got picky eaters?

While many young kids aren't fond of certain flavors, some may even be sensitive to particular textures or temperatures. If raw carrots are too rough or crunchy, try a softer version. If a heated veggie is refused, try serving it at room temperature.

Help your kids to connect mealtime with eating colorful fruits and veggies by exposing them to healthy foods at every meal. ■

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Officials offer summer fire safety tips

Keys include defensible space, smart landscaping, knowing what to do in case of wildfire

By JEREMY WALSH

As Tri-Valley residents prepare for hot, dry summer weather amid a statewide drought, local fire officials have offered a variety of safety tips to help people better protect their homes and properties from fire danger in the weeks and months ahead.

The advice ranges from the importance of maintaining defensible space to summer barbecue safety to what residents should do in case of wildfire.

Create defensible space

Firefighters urge local property owners to prepare for the potential for wildfire by creating and maintaining defensible space around their homes, according to San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District spokeswoman Kim French.

French said residents, especially those with some acreage on their properties, should make sure to:

- Maintain 100 feet of defensible space around all structures.
- Remember that properties over an acre may require fuel breaks around the perimeter.
- Clear all needles and leaves from roofs, eaves and rain gutters.
- Trim tree limbs to at least six feet above the ground.
- Remove branches away from roofs and 10 feet from chimneys.
- Keep wood piles and other stored flammable materials at least 30 feet from the home.

Landscaping

Property owners doing outdoor yard maintenance at their homes should keep a few safety tips in mind to help prevent the chance of wildfire, according to French.

- Check the weather before starting any weed-trimming project. Do not do the work if the temperature is high, winds are strong or humidity is low. Choose another day.
- Never attempt an abatement project during a red-flag warning day.
- If possible, wet the area prior to cutting the weeds.
- Always mow or cut weeds before 10 a.m. when moisture levels are highest.
- Always use tools that are made for cutting weeds; lawn mowers are for lawns not tall dry grass.
- Ensure there is a garden hose, large container of water or fire extinguisher nearby before cutting dry grass or weeds.
- If a fire should start during yard work, always contact the local fire department, even if the fire has been put out. Fire officials want to make sure the fire is completely extinguished and will not reignite later on.

Watch the barbecue

Backyard barbecues are a summer staple, but people should make sure that the fun does not lead to fire by ensuring the coals are cooled and disposed of properly, French said.

"The United States Fire Administration urges you to douse the coals with plenty of water and stir them to ensure that the fire is completely out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers, choose a metal container instead," she added.

Landscape mulch and bark

Mulch or bark placed in planting beds can cause a fire or can help a fire spread more rapidly, according to French



Knowing what to do in case of a summer fire is vital for Tri-Valley residents, officials say.

"Mulch fires occur year-round, but primarily in the summer when the temperatures are higher and there is little rainfall. As a result, landscaping materials become dried out, allowing for easy ignition," she said.

According to French, people with mulch or bark should:

- Provide proper clearance for electric devices, such as decorative lights, by following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Keep landscaped mulch beds moist, if possible.
- Use noncombustible mulch, such as rock or pea gravel, around the gas meter and next to the combustible portions of the structure.
- Use only the manufacturer's recommended size/wattage for yard light bulbs.
- Use only electrical devices and cords listed for outdoor use, and follow the manufacturer's specifications.
- Consider replacing landscaping mulch with decorative stone.

Oily rags

Proper drying and disposal of oily rags can help reduce the possibility of a spontaneous combustion fire, French said. According to the National Fire Protection Association, on average more than 14,000 spontaneous combustion fires are reported each year, causing millions of dollars in damage.

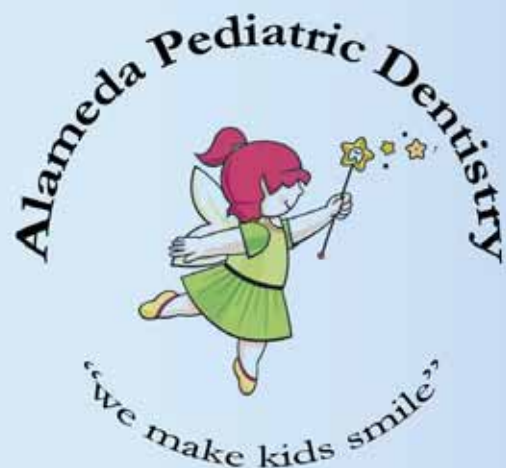
According to French, people should:

- Hang an oily rag outdoors to dry. Use a clothesline or fence, be sure to hang each rag individually and avoid piling them on top of each other.
- If an oily rag must be dried indoors, be sure to keep it away from heat sources such as water heaters or furnaces.
- Follow the oil manufacturer's directions on proper use, storage and disposal.

In case of wildfire

If a wildfire ignites in a local neighborhood, French said residents should:

- Leave immediately. Don't wait to be told to evacuate. Authorities may not have enough time to order an evacuation.
- Obey all evacuation orders.
- Drive calmly with headlights on for visibility.
- Do not block the access to roadways for fire engines and emergency personnel. ■



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"It's easy to incorporate steps into your daily routine to ensure healthy eyes and vision," says Dr. Mitchell T. Munson, president of the AOA. "Eating right, protecting against UV rays and visiting your local eye doctor on a yearly basis are just a few things that can help keep your eyes and vision strong."

Consider these five steps for a lifetime of eye health:

1. Schedule yearly comprehensive exams

Eye care should begin early in life. The AOA urges parents to bring infants 6 to 12 months of age to their local optometrist for a thorough assessment; under the Affordable Care Act, vision coverage is part of the Pediatric Essential Health Benefit.

Millions of children (up to age 19) now have access to yearly comprehensive eye exams and follow-up care and treatment, such as eyeglasses, through their local doctor of optometry. Comprehensive exams performed by an optometrist not only evaluate a patient's vision, but can also detect certain

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2. Protect against UV rays

Long-term exposure to the sun poses significant risk not just to your skin, but to your eyes as well.

No matter what the season, it's extremely important to wear sunglasses, choosing a pair that blocks more than 95% of UVA and more than 99% of UVB radiation.

3. Give your eyes a break from digital device use

Two-thirds of Americans spend up to seven hours a day using computers or other digital devices such as tablets and smartphones. This constant eye activity increases the risk for computer vision syndrome (CVS) and can cause problems such as dry eye, eyestrain, headaches, neck and/or backache, and fatigue. The AOA recommends that people practice the 20/20/20 rule (every 20 minutes, take a 20 second break and look at something 20 feet away).

In addition, a poorly designed computer station can also contribute to eyestrain. Be sure to correct factors such as improper lighting or uncomfortable seating, viewing angles and reading or working distances to eliminate visual stress and discomfort.

4. Eat your greens

As part of a healthful diet, eat five servings of fruits and vegetables each day — particularly the leafy green variety.

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Annual extensive eye exams are one of the vital strategies people can use to help protect their vision for the long-term.

and E, and the mineral zinc — have been identified as helping to protect eyesight and promote eye health. Since the body doesn't make these nutrients naturally, it's important that they are incorporated into a daily diet and, in some cases, supplemented with vitamins.

5. Practice safe wear and care of contact lenses

More than 40 million Americans use contact lenses to improve vision. While some

adhere to the medical guidelines for wearing contacts, many are breaking the rules and putting their vision at risk.

Contact lens wearers who don't follow their optometrist's recommendations for use and wear can experience symptoms such as blurred or fuzzy vision, red or irritated eyes, pain in and around the eyes or, a more serious condition in which the cornea becomes inflamed, also known as keratitis.

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temperatures if it hasn't been acclimatized. You can be aware and not push yourself."

Sunburn is also a bigger problem at the beginning of the summer before the skin gets tanned, he said.

"We see severe sunburns, when people are not using sunblock and are staying out for too long" Koon said. "Depending on the severity, they can actually get blistering, and we have to treat it as a burn."

During the summer, she sees more muscle pulls and injuries from people water skiing and wakeboarding.

"They get back injuries, and get sore and can't move," she said. "They are weekend warriors, they overexert themselves and try a little too hard."

"People are a lot more active outdoors in the summertime and sometimes they try things they wouldn't do during the winter," Toscano said. "With activities like biking, mountain climbing, white water rafting, there is a potential for injury. You should wear protective equipment, and don't try things beyond your capacity."

"I see a fair number of people who go to Tahoe or Yosemite rock climbing then come back to San Ramon (to the emergency room) with a broken leg," he added.

Drowning is another concern in the summertime, he said.

"Luckily not a lot of people die from that, but there are a lot in hospitals from near-drowning in swimming pools, people's backyard pools," he said.

Accidents often happen when the adults are drinking and not minding children who can't swim, he said. Sometimes people pull a child out of the water after about 10 seconds and want to have them checked.

"There is a spectrum of injury that goes

along with drowning, not to the lungs but to the brain," Toscano said. "They are deprived of oxygen."

It doesn't happen a lot, he noted, but all the cases are in the summer. People also get injured in swimming pools when they dive into the shallow end.

Another summer hazard can be traveling to other countries without taking proper precautions.

"Occasionally they come back with infectious illnesses," Toscano said. "It's important when people travel to be aware of whether they need immunizations or medications for the prevention of malaria."

He said they see malaria, dengue fever, typhoid fever, salmonella and intestinal infections, usually contracted in the Caribbean, South America or Southeast Asia.

Travelers to India need to take precautions even if they are originally from there, he added.

Poison oak, bug bites and ticks are also more common in the summer, Toscano said.

"A tick will be embedded in the skin, they can't get it out," he said, which poses the danger of Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and other diseases.

He advised hikers and campers to wear long sleeves and pants, and to examine their skin for ticks since they must be embedded for hours to transmit diseases. Outdoor enthusiasts also can use a spray to repel insects.

Koon said ValleyCare facilities see a lot of people with poison oak during the summer.

"They are so swollen up and itching and reacting to it," she said. "We tend to get people who were out camping in other areas a few days before."

The fun summer days are ahead of us, but remember to stay cool and hydrate, and to use common sense.

"Enjoy the outdoors and know what the hazards are," Toscano advised. ■



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File No.: 491316
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A TOUCH OF HEALTH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 491501
The following person(s) doing business as: A TOUCH OF HEALTH, 80 MISSION DRIVE SUITE A, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Veronica B. Horton, 220 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 1988. Signature of Registrant: Veronica B. Horton. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/09/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 23, 30, June 6, 13; 2014)

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File No.: 491667-68
The following person(s) doing business as: MEG'S ART FOR AFRICA; ONE MILLION PENCILS FOR AFRICA, 1533 ROSE LANE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Julie Shriber, 1533 Rose Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Julie Shriber. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/14/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 23, 30, June 6, 13; 2014)

RE-MASTERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 491659
The following person(s) doing business as: RE-MASTERS, 11501 DUBLIN BLVD., #200, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): MM Consulting, 6584 Cottonwood Circle, Unit D, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Travis Roth. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/14/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 23, 30, June 6, 13; 2014)

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File No.: 491766
The following person(s) doing business as: BELIZE EDUCATION FUND, 3037 HOPYARD ROAD, SUITE T, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Belize Education Fund, 3037 Hopyard Road, Suite T, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Keith Cobell, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/16/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 30, June 6, 13, 20; 2014)

BUSINESS DATA LEADERSHIP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 491585
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997 All Other Legals
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHNNY LEE JARVIS Case No.: RP14724510 To all heirs,

beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHNNY LEE JARVIS. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JOHN L. JARVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: JOHN L. JARVIS 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 JULY 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. 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 four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. 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: /s/ C. Bruce Hamilton, 260 Sheridan Ave. #200, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (650)329-5992 (Pleasanton Weekly, May 30, June 6, 13; 2014)

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Home prices at highest rate since 2007

California sales show largest gain in 3 years

By JEB BING

Showing true signs of improvement, California's housing market continued to perform better than expected in April with both the median home price and home sales increasing month to month.

In its report, the California Association of Realtors added, however, that decreased home affordability remains a challenge for buyers in many areas of the state.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 394,070 units in April, according to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtor associations and MLSs statewide.

April marked the sixth consecutive month that sales were below the 400,000 level and the ninth straight decline on a year-over-year basis. Sales in April increased 7.4% from a revised 367,020 in March but were down 7% from a revised 423,690 in April 2013.

"With home prices increasing by double-digits in 2013, many investors have decided to leave the market which is adversely affecting home sales as a whole," said CAR president Kevin

Brown. "While the number of homes sold continued to decline from a year ago, the better-than normal surge in sales activities in April is encouraging and could be an indication that we will see further improvement in the housing market in the next few months."

The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home rose 3.2% to \$449,360 in April compared with March, reaching its highest level since December 2007. April's price was 11.6% higher than the revised \$402,830 recorded in April 2013, marking the second straight month that the median price increased both month to month and year to year. The statewide median home price has increased year over year for the previous 26 months.

The median sales price is the point at which half of homes sold for more and half sold for less; it is influenced by the types of homes selling as well as a general change in values.

"Looking forward, it is likely that we will see a more moderate level of price increase throughout the rest of the year, and further improvements in sales in the spring home buying season," said

CAR vice president and chief economist Leslie Appleton-Young.

"Increasing home prices, relatively higher interest rates, and tight lending standards, however, will continue to present challenges to home buyers who are facing affordability issues," she added. "Primary home buyers may no longer have to compete with investors in 2014, but instead they need to worry about increased borrowing costs."

Other key facts from CAR's April 2014 resale housing report include:

- Housing inventory remained tight in April, with the supply of existing, single-family detached homes for sale slipping last month to 3.5 months, down from March's Unsold Inventory Index of 4 months, but up from 2.8 months in April 2013. The index indicates the number of months needed to sell the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate. A six- to seven-month supply is considered typical in a normal market.
- The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home fell to 33.8 days in April, down from 35 days in March but up from 27.9 days in April 2013.
- Mortgage rates remained flat in April, with the 30-year, fixed-mortgage interest rate averaging 4.34%, the same rate recorded in March, but up from 3.45% in April 2013, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable-mortgage interest rates in April averaged 2.44%, down from 2.48 in March and down from 2.63% in April 2013. ■

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 30-May 16

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3063 Camino Del Cino F. Sun to Z. Chen for \$900,000

7580 Canyon Meadow Circle #G K. Galdman to T. Huen for \$425,000

7021 Corte Blanca Houston Trust to E. & C. Shimojima for \$1,120,000

5935 Corte Cerritos Y. Blyakhman to P. Banwasi for \$823,000

3247 Flemington Court Morrow Trust to Y. Zhang for \$826,000

3881 Foothill Road E. & O. Hansen to S. & H. Park for \$1,725,000

2018 Foxswallow Road Casamajor Trust to S. & R. Gupta for \$884,000

4083 Francisco Street G. & S. Armtrout to C. Fong for \$648,000

7523 Homewood Court Boss Trust to C. Wei for \$591,000

7898 Oak Creek Drive Ripplinger Trust to Masuda Trust for \$927,500

2048 Olivia Court Jenkins Trust to J. Liu for \$835,000

1852 Rheem Court G. Jennaru to X. & S. Zhang for \$655,000

2411 Via De Los Milagros Beck Trust to K. & Y. Wang for \$1,250,000

6701 Via San Blas B. & F. Berlogar to D. & A. Werner for \$968,000

2295 Westbridge Lane D. & J. Smith to T. Guan for \$1,655,000

Livermore

5898 Arlene Way D. Moore to R. Laccabue for \$750,000

2686 Calistoga Court Crane Trust to D. & T. Fettig for \$1,275,000

1446 Chateau Common #104 Frost Trust to S. Stoneberger for \$331,500

1502 Corte Reina Common J. Gill to W. & L. Grady for \$575,000

5378 Desiree Avenue A. Charton to M. Hohenberger for \$588,500

54 Fawn Drive T. Dunne to K. Peppel for \$755,000

1041 Florence Road J. & R. Mix to M. Williams for \$740,000

5455 Keeler Court J. & K. Guiterrez to A. Seaberry-Murphy for \$980,000

554 Lorren Way V. Tran to Pichie Trust for \$610,000

466 Loyola Way T. Brogan to S. Asghari for \$745,000

1027 Marigold Road S. & M. Lamarre to D. Cyr for \$472,500

2571 Merlot Lane J. Gablehouse to Cole Trust for \$1,099,000

457 North O Street R. McKeon to RLC Properties for \$324,000

632 Shelley Street M. & L. Feldmeier to Warren Trust for \$650,500

291 Sonia Way Livermore Grove to J. Litwin for \$755,000

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1521 Cielo Court,
Livermore
5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car
garage, 3,328sf, 9,820sf lot
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Alamo

2 BEDROOMS
1481 Livorna Road \$889,000
 Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

Castro Valley

2 BEDROOMS
17400 Redwood Road \$525,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 519-8226

3 BEDROOMS
32777 Palomares Canyon Road \$899,750
 Sun 1-3 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

4 BEDROOMS
21780 Eden Canyon Road \$2,300,000
 Sun 1-3 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

Danville

4 BEDROOMS
76 Milano Court \$1,049,000
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 934-1111

Dublin

2 BEDROOMS
4850 Swinford Court \$529,000
 Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 397-4326

5 BEDROOMS
6210 Woodvale Terrace \$1,179,000
 Sat 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
3120 Arcadia Common #3 \$485,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

1134 Lucille Way \$579,000
 Sun 1-4 Rich Novotny 989-7639

1548 Spring Valley Common \$329,000
 Sat 1-4/Sun 1:30-4:30 Robin Young 583-1136

235 Martin Ave. Call for price
 Sun 1-3 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

4 BEDROOMS
4111 Loch Lomand Way \$880,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

164 Barber St. \$639,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

818 Kalthoff Common \$2,885,800
 Sun 1-4 Steve and Lorraine Mattos 251-2544

420 Covellite Lane \$639,950
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Dan Gamache 918-0332

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS
8035 Mountain View Drive \$399,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 BHG Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

5685 Baldwin Way \$565,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Cathy Dean 200-4130

4 BEDROOMS
3637 Pontina Court \$2,280,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

6465 Calle Altamira \$864,500
 Sun 12-4 Kathy Westernoff 577-2600

6343 Inglewood Drive \$750,000
 Sat 1-4 Angela Ochs (510) 612-0719

6343 Inglewood Drive \$750,000
 Sun 1-4 Karla Brown 200-1909

468 Trebbiano Place \$1,250,000
 Fri 10-1/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

6256 Roslin Court \$739,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

2307 Greenwood Road \$895,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Karen Crowson 784-6208

8031 Bethel Lane Call for price
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Gail Boal 577-5787

6106 Kavala Court \$1,350,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

303 Neal St. \$2,400,000
 Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

2130 Fairfield Road \$879,950
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Dan Gamache 918-0332

5 BEDROOMS
3035 Crestablanca Drive \$1,375,000
 Sat 2-5/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

6 BEDROOMS
656 Varese Court \$2,100,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

San Ramon

3 BEDROOMS
39 Elmwood Drive \$779,000
 Sun 1-4 Louise Davis 200-2457

4 BEDROOMS
103 Boxford Place \$828,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold April 30 to May 16.

Pleasanton (April 30-May 7)

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$425,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,725,000
Average sales reported: \$948,833

Dublin (April 30-May 7)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$465,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,518,000
Average sales reported: \$885,385

Livermore (April 30-May 7)

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$324,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,275,000
Average sales reported: \$692,563

San Ramon (May 9-16)

Total sales reported: 33
Lowest sale reported: \$240,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,100,000
Average sales reported: \$879,833

Source: California REsource



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CURRENT LISTINGS



7122 W Woodbury Court, Pleasanton
 "Wildwood Heights" plan in Greenbriar's sought-after Pheasant Ridge neighborhood has 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths & 4792 sq ft of beautifully upgraded living space, on .31 acres. Walk to award-winning schools, parks & stores. Drive 3 minutes to 680, but there's no freeway noise.

JUST LISTED AT \$1,849,000



4393 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton
 Fantastic "Pleasanton Heights," 4 bedrooms, 2 baths with 2051 sq. ft. of living space. Enjoy a gorgeous open kitchen with a large island. Home has a great floor plan and quality updates throughout. Spacious dining room with a fireplace and a living room, these open to a large backyard with a beautiful pool, spa, garden and a nice bbq/entertaining area.

OFFERED AT \$1,018,000



4875 Dolores Drive, Pleasanton
 This warm and inviting home has 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms with 2985 sq. ft. of living space on a 11,406 sq. lot. Enjoy a fantastic location, major upgrades and a park like backyard with pool and spa. Walk to Downtown Pleasanton, schools, shops and great parks.

JUST LISTED AT \$1,249,000

JUST SOLD



6824 Corte De Flores, Pleasanton
 Ponderosa Downs neighborhood, 1875 sq. ft., 3 bed 2.5 bath, with beautiful upgrades & fabulous pool.
REPRESENTED BUYERS SOLD FOR \$867,000



5766 Corte Libre, Pleasanton
 5 bedroom, 3 bath country fair home with huge back yard, pool/spa & sport court.
REPRESENTED BUYERS SOLD FOR \$1,400,000



6826 Via Quito, Pleasanton
 4 beds, 2 baths on a 7153 flat lot with mature trees, patios & lawn.
SOLD FOR \$778,000 NOT ON MLS



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DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON

4625 2ND STREET, PLEASANTON



This Expanded Custom Victorian Home on a Double Lot Provides a Unique Opportunity to Both Own and Enjoy Classic Queen Anne Architecture on Historic Tree Lined Second Street, and still be able to enjoy the Conveniences of a Large Remodeled Modernized Family Home in the Heart of Downtown Pleasanton

- Expanded Remodeled Victorian Home (\$600k in 2004)
- Premium Downtown Location (1 1/2 blocks off Main)
- Double Corner Lot (Corner Half Purchased in 1996)
- Large Historic Custom Pleasanton Residence
- Queen Anne Architecture
- Current Design By Famed Architect Charles Huff
- Design & Attention to Detail Supervised by Theresa Aymar
- Classic Large Wrap Around Porch & Turret
- Approximately 5,650 Square Feet*
- Six Bedrooms
- Plus Den/Office (Nursery/Guest-Off Master)
- Five Full Bathrooms
- Powder Room & Utility Room Off Kitchen
- Three Fireplaces
- Large Modern Gourmet Kitchen (Main)
- Finished Full Basement (846 Sq. Ft.) -Includes Private Bath & Entrance
- Optional in-laws/guest/Au pairs Quarters
- Wine Cellar (Terracota Cooling Sleeves)
- Root & Utility Cellar
- Expansive 2nd Story Entertainment Deck (900 Sq. Ft.)
- Views of Pleasanton Ridge
- Private Rear Yard
- Four Car Garage Parking (Finished 3-Car & Separate 1 Car)
- RV Parking
- Walk to Schools K-12!

* (846 Sq. Ft. Basement is included in total square footage, but not official GLA-gross living area)

Visited 4625-2ndstreet.com for more photos and information

OFFERED AT \$2,575,000

DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON

303 NEAL STREET, PLEASANTON



One of Downtown Pleasanton's Crown Jewels... Location, Location, Location! Become a Part of Pleasanton's Rich History and Own This Historically Designated Charming Queen Anne Victorian Home on Property Once Owned By the King of Spain. This Unsurpassed Hilltop Location Overlooking Downtown Pleasanton is Located at the Historic Corner of Neal and 3rd Street. Enjoy the Space, Quiet and Privacy Provided By This Large & Unique Over One Half-Acre Beautiful Downtown Estate, Conveniently Located Just 3 blocks From Main Street. Because it's a Great Property For Entertaining, Many Pool Parties, Celebrations & Weddings Have Taken Place Here Over the Years. You Will Also Be Able to Enjoy All The Nearby Downtown Amenities Anytime. *Prior Property Owners Also Include Joshua Neal and His Wife Angela Bernal Neal

OFFERED AT \$2,400,000

Visited 303nealstreet.com for more photos and information



6343 INGLEWOOD DR., PLEASANTON

NEW LISTING



OPEN HOUSE SAT. & SUN. 1-4PM

- 4 bedrooms
- 2 baths
- 1600 sq. ft.
- 6200 sq. ft. lot
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- Open floor plan

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Most sought after 1 story, lower level condo in gated community. This home has it all. Updated kitchen, new SS appliances & wine cooler. New interior paint, lighting, carpet & much more! Formal living room w/fireplace & quiet private courtyard. This model rarely becomes available. DON'T MISS THIS!! **\$499,950**



A tranquil setting and tastefully upgraded throughout: NEW Rustic wood floors, plush carpeting, fixtures, granite and stainless appliances. Remodeled baths w/Travertine tile. Private patio. Near Iron Horse trail, parks & community pool. Stroll to downtown shopping, cafe's, restaurants. Desirable community. A10+ **\$524,950**



Highly desirable single story end-unit. Completely renovated throughout! Upgraded kitchen: Granite. Stainless & Recessed lighting. Hardwood floors. New dual-pane windows. New carpets. Fresh paint and texture. New doors. Totally remodeled bathrooms. Den/office. Huge garage. You will not find another home like this. **\$524,950**

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4625 2ND ST.

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APP



PLEASANTON \$2,400,000
Pleasanton's rich history in this historic charming "Queen Anne" Victorian home situated on a .55+/-acre hilltop estate lot overlooking downtown Pleasanton! Pvt. park-like grounds & sparkling pool.
303 NEAL ST.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$2,385,000
Beyond amazing, custom 5bd./4.5ba + office, bonus room, bed & full bath on main level, solar heated pool & pool house w/outdoor kitchen & full bath, private well for irrigation.
1537 COURTNEY AVE.

LINDA GOVEIA BY APPT



PLEASANTON CALL FOR PRICE
Ruby Hill. Executive home situated on a half-acre lot. 5bd/5ba, formal office and loft/study area. Stunning custom faux painting throughout. Beautiful backyard, sparkling pool and spa ideal for family living & entertaining.
3847 ANTONINI WAY

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,995,000
5 BD, 4.5BA, Office, 4,952 Sq.Ft. w/812 Sq.Ft. Carriage House - 1 BD, 1BA w/ kitchen. Office off entry & Guest Suite w/ full bath. Private yard w/ amazing views. Elegant pool, wading, spa large yard.
773 ROLLING HILLS LN.

TIFFANY ROSE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,899,000
Pristine custom single story dream home situated in Ruby Hill! 5 bedrooms + office, open and spacious floor plan, gourmet kitchen and so much more!
2431 POMINO WAY

SUSIE STEELE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,589,000
Stunning Bridle Creek Beauty! Entertainers dream, 4bd/3ba, huge bonus room & large office, gorgeous landscape and hardscaping around a beautiful sparkling pool, perfect for Backyard BBQ's!
570 SYCAMORE CREEK WAY

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,105,000
Downtown location! Main level offers 2 bd & full bath. Bonus room/media/office. Large 2 level desk off kitchen, large grass area & amazing views, open design, modern amenities and more.
593 DEL SOL AVE.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$899,000
3bd/2ba, 1,854+/-sf, updated throughout, granite kitchen, expanded master suite w/2 walk-in closets, large bathroom, sparkling pool, spa, covered patio and more!
5410 GREENFIELD WAY

KAREN CROWSON SAT & SUN 1-4



\$895,000
Birdland Gallery model features a full bed and bath downstairs. 4/3 with pool. Updated laundry room, guest and hall baths. Laminate flooring, Plantation shutters. New doors, baseboards and fixtures.
2307 GREENWOOD RD.

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$885,000
4bd/2.5ba, 2,164+/-sq.ft on a 7,641+/-sq. ft lot, Hardwood floors, newer windows and HVAC equipment, private backyard, plus pool/spa, close to schools, parks and shopping
2590 SKYLARK WAY

DAN GAMACHE SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$879,950
Beautifully upgraded home, 4 bd/2ba, custom wood floors, crown molding, Anderson windows, sparkling solar pool and spa.
2130 FAIRFIELD

DAN GAMACHE, JR. BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$875,888
Great location next to Hansen Park and schools. 4bd/2.5ba, master downstairs. Beautiful hand carved hardwood floors downstairs, remodeled kitchen, sparkling pool, covered patio, large side access.
2286 CAMINO BRAZOS

CHRISTINE STARK BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$875,000
Enjoy Country Living! Wonderful location only minutes to town. Great floor plan with lots of potential. Large barn with loft & cement floor. 7.8 acres
3988 DYER RD

TIFFANY ROSE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$839,000
Charming single story ranch in desirable JensenTract neighborhood! Prime corner lot location, 3bd/2ba, spacious and open, huge living/dining area, breakfast nook private rear yard, walk to downtown & schls
4090 NEVIS ST.

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$799,000
4bd/2ba, single story on cul-de-sac, new carpeting, updated kitchen, new ss appliances, open floor plan, large private lot w/side access, walk to park & school.
3472 GUTHRIE ST.

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$734,000
4bd/2ba, 1607+/-sf New eat-in granite kitchen with stainless steel appliances, hand-scraped hardwood floors, crown molding, decorative paint, new windows, lovely backyard
6256 ROSLIN CT.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$645,000
3bd/2ba, 1,517+/-sf, updated throughout, wood flooring, crown molding, chair rail, open design in kitchen, breakfast nook opens to formal dining, large patio & lawn in backyard.
689 MOJAVE AVE.

DAN GAMACHE SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



LIVERMORE \$639,950
4bd/2ba, single story, open design, remodeled kitchen and bathrooms, new wood floors, beautiful sparkling pool, spa and more!
420 COVELLITE LN.

ROBIN YOUNG SAT 1-4; SUN 1:30-4:30



LIVERMORE \$329,900
Wonderful private end unit, no rear neighbors, large front yard area, spacious 3bd, 1bth, refrig., washer & dryer included in sale, parking in front of unit! Neutral décor, plenty of storage, private patio!
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