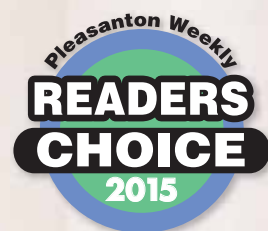


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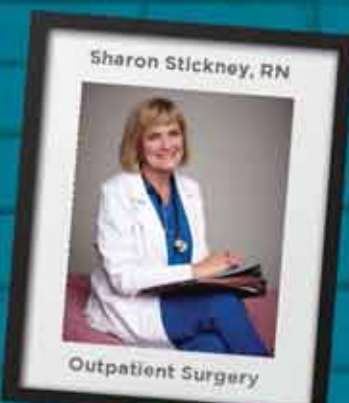
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

The Firehouse Arts Center, a cultural attraction in downtown Pleasanton.

Visit Tri-Valley boosts tourism here

Pleasanton, Danville, Dublin, Livermore and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors have signed on to a new seven-year contract with the Tri-Valley Tourism Marketing District (TVTMD) as part of a renewed and intensified effort to promote the region as a destination for corporate meetings, conventions, wine tasting, golfing and reasonably priced lodging.

The San Ramon City Council, meanwhile, voted to pull its city from the tourism district in a move reminiscent of its decision three years ago to also drop out of participating as a contributing member of Tri-Valley Community Television. Its council meetings and other San Ramon activities are now broadcast by Contra Costa Television.

This latest decision means that starting July 1 when the new tourism contract takes effect, San Ramon will save the \$2,500 it has been paying along with the other municipalities to promote regional tourism.

In addition, the San Ramon Marriott, the area's largest hotel, will no longer charge overnight guests \$2 a night as an assessment to the tourism district, although San Ramon may move that assessment to its own city-specific tourism district. The hotel, along with other San Ramon amenities, will no longer be a part of the new and aggressive regional and national programs Visit Tri-Valley — as the marketing district's promotional name — is planning.

The Goodguys Rod & Custom Association, which hosts four major car shows each year at the Alameda County Fairgrounds and has signed on as a supporting member of the new Tri-Valley tourism effort, has promoted the San Ramon Marriott as recommended lodging for its thousands of visitors each year.

Nevertheless, the four other Tri-Valley cities renewed their contract with TVTMD and also agreed to expand its coverage area to include unincorporated areas in the greater Tri-Valley region in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The tourism bureau receives its funds from the \$2 assessment with the hotels' management also constituting the majority of TVTMD's

board of directors. Pleasanton director of economic development Pamela Ott said that of 3,738 total rooms, nine of the hotels and motels are located here, representing 1,552 rooms, with the others in Danville, Dublin and Livermore.

"Individually, we all have some really great assets and amenities and we all have lodging properties, but collectively it's the Tri-Valley," Ott said. "The aggregate is really significant. Promotions are saying 'Come eat here, come stay here, come play golf over here, come for the cultural activities.' We're really promoting overnight visitation. It's much more to do with the region than with our individual cities."

"Together it works," added City Manager Nelson Fialho.

Pleasanton will continue to serve as the lead agency in administering assessments with each member city responsible for collecting the assessments from hotels in their jurisdiction. Each city is paid a fee equal to 1% of the amount of the assessments it collects, with Pleasanton receiving an additional 1% of the total assessments to cover the cost of collection and administration.

TVTMD, headquartered in Pleasanton and formerly known as the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, hired Barbara Steinfeld two years ago as its president. Previously, she had 16 years with Travel Portland, where she was vice president of Tourism-Sales. She also worked as the international tourism manager at the Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau for eight years.

Steinfeld began her career at the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, where she spent four years as a tourism and economic development consultant. Since taking her post at TVTMD, she has been a frequent speaker at city, civic and business meetings and has met with hotel and other lodging managers throughout the region.

She and her staff also represent the Tri-Valley at major travel and tourist conventions, an effort that Ott and others on city staffs credit with boosting considerations by corporate planners to make the Tri-Valley a destination for future meetings. ■

About the Cover

Police chief Dave Spiller has worked in the Pleasanton Police Department since 2002, and he just started his fourth year as chief. Photo courtesy of PPD. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Is there a particular charitable organization to which you like to donate your time and/or money?



Ulyss Bidkaram
Chiropractor

I volunteer for and donate money to Pledge to Humanity. It is an international organization focused on six major areas: the U.S., Ecuador, Haiti, India, Kenya and Mexico. Within these countries, it works to fund and build hospitals, schools, and feed the needy and forgotten.



Stephanie Losee
Marketing executive

I devote considerable time and money to the San Francisco Opera Guild because I have three artistic daughters. I've long been concerned about the underfunding and loss of arts programs in our schools, and the guild provides for and brings back those programs.



Adam Esmat
Banker

I spend many Sundays volunteering at the Ta'leef Collective in Fremont. It is a nonprofit youth organization for boys and girls that educates them about Islam, and how it is really all about peace, not violence, and how the world is so much better off when people try to get along with one another instead of fighting.



Cathy Nguyen
Pediatric nurse

I donate to the March of Dimes. It is a great organization whose goal is to help premature babies survive and thrive and to fund research that helps to find ways of preventing premature births.



Laura Ismail *Pharmacy clerk*

My husband and I like to give money to the Youth Experiencing Success (YES) school in Santa Cruz. It is an alternative public high school for youth who are recovering from drug addiction. It is the only public school in the nation that offers this type of education and assistance. It made a tremendous, positive impact on a family member of ours, so we feel it is important to support it.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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DIGEST

Challenge Success

The city of Pleasanton's Free Community Education Series will wrap up its school year program this Wednesday with a special presentation for parents entitled "A Healthy Approach to Extracurricular Activities."

The program will be conducted by Margaret Dunlap, schools program director of Challenge Success, a research-based organization that partners with the Stanford Graduate School of Education. The organization works with schools and families with the information and strategies needed to create a more balanced and academically fulfilling life for children.

Parents will also learn what youth sports experts see as an alternative to the "earlier is better" and "more is better" mindset.

The program will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

The event is free, but registration is recommended. For more info, call 931-5359 or go to www.pleasantonfun.com for course number 60254.

Hike for Hope

The fifth annual Hike for Hope, a memorial hike and fundraiser for Hope Hospice, raised a record amount in cash and in-kind donations of nearly \$95,000.

More than 453 hikers participated in the event held on May 2 at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore to support Hope Hospice, take in the great outdoors and remember loved ones.

Julie Wentz's team earned first-place honors for top fundraising and JoAnne Revelli received first-place individual recognition. All of the hike's net proceeds are used to care for the more than 2,600 area residents Hope Hospice serves each year.

Declining raise

State Assemblywoman Catherine Baker (R-San Ramon) announced Monday that she would not accept the pay increase for state legislators authorized this week by the California Citizens Compensation Panel (CCCCP).

"I am declining the 3% pay increase that was authorized today by the CCCC. I was elected by the people of the 16th District at my current salary and I will continue to serve at that salary," Baker, whose district includes Pleasanton, said in a statement.

The CCCC determines salaries for legislators and has twice elected to increase pay in recent years, with the last increase — a 5% bump — taking effect last Dec. 1, Baker added. ■

Weekly wins top honors in statewide contest

Nearly 4,000 entries in prestigious 2014 Better Newspaper Contest

BY WEEKLY STAFF

The Pleasanton Weekly earned first-place awards in four key categories among all California weekly newspapers in its circulation category last Saturday in the annual California Newspaper Publishers Association (CNPA) 2014 Better Newspaper Contest.

"We're honored that once again our peers, who are the judges in these contests, have recognized us with top awards," Pleasanton Weekly Editor Jeb Bing said. "There were some 4,000 entries from California newspapers of all sizes competing for these awards this year. It's a tribute to the Weekly's editorial, design and production staffs that judges from across the state and a panel of newspaper experts

named us No. 1 in these key categories."

In its competition, the CNPA separates out daily and weekly newspapers. It also pits dailies and weeklies against each other in several circulation categories ranging from those with circulation from 4,300 and under to 200,000 and above. The Pleasanton Weekly competed in the 11,001 to 25,000 circulation category.

The Weekly received first-place awards for Coverage of Local Government, Enterprise Reporting, Breaking News and Page Layout & Design. The winning submissions were:

Enterprise Reporting

• "Troubled Schools" — Aug. 22, 2014: As school starts, parents seek answers on principal turnover.

Coverage of Local Government

• "Far From Over" — June 6, 2014: Events prior to Walnut Grove Elementary principal Vranesh's removal, and his fate, remain unclear.

• "Settlement reached in claims against PUSD" — July 11, 2014: Employees to receive \$245,000 each stemming from Walnut Grove allegations.

• "Troubled Schools" — Aug. 22, 2014.

Breaking News

• "Pleasanton apartment complex tenants without water for 4 days" — July 21, 2014: Residents at Pleasanton's Springhouse Apartments have been experiencing a drought of their own when the apartment's main high-pressure water pipe broke.

Page Layout & Design

• April 4, 2014 edition, which included cover story "Nothing to sneeze at," and April 11, 2014, which included cover story "Proud heritage."

The awards were presented at a luncheon during the annual CNPA conference, which was held this year at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego.

Other newspapers in the Embarcadero Media's weekly newspaper group also won CNPA awards, including the Palo Alto Weekly, which won first-place for General Excellence, Investigative Reporting, Editorial Comment, News Photo, Feature Photo and Website in the 25,000 and above circulation category. ■

Glazer, Bonilla joust over BART campaigning

State Senate District 7 special election set for Tuesday

BY JEREMY WALSH

With the special election for State Senate District 7 less than a week away, candidate Steve Glazer is accusing BART unions of illegally campaigning against him at BART workplaces while his opponent, Susan Bonilla, has accused Glazer of inappropriate campaign activities on BART platforms and property.

Glazer, the Orinda mayor, will face off against Bonilla, a fellow Democrat and State Assembly member, in the election this Tuesday. Glazer has been an outspoken critic of BART employee unions since a protracted labor dispute led to two strikes in 2013.

Glazer has advocated for new state legislation to prevent California transit unions from striking. He lost a State Assembly primary election in 2014 and is now looking to win the State Senate seat vacated last November by Mark DeSaulnier, who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The 7th Senate District includes parts of Contra Costa and Alameda counties, including Pleasanton.

Glazer on Monday morning distributed photos of BART employees holding signs in support of Bonilla on what Glazer said is railyards on BART property in Concord and Richmond and a BART classroom in Hayward. At least one of the photos was posted

to the Service Employees International Union Local 1021 website.

Union leaders said the photos show individual political activity that was not union-organized and is therefore not illegal.

Unions are prohibited from partisan political campaigning in public workplaces by California law. BART's employee code of conduct prohibits employees from being involved in political activity on BART property, according to BART officials.

Glazer said Monday the photos show SEIU organizers in each location and was incredulous that there was no union involvement in activities at three different locations.

"That's spontaneous activity in a classroom with a union leader in the front of the room?" Glazer said. "They're not being truthful. If this is how they treat the truth, no wonder the BART negotiations went so poorly."

Bonilla responded to the issue early Monday afternoon with a statement accusing Glazer and his supporters of using BART station platforms for campaign practices and denouncing BART employees campaigning on her behalf while at work.

"I am appalled that BART platforms and BART property have been used for electioneering by Steve Glazer, Los Angeles billionaire Bill Bloomfield (who has spent \$2 million on Steve Glazer campaign advertising) and by BART

employees who were holding my campaign signs," she stated.

"These parties should immediately stop using BART property for electioneering, including candidate Steve Glazer who has repeatedly used internal BART property for self advertising," Bonilla added.

Specifically, Bonilla claimed that Glazer and his supporters used BART platforms and internal BART property for electioneering, promoting Glazer's campaign and taking campaign photos, that they used those photos for campaign website, mailers and advertisements, and that they put up Glazer signs and campaign paraphernalia at BART stations.

Glazer countered later Monday afternoon via social media, posting on Twitter a photo of an apparent permit and an accompanying message to followers, "One of my numerous BART permits for advocacy at BART stations. Plus, I'm not an employee on the taxpayer's dime."

The photo appeared to be of a permit to engage in "free speech expressive activity" at certain BART stations in areas accessible to the general public but not in areas accessible only by ticketed passengers.

SEIU Local 1021 executive director Pete Castelli called Glazer's allegations that the union was engaged in illegal campaigning a "false, outrageous accusation."

"It just once again shows how anti-working people Steve Glazer really is," Castelli said. "It just shows his true colors: That he is far to the right and has an anti-worker agenda."

A preliminary investigation by

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Protesters oppose East Side planning

200 jam city meeting, but don't like what they hear

BY JEB BING

Nearly 200 crowded into the Pleasanton City Council chamber two weeks ago to hear about proposed land-use plans for the city's East Side.

Most did not like what they heard.

Planning Commissioner Herb Ritter led the two-hour discussion with members of the city's planning, engineering and traffic staff at his side. They answered questions and at times took some verbal abuse from the many of the 24 speakers, most of them denouncing a proposal by the East Pleasanton Specific Plan task force to continue the planning effort.

The task force, its members appointed by the City Council, has been meeting for more than two years to determine possible uses of a 1,110-acre site east of Valley Avenue that extends north of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the Livermore city limits. Mostly vacant except for Pleasanton Garbage Company's recycling plant, the site has been called "Pleasanton's last frontier."

Without expanding the city's boundaries, it represents the largest vacant property in the city suitable for development.

The purpose of the Specific Plan is to guide and coordinate the basic land-use pattern, development and design, roadways and other public

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Vranesh hearing ends

Ruling will be made within 30 days

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The hearing in former Walnut Grove Elementary School principal Jon Vranesh's appeal of his termination from the Pleasanton Unified School District concluded last week with closing arguments.

Vranesh was placed on administrative leave Oct. 24, 2013, for allegedly creating a "hostile work environment" at Walnut Grove through the use of vulgar/derogatory terms to describe female employees of the district and making statements to subordinates that were "threatening and intimidating in nature."

On the final hearing day May 7 at the Office of Administrative Hearing in Oakland, Vranesh's attorney Paul Kondrick and PUSD attorney Kimberly Kingsley Bogard argued whether or not Vranesh is fit to return to the school district as a special education teacher.

The attorneys also discussed testimony from witnesses during the three-week hearing. Dozens of current and former PUSD employees took the stand during the proceedings.

The case was taken under



AMANDA AGUILAR
Former Walnut Grove Elementary principal Jon Vranesh.

submission by the three-person panel after closing arguments last week, and the panel will make its ruling at a later time. Rulings in such cases are typically made within 30 days.

A ruling had not been announced as of press time Wednesday afternoon. ■

School board hears update on middle school laptop program

Pleasanton school district staff provided an update on the expansion of technology at the middle schools during Tuesday night's school board meeting.

In order to provide equity and greater access to the curriculum through the use of 21st century instructional technology supporting the implementation of the District Strategic Plan, the middle schools are proposing to expand the traditional laptop program to all students, regardless of socioeconomic status, beginning with sixth grade during next school year.

With the current laptop program, only students in the voluntary program have access to a laptop — with each middle school having approximately 30% of its students in the program.

According to staff reports, each middle school site will be providing a minimum of 12 Chromebooks for each sixth-grade block and science class, in addition to its computer labs, library computers and rolling carts of Chromebooks.

District officials also updated board members on how they've been reaching out to the community about the laptop program and different opportunities teachers have had or will have for professional development.

During public comments, teachers and parents spoke in favor of the laptop expansion.

"It would be a shame for all our students if they didn't have this opportunity," said Susan Huggins, a fifth-grade teacher and parent of a laptop program student.

According to staff, the next steps include aligning plans with "Year Two" goals in the District Technology Plan as well as providing more professional development and community outreach.

In other business:

• Staff gave a report on the \$2.3 million school climate transformation grant from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Healthy Students.

The goals of the grant include providing increased access to mental health services, creating school cultures with equal access and treatment to all students, providing common social-emotional development for all students, reducing aggressive behavior and student victimization, and decreasing drug use and abuse.

Tuesday's report included the grant timeline, which shows the elementary school sites are now in the planning stage. Next school year, 2015-16, elementary schools will focus on the first of three tiers

of support.

By 2017-18, the elementary schools should have fully implemented all tiers and the secondary schools are expected to be fully implemented by 2018-19.

• Board members recognized students from the middle and high schools who were recipients of the 11th annual African American Achievement and Excellence Awards.

The honored students were Jamaun Charles, Olivia Cotton, Kalyn Epps, Madelyne Guyton, Isabel Ivey, Mei White, Meena Alexander, Ravi Alexander, Chima Ezech, Maya Tompkins, Mikaela Tompkins, Sade Aleese Wiggins, Lavendar Hardin, Chineyere Okoro and Martha Warner.

• The school board recognized the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation for its continued support for the district.

Following the district's recognition, PPIE presented PUSD with a check for \$515,000, which will fund four additional instructional coaches and the District Technology Plan.

• Tony Dennis, Amador Valley High's lead teacher of Project Lead the Way (PLTW), was recognized Tuesday as the district's 2015-16 Teacher of the Year. ■

—Amanda Aguilar

EAST SIDE

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infrastructure, environmental protection, financing and implementation requirements for development of the area. Currently, the land is zoned for light industrial development.

The meeting on April 29 was the last in a series held in several Pleasanton neighborhoods over the past two months. It was also the final public meeting in advance of a City Council discussion next Tuesday about whether to continue the planning process in light of the current water shortages in the state.

But it wasn't just the drought that brought people out to object to developing the East Side property, although that headed the list.

Increased traffic congestion, too many apartment buildings, crowded schools and what some said is a deteriorating quality of life caused by the city's population growth also were reasons given for wanting the East Side planning process stopped. One speaker, dressed in a baseball uniform, said sports fields are already too crowded and the added youths who would come from the proposed development would worsen the situation.

Another speaker balanced a giant cardboard-backed map of the East Side on the lectern as he spoke. Yet another fired questions one after another at several members of the city planning staff, smiling as they stumbled over his

questions about how many people both live and work in Pleasanton. Then he answered the question himself.

Bill Sherwood asked if El Charro Road would still be extended from I-580 to Stanley Boulevard if the East Side is not developed. It could be, was the answer, although it was money from East Side developers that is intended to fund the roadway.

One speaker pointed out that it's today's 70,000 population that has enabled Pleasanton to build its parks, sports fields, schools and a library. But enough is enough, he added.

Another accused the city of demanding that residents reduce their water consumption while proceeding with a plan that will use more water and make developers rich.

Another questioned the task force's figures that the new apartments and homes on the proposed East Side development would have 1.1 children per household. She said Dublin is finding it's more like three children per new household.

"Do the math," she said. "That could mean 9,000 more students in our crowded schools."

As the crowd filed out after two hours of debate, Ritter reminded them of the City Council's public hearing this coming Tuesday.

"We'll be back," one of the speakers responded. "All of us and more."

The council meeting will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■

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We are continually patching holes in our fences because kids are cutting holes in the fences and going fishing in the Lakes on the East side of the Arroyo Mocho.

Several years ago, we had two kids cut a hole in our fence and both drowned.

In July 2014, an 18 year old jumped into one of the Chain of Lakes in the Livermore area. His friends had to hold his head above the water until the fire department brought in a boat and a helicopter to get him out.

Ask your City Council on Tuesday, May 19, to value SAFETY FIRST AND STOP this housing development.

Donald Kahler
Pleasanton Gravel Company

Zone 7 project earns special recognition

By AMANDA AGUILAR

A new pilot project that Zone 7 Water Agency, Pleasanton's wholesale water retailer, undertook to enhance a section of the Arroyo Mocho flood control channel in Livermore was a recent finalist in the Association of California Water Agencies' 2015 Clair A. Hill Water Agency Award for Excellence.

The award program recognizes innovative projects by ACWA members in water resources management.

Zone 7's Arroyo Mocho Stanley Reach Riparian Restoration and Channel Enhancement Pilot Project is located adjacent to Stanley Boulevard between Murrieta Boulevard and Isabel Avenue.

Its goal is to demonstrate the feasibility of transforming an

earthen trapezoidal channel into a vegetated stream-reach exhibiting natural characteristics, while also maintaining its core functionality for flood protection and groundwater recharge, according to Zone 7 officials.

The project's design facilitated stream channel enhancements, including 12 acres of increased riparian vegetation and removal of barriers to fish passages.

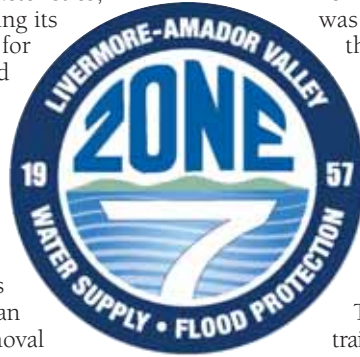
Other project benefits are expected to include enhanced habitat conditions (reduced stream temperatures and improved water quality), im-

proved aesthetics and community education, officials said.

The re-vegetation work was accomplished through the Living Arroyos Program, which is a public-private partnership among Zone 7, the city of Livermore and the nonprofit Urban Creeks Council.

The program uses trained apprentices to oversee community vol-

unteers. "This volunteer program has been tremendously successful," Zone 7 officials said. ■



Disease-causing mosquito found in Alameda County

Potential to transmit viruses, including dengue, yellow fever, chikungunya

By JEB BING

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito has been detected in an industrial area in Hayward by the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District.

This mosquito is not native to California and has the potential to transmit several viruses not currently found here, including dengue, yellow fever and chikungunya. *Aedes aegypti* has now been detected in 10 counties in California, including San Mateo.

Aedes aegypti is a small (about 1/4 inch), dark mosquito with white markings and banded legs. This particular type of mosquito may be active during dusk and dawn, but most often bites during the day and often bites indoors.

The district has increased surveillance efforts for *Aedes aegypti* throughout the county and is in-

vestigating the source of this introduction. Door-to-door property inspections for mosquito breeding sources and treatments for larval mosquitoes have also been intensified in the area surrounding the *Aedes aegypti* detection.

"Our primary goal is to eliminate this mosquito population so it does not spread," said district manager Jan O. Washburn.

To assist in eradicating this mosquito and reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes, Alameda County residents and visitors are urged to:

- Report mosquito bites received during the day or sightings of any mosquitoes matching the *Aedes aegypti* description to the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District.

- Apply insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon

eucalyptus, or IR3535.

- Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens that are in good repair to keep out mosquitoes.

- Eliminate standing water and containers that can hold water from around the house.

- Check for hidden bodies of water, such as wells, septic tanks, manholes and clogged drains.

- Get free mosquito fish for ornamental ponds, water features and horse troughs from the district.

- Clean and scrub bird baths, ornamental fountains, plant saucers and pet water dishes at least weekly.

- Maintain swimming pools or stock with mosquito fish.

To obtain additional information about the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, visit the district's website, www.mosquitoes.org. ■

STATE SENATE

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BART lawyers and managers into campaign activities in the State Senate race found that employees violated BART's conduct code, according to BART officials, who said late Monday they made the conclusion after interviewing some of the individuals involved in late-April meetings where campaigning took place.

Glazer is demanding a full investigation.

BART officials said they recognize employees' rights to participate in politics, but employees cannot use public resources to campaign or campaign for a can-

didate on public property.

The BART campaigning debate sets the stage for next week's election for the State Senate seat representing communities such as Pleasanton, Livermore, Brentwood, Antioch, Concord, Lafayette, Walnut Creek and the San Ramon Valley.

Glazer and Bonilla are vying to fill an unexpired term that runs out at the end of 2016.

In the March special primary, Glazer led the way with 33.7% of the vote while Bonilla finished second with 24.9% among the five candidates on the ballot. Turnout in the primary was 23.58% of registered voters. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Woman accused of fraud, shoplifting at Stoneridge

A 44-year-old woman was arrested last week after allegedly shoplifting at J.C. Penney in the Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Police reports said the store's loss

prevention officers started to closely watch Dina Vandelomar on May 7 after she was seen putting two cologne bottles in her Nordstrom shopping bag. Vandelomar then exited the store without paying, and loss prevention officers approached her.

Police said Vandelomar didn't have any photo identification on her, so loss prevention officers ran her name through CAL-photo to verify her identification.

The photo provided by CAL-photo did not match Vandelomar, police reports said.

Pleasanton police took her into custody and allegedly found a credit card with a different name than the name originally given to store officials. Vandelomar reportedly told officers that was her real name, and she gave her cousin's name because she has five warrants.

In addition, officers found four bleached \$1 bills in Vandelomar's possession. According to police, bleaching dollar bills is the first stage in creating counterfeit bills.

Vandelomar was arrested on suspicion of providing false identification, shoplifting, and forgery and counterfeiting.

In other police reports:

• A Pleasanton man was arrested May 8 after a reported hit-and-run collision with a cab on Hopyard Road.

Police reports said an eyewitness called authorities to report the collision, and an officer was dispatched to the area.

The officer conducted a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle while it was heading down Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive. Another officer contacted the cab driver, who then showed the officer a cellphone video of the incident, police said.

According to police reports, the video shows the pickup truck's reverse lights turn on. The cab driver yells at the driver — identified as 48-year-old Keith Byron Young — and drops his cellphone, so the crash wasn't shown but could be heard on the video, police said.

Young was arrested on suspicion of vandalism, as officers did not believe the collision was an accident; and the cab driver also pressed charges for reckless driving.

• A 24-year-old woman and 29-year-old man were arrested May 8 on drug-related charges in the 500 block of Springdale Avenue.

An officer was dispatched to the area after a report of a suspicious ve-

hicle possibly taking part in drug-related activity. The vehicle was parked in front of a closed restaurant.

The officer ran the license plates, during which one was discovered to be stolen. The officer contacted the duo and discovered the man, Dinuba resident Victor Banuelos, allegedly had a warrant for domestic violence.

According to police reports, the officer requested for a K-9 unit to conduct a full search of the vehicle.

During the search, officers reportedly found a container with a white powdery substance, believed to be cocaine, as well as a pipe and container with methamphetamine. They also reportedly found a red coin bag with 46 empty capsules, a silver-colored spoon, a razor blade with a white substance on it, empty baggies, and a baggie with four pills with a white powdery substance inside.

Banuelos was arrested on a warrant and on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. San Francisco resident Ly Malieka was arrested on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance.

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

—Amanda Aguilar



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider adoption of a resolution terminating, pausing, or continuing the planning process for the East Pleasanton Specific Plan and related environmental review
- **Public Hearing:** P14-1186, Gary Monzo, Appellant; Nagib Haddad, Applicant – (1) Consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval for Design Review to construct an approximately 6,841-square-foot two-story custom home and related landscape and site improvements, (2) consider approval of a Growth Management Agreement for 8019 Golden Eagle Way

Economic Vitality Committee

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room 3, 157 Main Street

- Presentation and Discussion regarding Proposed User Fee Update

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Recommend Approval of Proposal to Ban Smoking in City Parks and Trails by Municipal Code Amendment
- Approve Fee Assistance Guidelines and Application for FY 15-16

Housing Commission

Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Proposed Affordable Housing Agreement with Greenbriar Homes for the Lund Ranch II Project (1500 Lund Ranch Road)
- Approval of Annual Operating Budget for Kottinger Place for Fiscal Year 2015/16

CIVIC CENTER/LIBRARY MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE

The City Council is accepting applications for Three (3) Community Members for the Civic Center/Library Master Plan Task Force

The City of Pleasanton is beginning the process of evaluating options for development of a new civic center, library and police station on the existing Civic Center site and other locations, including the Bernal Property. As a result the City Council approved the formation of an 11-member task force to include (3) three at-large community members. The task force will spearhead this process and provide guidance and recommendations to the City regarding this effort. Interested persons will need to complete and submit a Committee/Commission Application as well as a supplemental questionnaire by the deadline. For more information email Brian Dolan, Assistant City Manager at bdolan@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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Helen June Yelkes

May 25, 1926 – May 7, 2015

Helen June Yelkes, a resident of Pleasanton and former 43-year resident of Hayward, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2015 with her family at her side. Helen was 88 years old, passing 2 weeks short of her 89th birthday. Helen's husband of 50 years, Fred Yelkes, predeceased her in 2000. Helen is survived by three daughters Michelle Yelkes-Paul (Mike Paul) of Pleasanton; Maureen Hayes (Ken) of Twain Harte and Mitzi Shaffar (Dan) of Pleasanton as well as five grandchildren: Matthew, Joshua, Shannon, Dane and Mallory. Helen is also survived by her younger sister, Dorothea Strandberg (Ed) of Keizer, Oregon. Helen was born in Portland, Oregon to Joe and Mamie Dewey on May 25, 1926. Helen attended Lindfield College in McMinnville, Oregon.



Helen, and her best friend, Norma Jean, two 20 year olds attended a ball room dance at the Palace Royal in Portland where Helen met and later married Fred Yelkes and Norma Jean met and later married Walt Sullivan. Helen and Fred moved to Hayward in 1956 when Fred transferred to Oakland for a job opportunity.

Helen was an active wife, mother and homemaker who dedicated herself to her husband and daughters. Helen loved flowers and was an avid gardener who designed and grew beautiful flower beds. She loved to sew and especially enjoyed designing and creating stitchery. Helen was a quilter and made quilts for her family.

Helen and her husband Fred enjoyed traveling. She visited all 50 states. For over 40 years, Helen and Fred traveled many times to all of the islands of Hawaii, cruising from San Francisco to Honolulu on the Matson Lines' SS Lurline. She and Fred traveled to many locations in North America, Europe, Asia, North Africa, the Caribbean, the British Isles and the Mediterranean.

Helen loved to attend, support and celebrate the activities of her grandchildren. She loved to watch her grandson Dane play soccer and was a Ballistic Soccer supporter. Helen will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Friday, May 15, 2015 at 11:00 AM. Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. 925-825-4436

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POLICE REPORT

Pleasanton police made the following information available.

May 4

Embezzlement

- 5:53 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Residential burglary

- 12:20 a.m. in the 7500 block of Maywood Drive

Theft from auto

- 4:08 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Drive

Missing person report

- 8:39 a.m.; street information not disclosed

Fraud

- 8:20 a.m. in the 500 block of East Angela Street
- 11:16 a.m. in the 2800 block of Chocolate Street
- 4:12 p.m. in the 3200 block of Mandevilla Court
- 5:02 p.m. in the 3100 block of Weymouth Court

May 5

Robbery

- 7:58 p.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive

Theft from auto

- 6:41 a.m. in the 700 block of Rose Avenue
- 6:48 a.m. in the 4700 block of Harrison Street
- 7:53 a.m. in the 400 block of Rose Avenue
- 1:10 p.m. in the 3100 block of Montpelier Court

May 6

Alcohol violation

- 8:08 p.m., 6000 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Fraud

- 8:34 p.m. in the 4300 block of Krause Street

Theft from auto

- 6:15 a.m. in the 3300 block of Stanley Boulevard
- 7:06 p.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue

May 7

Assault/battery

- 9:36 a.m. in the 4300 block of Fairlands Drive

Theft

- 10:06 a.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane; auto theft
- 12 p.m. in the 400 block of Main Street; theft from auto
- 2:44 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 3:38 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:41 p.m. in the 7100 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

May 8

Domestic battery

- 9:11 a.m.; street information not disclosed

Missing person report

- 4:16 p.m.; street information not disclosed

Theft

- 7:52 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 8:04 a.m. in the 3200 block of Flemington Court
- 11:48 a.m. in the 500 block of Boulder Court
- 11:48 a.m. in the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7 p.m. in the 4200 block of Katie Lane; theft from auto
- 9 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

May 9

Residential burglary

- 7:13 a.m. in the 2900 block of Moreno Avenue

Sylvia Chiariello

November 3, 1933 – April 24, 2015

Sylvia passed away peacefully at home with her daughter by her side. She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Joe Chiariello. She leaves behind her daughter Cindy Martinez, son-in-law Mark Martinez, granddaughters Marqui and Kacy Martinez, and the family dog Maddie Martinez.

Sylvia was the best wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved spending time with her family and Maddie. She liked exercising with the ladies at the senior center, chatting with her neighbors about her granddaughters; whom she was so proud of, getting her hair done, shopping, lunching, and baking.

A day won't go by we don't think of her, she will forever be missed. We loved her very much. Rest in peace mom.



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Alma Guadalupe Spring

October 4, 1968 – April 29, 2015

Pleasanton resident Alma Guadalupe Lauwerys Spring was only 46 years old when she was taken suddenly from the lives of her loving family and friends on April 29, 2015. She leaves behind her loving husband of 24 years, Landon; her son Shane, daughter Miranda, mother Gloria Cedillo, father Peter Lauwerys, brother Emilio Lauwerys and a vast community of loving friends and students. Her brother, Pierre Lauwerys, preceded her in death. She graduated from McClatchy High School in Sacramento in 1986 and graduated from UC Davis in 1990. It is difficult to describe what the lives of her family and friends will be like without her enormous spirit and beautiful voice reaching out to us. Alma seemed to be infused with boundless energy, capable of being a wife, mother, friend, counselor, and activist all at once; her love for all she knew was also boundless. Her kindness and friendliness to every person she met was an inspiration, but when she needed to be fierce, she was doggedly so. She worked as a Student Services Coordinator at Mount Diablo High School in Concord and was preparing to take the licensure test to become a licensed clinical social worker. Her life's work was to ensure students, especially those in underserved communities and with special needs, could access a great education and go on to meet their fullest potential. She attended nearly every event at Mount Diablo High School and had planned to be at the school's prom, which took place the weekend after her passing. She was very active in the local community, participating in the following organizations: Pleasanton Spiritual Book Club, Pleasanton Newcomers, Drumming Group, Soroptimist of San Ramon Valley, Association of Social Workers, Association of School Administrators, Lynnewood United Methodist Church Choir, Broadway Chorus, Girl Scouts, Walnut Grove and Harvest Park Middle School PTAs and class parent, Amador Valley Band RA parent group, and Livermore Valley Charter Parents Group. She continues to live on through the lives of others as she donated her liver, kidneys and heart – described by doctors as the most perfect and beautiful heart they had ever seen.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m. with light refreshments to follow at 11 a.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave, Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to her children's college fund campaign, <http://www.gofundme.com/t5dff7qs>.



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Ann Elizabeth Kyle, Nee, Wilson

July 3, 1944-April 26, 2015

Succumbing to the effects of a valiant 25 month long battle with ALS, Ann Elizabeth Kyle passed away quietly at home with her husband Michael at her side on Sunday, April 26, 2015. During the entire ordeal she never lost her ability to smile and enjoy the presence of both family and her many friends who visited. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by Michael, her two sisters, Kay Doan and Linda Haderer (Paul Haderer); sister-in-law Susan Schwerin, and nephew Kyle Schwerin and niece Kelly Schwerin; nieces Carrie Doan Higgins, and Amy Doan Mason (Michael Mason), and grand-nieces Erin Higgins and Miranda Mason; and nephew Nicholas Haderer (Chelsea Haderer), and grand-nephews Nathaniel and Liam Haderer.



Ann was born to Robert and Alice Wilson in Washington, D.C. She was the second of three daughters. She spent her early years on the east coast. When she was junior high age she moved with the Wilson family to Stuttgart, Germany. Ann's father was a Director with the American Red Cross assigned to the European headquarters. Ann's father was then transferred to the San Francisco Red Cross office, and the family returned to the US locating in Burlingame, CA. Ann attended high school in Burlingame, and then entered San Mateo Junior college. She enrolled at UC Davis in the fall of 1964, and graduated in 1966 with a degree in English. She attended one more year and obtained her teaching credential. It was in her third year at Davis that she and her husband, Michael, met and began dating. He was attending law school at the time. They were married on July 11, 1970.

Ann began her elementary teaching career near Davis in Dixon, CA. She then sought and was awarded an elementary position in Los Gatos CA. She taught there for three years before taking a position at Lydiksen School in Pleasanton where she taught for forty wonderful and rewarding years, retiring in June, 2011. Over the span of her career, Ann received the Golden Apple Award and the Excellence in Education Award signifying her excellence in the classroom. She was respected by her fellow teachers, loved by her students, admired and appreciated by the parents of her students, and warmly regarded by all she encountered in a career characterized by dedication and hard work. One of her favorite programs was the science project where she and the other third grade teachers would provide fertilized chicken eggs and incubators for their classes. The eggs were carefully monitored by the teachers and students through the hatching of the chicks which brought great cheers and excitement for all. The chicks were then collected and displayed at the district Science Fair to everyone's delight. The project took a First Place ribbon several times.

During her life she enjoyed many sports activities and kept herself in remarkably good condition. She was a longtime member of Club Sport in Pleasanton where she worked out regularly. She played ladies' softball, skied often with Michael, fly fished and golfed. And after her retirement, she continued her daily jogging and walking, her workouts at the club and hiked many bay area trails with her hiking club. With great determination she continued all these activities until she was physically unable to continue due to the effects of ALS.

The family is hosting "A Celebration of the Life of Ann Kyle" on Sunday, May 31, 2015, starting at 1:00 pm, at the home and gardens of Susan Schwerin, located at 2708 Danville Blvd, Alamo, CA 94507. All friends, teachers, students and parents are invited. The family suggests that any donations in Ann's honor be made to the UCSF ALS Clinic, 400 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, California, 94143.

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Be careful what we wish for

It's likely that after all is said and done Tuesday night in a City Council meeting expected to last several hours, the East Side planning process and the draft Environmental Impact Report that's already prepared will be history. The council will likely carry out the demands of hundreds of residents over recent months to stop the planning of a 1,100-acre site east of Valley Avenue for homes and apartments, along with developer-paid parks, a new elementary school and the extension of El Charro Road from I-580 to Stanley Boulevard.

Given the serious and possibly long-standing drought Pleasanton and most of California is facing, this is no time to consider plans for a new residential development. Besides, more homes and apartments are not needed to meet any state housing requirements.

The city has a certified, state-required Housing Element in place. And even though Zone 7, the agency that supplies much of the water we drink in Pleasanton, says there's still enough to serve this proposed new development of up to 1,300 homes, most of us who are in our second year of cutting consumption by at least 25% aren't buying that assurance. Why build more homes now with so much uncertainty on water and with the city's court-order high-density housing mandates satisfied?

Even though we support stopping the East Side planning process now, we also have to be careful what we wish for. Sure, the city has met its regional housing requirements set in 2014, but the next cycle of state-mandated housing requirements

starts in 2022, just seven years away.

We've been through a bull market for the last four years. Job creation has been going through the roof in the Bay Area, including Pleasanton. More businesses are heading our way, especially from the Silicon Valley along with their workers, many with young families that are seeking a less hectic, less costly quality of life that is fast disappearing on the crowded Peninsula.

In 2022, the state's housing demands on Pleasanton will likely be greater than ever and, without the East Side, hard to meet. Kiewit, Legacy and other landowners who have patiently awaited the OK to develop their land more profitably with houses may now turn instead to a light industrial/commercial development similar to Stanley Business Park across Valley Avenue.

That would take the East Side out of consideration, requiring the rezoning of other more residential sites in 2022. Is that what opponents of the East Side planning process are wishing for? ■

GUEST OPINION

BY ROBERT GONELLA, KELLY COUSINS, KAY AYALA, MARK EMERSON AND BRAD HOTTLE

Is the East Side Plan good for Pleasanton?

As members of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan (EPSP) task force, we were asked to help explore potential land-use changes to the existing industrial and quarry properties east of Valley Avenue and north of Stanley Boulevard.

At the time, the city was facing a deadline to rezone areas of Pleasanton to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA) or affordable-housing mandates. The need for the affordable-housing cycle has since been met by the rezoning of 1,800 units throughout city.

The task force was charged with an obligation to follow Pleasanton's General Plan that required the East Side area to be planned in a way "to maintain and enhance the community's high quality of life."

The question is: "Do the EPSP alternatives for large-scale development make our town better?" The answer is "No" because the proposed base development plan calls for 1,300 single-family homes plus 1.6 million square feet of industrial/retail development. This proposal would be the biggest residential development in the history of Pleasanton.

In addition to no longer being needed to satisfy the RHNA cycle, it is not a good plan because of:

1. Long-term problems with water supply and the ongoing drought
2. Unmitigated school crowding
3. Added traffic congestion caused by over 29,000 additional car trips per day from the development
4. Cut-through traffic by commuters seeking the fastest routes to East Dublin, I-580 or I-680 via the po-

tential extension of El Charro Road to Stanley Boulevard

5. Significantly more air pollutants
6. Compromised drinking water quality because of proposed El Charro Road's close proximity to two Zone 7 recharge lakes

7. Encroachment on the urban growth boundary or the mandated urban separator between Livermore and Pleasanton

8. Safety concerns because the proposed development is within the Livermore Airport Protection Zone, established to provide a safety area for residents and pilots

9. Concerns about more children falling into nearby steep sided lakes
10. Potential litigation against the city because of the quarry owner has a lease arrangement to mine the quarry for more than another 40 years.

To date Pleasanton community members have come to city-sponsored meetings in large numbers to oppose the east Pleasanton development and to question the flawed Draft Environmental Impact Review reports.

We agree that the proposed large-scale development is not good for Pleasanton. We are calling for a complete halt to the EPSP planning process along with the EIR. ■

Editor's note: The authors of this article, all members of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan task force, are Robert Gonella and Kelly Cousins, representatives of the Danbury Park and Mohr/Martin neighborhoods, respectively; Kay Ayala and Mark Emerson, at-large representatives, and Brad Hottle, a member of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission.



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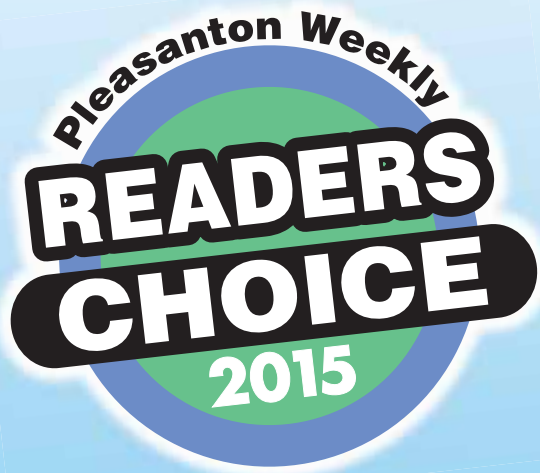
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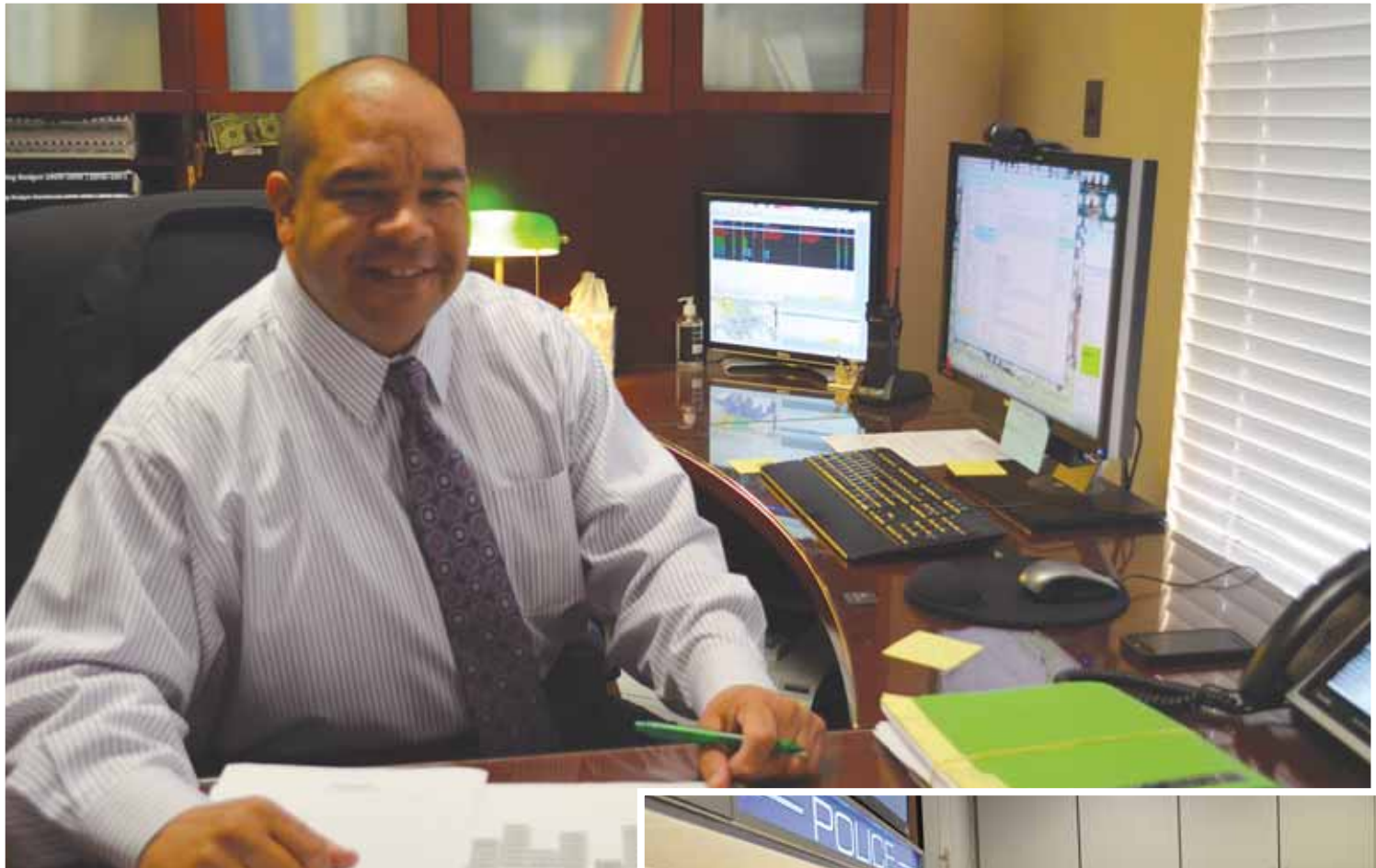
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Clockwise from top right: Pleasanton police chief Dave Spiller is ushering in his fourth year as head of the department (Photo by Amanda Aguilar).

Officers Kyle Henricksen (front) and Matt Kroutil work on police reports in the newly remodeled report-writing room. (Photo by Amanda Aguilar). Three Pleasanton motor officers prepare to head out to manage and support a special event downtown. (Contributed photo).



Policing in Pleasanton

Chief Spiller discusses department's growth, goals for future

BY AMANDA AGUILAR

Pleasanton police chief Dave Spiller this month is celebrating the start of his fourth year as head of the Pleasanton Police Department.

He joined the Pleasanton police in 2002 as a lieutenant, was promoted to captain in 2003 and served in that role until being named police chief in May 2011.

In a recent interview, Spiller reflected on his time in Pleasanton and talked about his goals moving forward, the current state of the department and changes on the horizon, including a new department brand and tomorrow's Open House.

"I'm in a place that's just kind of perfect for my personality, my leadership style and what I want as a public servant," Spiller said.

When you first came to Pleasanton in 2002, what was the state of the department?

Spiller: "When I started here in Pleasanton, I was hired by Chief Tim Neil as a lieutenant. Chief Neil was really working toward opening the organization to the community, to create this connectiveness between what we do and who we serve, started a lot of great programs that fur-

thered that goal of community connection.

I felt like when I got hired here it was a time of change. I was hired with four other lieutenants, so we were all kind of brand new in our role. A year later a captain retired and we were all competing for that captain spot. I was promoted. It was really a time of change ... and growth, not a bad thing, just a transition."

Why did you decide to apply for police chief?

"I don't know if I was ever on a mission to be police chief. I feel like I've been a law enforcement leader on a lot of different levels in different organizations.

As I was preparing to compete for the position, I was focused on what we do and what we do for this community that we serve. What's unique about us? What Pleasanton (PD) is to our community is very different than any other police department to their community.

We're very lucky to have a good connection with our community. I think we're really lucky to be supported by our community. I think it's kind of cyclical where ... are we supported because we meet the high expectations of the community or do we meet the high expectations because we're supported. It's a great environment to work in."

When you became police chief, what were your goals for the department and what steps did you take to achieve them?

"I was lucky that I came from the inside.

When you're promoted as a member of the organization, appointed to the chief's role, you kind of have some advantage — knowing the players and having developed or established relationships.

In my work, in my study, in my preparation to compete for this job, I walked around and saw what we were good at and what I thought we needed to improve on. I looked at the opportunities we have in the community and as an organization. Knowing what I know, as an inside guy, what should we be doing? That opened my eyes to create the foundation of my vision for the organization.

I started working on a vision statement for the organization before I got this job. It talks about how important it is that we rely on one another. It talks about the value of working together and supporting one another in this line of work.

It also talks about how important it is that we be connected to the community to meet those expectations. It's a calling of recollection to why we all came to serve. It's an awareness of our responsibilities for professionalism and to be proud of who we are, not only as police officers, but who we are as Pleasanton police officers.

My reflection also forced me to look at what is going to happen here in the next five to seven years. We're seeing these key staff members retire, and how do we prepare ourselves to not lose that culture, to not lose that experience. We can't help but lose that experience, but how do we get others ready for what's next for them?"



Above: Officer Royce Fontillas visited Hart Middle School last week, even taking part in a game of basketball with students. (Photo by Amanda Aguilar).

Right: The Pleasanton Police Department is unveiling its new brand to the community during tomorrow's Open House. (Courtesy of Pleasanton PD).



How has the department changed since?

"The department has changed in a lot of ways, subtle and conspicuous.

We have a new look out there in the community. We've gone from those old Ford sedans to these new SUVs. I think it communicates this innovation and newness that's very different to the way people used to see us. I think we stand out, but hopefully in a positive way.

We have a totally different schedule deployment from when I was hired here, which is team-based. I think it's brought people together more effectively in terms of 'this sergeant is responsible for these seven guys.' That team works together 40 hours or so a week. Previously it was this cascading shift. That was disjointed for the organization."

What programs or efforts started under your watch as a chief?

"I'm just part of the team here and I know the staff looks at me as the chief, but we all have our job to do. My job as the leader in the organization is to recognize everybody's value and celebrate the contributions everyone has to offer. The programs, the initiatives, the concepts, and the ideas come from the men and women that work here. Even the things like the strategic plan, this was a collaboration from the organization.

But I will say, this branding conversation certainly happened on my watch. This is something I really wanted to do. Branding is a promise we make to the community. We say things about what we do and who we are, and then the community experiences who we are. There's a touch point in what we say and what they experience, and that has to be congruent. I'm really excited for this brand identity."

How would you describe the state of the department right now?

"We're in really good shape and we're poised to do some more amazing things. This organization is filled with men and women who are really committed to what they do and they do it well. The police officers and professional staff understand what's important to me

and understand the role that we all play in providing safety service. The staff works so hard. I'm proud of the men and women that work here. I think more great things are going to come."

How was Pleasanton's crime rate when you first started with the department?

"Pleasanton has always been blessed with low crime. What we deal with are crimes of opportunity. Our crime types have always been centered on crimes against property, auto theft, theft from auto, auto burglaries — those types of things. But we're not void of violent crime. Crime has always been enjoyably low in Pleasanton and it fluctuates."

Have you seen an increase in a certain crime since you've been here?

"The first quarter of this year compared to first quarter of 2014, there was a noticeable increase in property crimes. Now noticeable increase in property crimes in Pleasanton is like 50 cases. So if I say there's an 80% increase, that could be 55-56 cases."

Has recruiting been hard, especially with recent law enforcement incidents around the United States?

"It's a challenge. It's hard. One of our biggest challenges right now is finding quality people who have made responsible decisions that are fit and suited to serve this community. The numbers aren't what they used to be, but I don't necessarily attribute it to the perception of what's going on but there's a lot of stuff going on in the world.

It's not an easy time to be a cop. There's a lot of criticism. There's a lot of trust issues, and I don't know if that's affecting the recruitment. Maybe it's a generational thing or a lifestyle thing or whatever ... but it's getting harder and harder to find that really awesome perfect candidate.

I work really hard to make sure we're making good picks, because they're going to be here a lot longer than I am. I want to make sure when that cop knocks on the door of somebody who lives here or pulls somebody over, I want them to understand their role — not take

themselves too seriously but recognize how important what we do is and appreciate the uniqueness of Pleasanton."

What are your goals for the future?

"I had the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission come in and do an assessment. We really used this to identify some of our strengths and weaknesses.

We have a lot of good things going for us — low crime, quick response times ... those types of things. We're also very data-rich when we look at the crimes that occurred and the data we retain. They recommended some very specific things. We launched a strategic plan, which was a very specific and identified goal of mine when I started.

The strategic plan is a product we did ourselves, centered on six initiatives: strengthen communications, promote leadership and development, improve organizational excellence, enhance infrastructure and equipment, enhance quality of life and community safety, and advance technology solutions for efficiency.

As an example, this Open House we're having is part of our strategic plan to do community outreach. I want to open the doors so the community can walk through here and see what it's like in here and learn more about their police department.

The plan also screams out for us to more effectively embrace technology. I've made a very solid commitment to the organization to do just that. We have started a program with high-level analytics on predictive policing. With this mathematical algorithm, it allows patrol staff to go out and focus on where crime should happen today; and if they go to this area, they should, just by being there, prevent that crime.

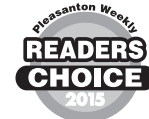
It takes 10 years worth of our data and it says "This 500x500 ft. box is where, within 98% of accuracy, you'll most likely experience a burglary this morning." It's another tool for our men and women to use to improve quality of life and decrease those opportunities for criminalization.

When we think about should we or should we not do this ... it has to fall within one of those six initiatives." ■

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MICHELLE FAIRLESS

Left: Abbey Road musicians portray the Beatles when they come to America and perform on "The Ed Sullivan Show," reaching 78 million fans.

Bottom: Amador Valley High musicians are joining in a musical about the Beatles: (l-r) Diane Jo, Hannah Scarborough, Joseph Mo and Cynthia Tien.

Amador makes a Beatles connection

Talented string musicians will join in touring tribute

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



MARK AUBEL

You'll love them, yeah, yeah, yeah!

When the fabulous mop-topped foursome comes May 18 to the Bankhead Theater in the renowned tribute band Abbey Road, they will be joined by four fab string musicians from Amador Valley High. The show, called "In My Life," is the musical retelling of the Beatles story through the eyes of manager Brian Epstein.

Amador senior Cynthia Tien, juniors Joseph Mo and Hannah Scarborough, and sophomore Diane Jo will join the band for the songs "Eleanor Rigby," "Yesterday," "A Day in the Life," "Hello Goodbye," and "Hey Jude."

Scarborough, who has been playing the cello for seven years, is a Beatles enthusiast who listened to them growing up as her parents played their albums.

"I adore the Beatles because they wrote substantial cello parts for many songs and their music is timeless and so versatile," Scarborough said. "As a little girl, I loved how quirky the song 'Rocky Raccoon' was."

Mo, a violinist, said his favorite Beatles song is "Hey Jude."

"I'm excited we get to perform the song for this show," he said.

The song "Yesterday" will be played as a scene in which the Paul McCartney character performs it for the first time for Beatles producer George Martin, explaining that he envisioned a string-quartet accompaniment.

Tien, who plays the viola and is also a pianist, said her favorite Beatles' song is "Blackbird."

"I really like the music the Beatles created," she said.

Beatles and more

What: "In My Life — A Musical Theatre Tribute to the Beatles"

Who: Cast includes musicians from Amador Valley High: Diane Jo, Joseph Mo, Hannah Scarborough and Cynthia Tien

When: 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 18

Where: Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore

Tickets: \$42-\$60; at the box office; online at www.bankheadtheater.org; or call 373-6800.

Jo, who has been playing the violin for six years, said her favorites are "Yesterday" and John Lennon's "Imagine."

These four Pleasanton teen musicians, in addition to playing with the Amador Valley High Orchestra, belong to prestigious area youth ensembles, including the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, the Oakland Youth Orchestra and the Livermore Pleasanton Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Amador orchestra director Mark Aubel was approached by the producers of "In My Life" as they planned the Tri-Valley show. They told Aubel that they were looking for a talented ensemble that could hold its own with a rock band in front of an audience. The show often uses a local quartet to augment the production while on tour.

"In My Life" takes the audience back to February 1964 when the Beatles played "I Want to Hold Your

Hand" on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Some 78 million people watched on TV, not to mention the screaming fans sitting in the audience.

The show follows the Beatles on through their musical stages, including the psychedelic era of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," the creation of the haunting "Yesterday," and the raucous rock 'n' roll of "Revolution." The Beatles are played by Nathaniel Bott as Lennon, Christopher Overall as McCartney, Jesse Wilder as George Harrison, and Axel Clarke as Ringo Starr.

The musical is produced by Tom Maher and Andy Nagle. Maher said a friend gave him a biography on Beatles' manager Brian Epstein, which was the basis of "In My Life."

"It took a while to get the pacing, but we are happy with the results," Maher said.

He added that he wanted to make the portrayal as accurate as possible, and the band uses the exact gear — from the box amps to the guitars. Even the costumes they use — from the suits when they arrive in America to be welcomed by adoring fans, to the ensembles they wore during their Sgt. Pepper's period — mirror the originals.

The show in Livermore is part of a 125-stop tour of the United States, Canada and Australia, which has been traveling since 2008.

The songs bind the musical together, but the audience also gets to relive the most important moments of the Beatles' epic story and enjoy the band members as they connect with the crowd through their sense of humor and the cheeky banter that is also part of their legacy. ■

'Strings in Every Which Way'

Chamber Players performing Mendelssohn, Dvořák, Tchaikovsky

The esteemed musicians of the Pleasanton Chamber Players are offering a program they've dubbed "Strings in Every Which Way," at 2 p.m. this Sunday at the Firehouse Arts Center.

On the program are Mendelssohn's Octet in E flat major for four violins, two violas, and two cellos, Op. 20; Dvořák's Piano Quintet in A Major, Op. 81; and Tchaikovsky's Adagio Molto for String Quartet and Harp.

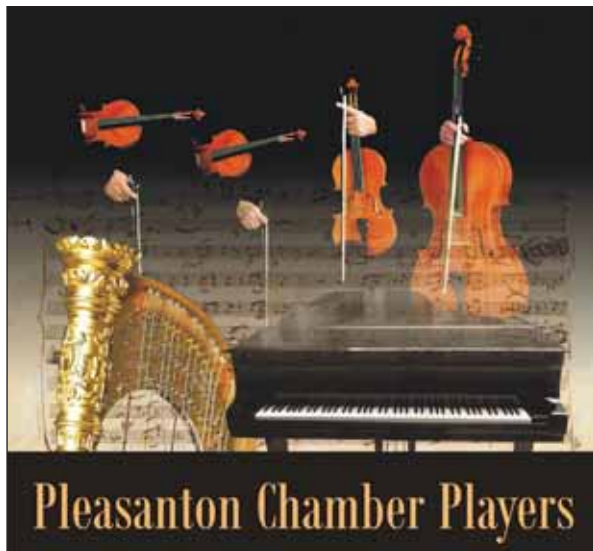
The violinists are renowned concertmaster Philip Santos from Oakland, Cecilia Huang and Darcy Van Valkenburgh from Pleasanton, and Kathryn Hewatt from Oakland. Micah Naler of Pleasanton and Fremont resident Melissa Huang are the violists.

The cellists are Paul Rhodes from Concord and Pleasanton's Michelle Kwon. Pianist Danielle Naler is from Pleasanton, and harpist and PCP Artistic Director Dominique Piana resides in Livermore.

This year's annual spring offering will be a feast of string music as well as two "non-bowed" stringed instruments: the piano and the harp. The harp is a representative of the "plucked strings" family, and the piano's hidden strings (the so-called "piano harp" inside the body of the piano) are hammered strings.

The Mendelssohn and the Dvořák are masterpieces of the chamber music repertoire, and the Tchaikovsky is a "short gem," noted the Chamber Players.

Mendelssohn composed his celebrated Octet as a 16-year old prodigy in the autumn of 1825. The piece is



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scored as a double string quartet, with four violin, two viola and two cello parts. All the instrumental parts get to shine equally in a piece that combines deep exaltation of life with astounding and equally deep musical mastery — all this from a 16-year-old.

Dvořák's composed his second Quintet, Op. 81 for piano and strings in the fall of 1887 after what he considered a failed attempt to re-vamp his first Quintet, Op. 5, which he had retrieved from a friend after trashing it shortly after its premiere. This new work brims with lively allusions to the Bohemian folk style.

Tchaikovsky's Adagio Molto came to life as a student exercise in 1863 or 1864 at the St. Petersburg

Conservatory.

The Pleasanton Chamber Players, founded in 2003, are an eclectic group of local professional musicians gathering to play the music they love in their own community. Whether long established or in the process of building their career, each member shares a passion to perpetuate their art through teaching and performing.

Reserved seating tickets for the concert are \$15-\$20, with senior and student discounts available. Purchase online at www.firehouse-arts.org, by phone at 931-4848; or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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Events

BEER TASTING AND SUDSY SUPPER Sample beers from local breweries, dance to the Mellotones and sup on pub food at the Beer Tasting and Sudsy Supper from 5:30-9 p.m. on Sunday, May 17 at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Livermore. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$30, \$15 for youth 7-20, and \$8 for children 2-6. Go to sudsysupper.brownpapertickets.com.

Exhibits

FREEZE FRAME RECEPTION AND EXHIBIT The top 25 finalists from the Tri-Valley Conservancy's 2014 photo competition will be on display at Cuda Ridge Winery from noon-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. This collection of striking images of nature highlights the diversity of life in the Tri-Valley. Meet and mingle with the photographers, enjoy live music, cheese and wine tasting. Go to www.trivalleyconservancy.org/.

Fundraisers

HEARTS AGAINST HUNGER Rotaract, the young professionals spinoff of Rotary International, is hosting a wine, beer, food, and entertainment fundraiser to benefit Open Heart Kitchen from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 17 at The Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa, 4549 Cross Road, Livermore. This organization has been providing hot meals to the hungry people of the Tri-Valley since 1995. Tickets are \$50. Contact 963-4043 or trivalleyrotaract@gmail.com. Go to heartstagainstthunger.eventbrite.com.

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RUMMAGE SALE St. Clare's Episcopal Church youth will host a rummage sale to raise funds for a pilgrimage to Ireland, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church. Lots of great deals for a good cause. Go to stclarespleasanton.org.

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VFW BENEFIT DANCE VFW Post 6298 presents a Benefit Dance from 1-3 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month March 18-June 17 at the War Memorial Hall, 301 Main St. The Mellotones Dance Band will play music from the 30s and 40s, featuring popular tunes of stage, screen and radio, plus all-time swing favorites. Cover is \$10, includes a light lunch. Call 443-2224.

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Ancient music comes to Pleasanton Library

Guqin music master Fei Wang will perform at the Pleasanton Library this Sunday, playing China's oldest string music, the plucked seven-string guqin, part of the zither family. The program, which will include a lecture as well as the performance, will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday. Guqin music dates back 3,000 years and is part of UNESCO's Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity Program. The music of Guqin was also on a record that was launched with the Voyager spacecraft in 1977. Fei Wang, who studied Guqin under a Guqin Master, has performed internationally and won awards for Chinese music.

At the party after the performance, guests can enjoy tasty indulgences and try their luck at a drawing and silent auction items, while being entertained by members of the chorale.

The concert begins at 3 p.m. this Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., in Livermore. Seating is limited, and tickets are \$40, sold only in advance. Order them at www.valleyconcert-chorale.org or by calling 866-4003.

The Valley Concert Chorale is in its 51st season as the Tri-Valley's premier chorus. Under the direction of John Emory Bush, the all-volunteer, nonprofit chorale has offered a variety of musical performances to serve the diverse musical tastes of its audiences. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Oscar party to follow 'Music from the Silver Screen'

Event will raise funds for Valley Concert Chorale

Valley Concert Chorale will perform and host a special event of "Music from the Silver Screen and After Party" this Sunday as a fundraiser for its programs. Guests are invited to join in the spirit of the "Oscar" event and dress like a red carpet celebrity to enjoy an afternoon of Academy Award-winning music from films of the silver screen.

Featured songs will include "Confutatis" and "Lacramosa" of Mozart's Requiem from "Amadeus," "O Fortuna" from Carmina Burana featured in "Excalibur," "Bring

Him Home" from "Les Miserables," "Under the Sea" from Disney's "The Little Mermaid" and many more.

"Every song we will perform was featured in an Oscar-winning film," said Bobby Jensen, Valley Concert Chorale president. "And because of that, we thought it would be fun to really play up the 'night at the Oscars' theme, with elegant and movie-style decorations, and chorale members dressing as if attending the annual Hollywood event. We encourage our guests to do the same and join the fun, but it is completely optional."

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Sports

RADD Roadrunners take golds

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton RADD (Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled) Roadrunners track and field team had a strong showing at the Special Olympics Northern California competition at Amador Valley High earlier this month.

All members of the Roadrunners team earned at least one gold in their events and qualified for a spot to compete at the Summer Games in Davis this June, according to coach Kay King. The competition at Amador featured close to 600 athletes from across Northern California.

Also, RADD team member Larry Phillips, a 70-year-old who is retiring from Special Olympics this year, led the Pledge of Allegiance recitation during the opening ceremonies. ■



KAY KING

The Pleasanton RADD Roadrunners celebrate their winning performances at the recent Special Olympics competition.

Seahawks soar at Moraga meet

The Pleasanton Seahawks posted dozens of top times and new personal bests while competing at the Speedo Far Western Championships meet held in Moraga last month.

Notable individual performances included Miranda Heckman, who won the 500, 1000 and 1650 free-style races in girls 13-14 years old, and Tyler Lu, who earned new sectional cuts for his swims in the 200 free and 100 butterfly in boys 13-14.

10 and under, girls

- Individual**
- Aven Lee: two best times.
 - Sydney Lu: second place 100 fly, 3rd in 50 fly, 4th in 50 and 100 breaststroke, 6th in 50 backstroke and 100 individual medley.
 - Christina Tsai: 9th, 100 breast.
 - Crystal Wang: three best times.

- Relays**
- Lee, Wang, Tsai, Lu: 1st in 200 medley, 2nd in 200 free.

10 and under, boys

- Jordan Lee: three best times.

11-12 girls

- Individual**
- Mackenzie Lee: 1st in 50 free and 50 back, 2nd in 100 back, 8th in 100 free and 200 back.
 - Stephanie Shao: 2nd in 200 fly, 10th in 50 and 100 fly.
 - Gwyneth Wong: 5th in 100 IM, 7th in 50 fly, 9th in 100 fly.

- Relays**
- Lee, Wong, Shao, Olivia Kim: 3rd in 200 medley, 4th in 400 medley.
 - Lee, Wong, Shao, Sophia Xing: 5th, 200 free.

11-12 boys

- Individual**
- Lleyton Plattel: 1st in 1650 and 1000 free, 3rd in 200 fly, 4th in 500 free, 7th in 100 free, 9th in 200 back.
 - Alex Ren: 7th in 200 back, 8th in

400 IM, 9th in 500 free.

- Jaewoo Kim: 7th, 500 free.

- Relays**
- Plattel, Ren, Kim, Bryson Hue: 5th, 400 free

13-14 girls

- Individual**
- Miranda Heckman: 1st in 500, 1000 and 1650 free (new Winter Junior National cuts for all three events), 2nd in 400 IM, 4th in 200 free, 7th in 200 IM.

- Claire Suen: 8th in 100 free, 10th in 200 back.
- Daniella Hawkins: 4th, 500 free.
- Caroline Eckel: 9th, 100 back.
- Marissa Lawrence: three best times.
- Emma Valentine: three best times
- Elizabeth Balicanta: two best times.
- Grace Nimmo: one best time.

- Relays**
- Eckel, Suen, Hawkins, Heckman: 1st in 400 free, 2nd in 200 free, 3rd in 800 free.
 - Heckman, Grace Nimmo, Eckel, Suen: 6th in 200 medley.

13-14 boys

- Individual**
- Tyler Lu: 3rd in 200 free and 4th in 100 fly (new sectional cuts for both), 4th in 100 free and 200 fly, 5th in 500 free, 7th in 200 IM, and 9th in 50 free.
 - Calvin David: 4th in 1000 and 1650 free, 7th in 500 free.
 - Calvin Chui: 8th in 200 fly, 9th in 1650 free.

- Nicholas Skinner: 10th, 500 free.
- Ben Sproul: two best times.

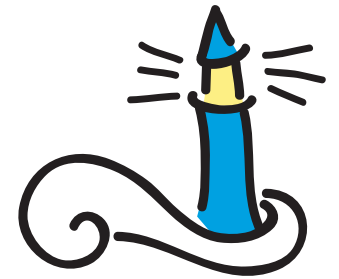
- Relays**
- Mattias Blanco, Bolan Li, Lu, David: 5th, 400 medley.
 - Blanco, Brian Li, Lu and David, 4th, 200 medley.
 - Lu, David, Chui, Skinner: 3rd in 400 and 800 free. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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Lower interest rates ease California housing affordability

By JEB BING

Lower interest rates and stabilizing home prices over the past year combined to make it easier for more Californians to purchase a home in the first quarter of 2015, the California Association of Realtors reported this week.

The percentage of home buyers who could afford to purchase a median-priced, existing single-family home in California in first-quarter 2015 rose to 34% from the 31% recorded in the fourth quarter of 2014 and up from 33% in the first quarter a year ago, according to CAR's Traditional Housing Affordability Index.

This is the second consecutive quarter of improvements for the state and the highest level since second-quarter 2013.

California's housing affordability index hit a peak of 56% in the first quarter of 2012.

CAR's index measures the percentage of all households that can afford to purchase a median-priced, single-family home in California. The organization also reports affordability indices for regions and select counties within the state. The index is considered the most fundamental measure of housing well-being for home buyers in the state.

Home buyers needed to earn a minimum annual income of \$87,700 to qualify for the purchase of a \$442,430 statewide median-priced, existing single-family home in the first quarter of 2015. The monthly payment, including taxes and insurance on a 30-year, fixed-rate loan, would be \$2,190, assuming a 20% down payment and an

effective composite interest rate of 3.97%.

The median home price was \$418,570 in first-quarter 2014, and an annual income of \$86,800 was needed to purchase a home at that price. The effective composite interest rate in first-quarter 2014 was 4.46%.

Key points from the first-quarter 2015 Housing Affordability report include:

- The affordability picture was promising when comparing quarterly changes. Seventeen regions had improvements, nine had declines, and two were unchanged. Compared to first-quarter 2014, 11 regions had improvements, 12 had declines and six held steady.
- Alameda, Marin, San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties saw the largest year-to-year improvements in affordability, mainly due to increases in median annual household income and interest rate declines.
- Contra Costa, Solano and San Joaquin counties experienced the largest year-to-year declines in affordability, resulting from double-digit home price growth.
- Affordability in Santa Clara and Sacramento counties held steady from the previous quarter, primarily due to moderate home price growth, which was offset by interest rate declines.
- Marin, Napa and Santa Cruz counties had the largest quarter-to-quarter improvements in affordability, mainly due to increases in the median annual household income and declines in the interest rate and prices. ■

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2517 Arlotta Court, Pleasanton

Fabulous home on a great court in Laguna Oaks. This 5 bed / 3 bath home is just under 3300 sq.ft. on .39 of an acre. The backyard has a beautiful pool, spa and built-in BBQ. Very private and spacious for entertaining.

REPRESENTED BUYERS – SOLD FOR \$1,701,000



3289 Cydonia Court, Dublin

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MULTIPLE OFFERS – SOLD FOR \$969,000



4919 Drywood St., Pleasanton

A charming single story home in West Pleasanton. The original owner has lovingly maintained this home. Offers just under 1900 sq.ft. of living space, 3 bedrooms with a master suite, 2 baths, an updated kitchen, and formal living and dining rooms. Walk to schools, parks, shopping, BART.

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260 EAGLE COURT, ALAMO

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4553 LAS LOMITAS DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group Represented the Buyer in this Three Bedroom, Two Bathroom, 1,250 Square Foot Single Story Detached Home in Downtown Pleasanton Located Just off Historic Neal Street. Walk to Main Street Shops and Restaurants! This Property was in Original Condition -1956 ("Fixer Upper") and New Owners are Planning on Upgrading it Significantly. This Property Includes a Generous 8,000 Square Foot View Lot!

OFFERED AT \$709,000 & SOLD AT \$760,000



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653 ABBIE ST, PLEASANTON

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OFFERED AT \$1,449,000



SOLD!

23 GREY EAGLE COURT, PLEASANTON

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SOLD AT \$2,150,000

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 8-21

Pleasanton

- 4625 2nd Street** D. & T. Aymar to D. & V. Spina for \$2,305,000
- 2517 Arlotta Place** Randall Trust to P. & S. Young for \$1,701,000
- 4947 Blackbird Way** Hill Trust to B. Lafontaine for \$1,170,000
- 338 Brianne Court** Right House to D. Pilch for \$2,200,000
- 3751 Brockton Drive** J. Chung to A. Lin for \$480,000
- 3928 Churchill Drive** R. & T. Aquilina to J. Feng for \$886,500
- 1926 Clover Court** Russo Trust to T. Ye for \$2,835,000
- 6896 Corte Sonada** Dornseif Trust to N. Xiao for \$1,210,000
- 7880 Cypress Creek Court** Miller Trust to D. & J. Smith for \$1,190,000
- 4825 Del Valle Parkway** Johnson Trust to Y. Li for \$1,052,000
- 4919 Drywood Street** W. Baker to B. Silacci for \$910,000
- 3597 Fieldview Court** Kenney Trust to Y. Ouyang for \$1,800,000
- 4173 Georgis Place** Lutes Trust to Y. & R. Ishikawa for \$650,000
- 7547 Homewood Court** Meyer Trust to E. & D. Hill for \$710,000
- 1615 Laguna Creek Lane** Caulfield Trust to X. Fan for \$1,888,000
- 3228 Picadilly Court** Skipper Trust to P. Leong for \$936,000
- 3635 Platt Court #S** Fezler Trust to R. Alameda for \$715,000
- 247 Rachael Place #17** M. Lee to C. Sivakolundu for \$430,000
- 3392 Rosada Court** S. Gundogdu to G. Hamilton for \$540,000
- 2594 Sanderling Drive** J. & N. Marks to L. Abburi for \$950,000
- 3684 Shenandoah Court** Watkins Trust to A. & E. Vanblarigan for \$725,000
- 5351 Springdale Avenue** T. & T. Berry to G. & J.

- Lipich for \$695,000
- 555 Tawny Drive** T. & L. Scoffield to R. Anugraham for \$605,000
- 3019 Tonopah Circle** H. & P. Murphy to A. & P. Saini for \$499,000
- 624 Varese Court** Ring Trust to J. Kudale for \$2,200,000

Livermore

- 557 Bell Avenue** K. & D. Gardner to V. & M. Mynampati for \$702,000
- 1112 Brookdale Lane** M. & V. Niccolls to J. & Y. Tower for \$640,000
- 1212 Camelia Drive** D. & J. Kinney to M. & E. Melsler for \$688,000
- 170 Cameo Drive** Devilbiss Trust to A. & K. Morgan for \$695,000
- 942 De Caen Court** Isaacs Trust to B. Lyon for \$645,000
- 1672 Embassy Circle** C. & L. Johnston to T. & M. McCarthy for \$880,000
- 588 Emerald Street** Goishi Trust to D. & K. Bell for \$517,500
- 4040 Emerson Drive** Egbert Trust to K. & B. Khan for \$900,000
- 577 Everglades Lane** G. & K. Murawski to Venchel Limited for \$560,000
- 3121 Faltings Drive** R. & M. McCullah to N. & H. Devlin for \$1,174,000
- 4565 Jeannie Court** Manuel Trust to J. Page for \$851,000
- 735 Lido Drive** K. & L. Champ to R. Vittal for \$800,000
- 521 Meadowlark Street** J. Serdenia to E. Valdez for \$525,000
- 685 Meadowlark Street** C. Camilleri to M. & G. Thomason for \$535,000
- 2822 Mint Common** W. Webb to Y. Ni for \$665,000
- 688 Moraga Drive** R. Spinosa to C. Stark for \$577,000
- 124 Nadine Street** L. Barger to A. & D. Poffenbarger for \$582,000
- 1821 Paseo Laguna Seco** E. Neuner to I. & A. Caulkins for \$340,000
- 360 Quartz Circle** C. & J. Lindskog to A. Miller for \$680,000

- 132 Selby Lane #12** J. Hult to T. & R. Gaffney for \$510,000
- 1224 Vienna Street** Neal Trust to J. & J. Marasco for \$707,000
- 1011 Xavier Way** I. Knox to M. Hernandez for \$590,000

San Ramon

- 325 Almond Court** K. & L. Kasenchak to O. Mayor for \$885,000
- 3102 Amaryllis Circle** Renaissance I to P. & A. Dube for \$620,000
- 3242 Ashbourne Circle** D. Zhou to S. Xiang for \$1,660,000
- 3557 Ashbourne Circle** I. Zahid to E. Pablo for \$1,570,000
- 2801 Bridgeport Avenue** P. Le to S. & U. Chitturi for \$690,000
- 7163 Briza Loop** S. Subramanian to M. Namjoshi for \$765,000
- 6352 Byron Lane #72** G. & R. Moganti to V. Pingala for \$715,000
- 6320 Byron Lane** M. & C. Cain to M. Jiang for \$770,000
- 4150 Canyon Crest Road #W** J. & K. Au to T. Low for \$1,175,000
- 2180 Canyon Lakes Drive** H. & M. Kushins to S. Muralidharan for \$897,000
- 205 Compton Circle #B** R. Bendel to D. Lynch

- for \$325,000
- 5290 East Lakeshore Drive** W. Radford to H. Alizadeh for \$865,000
- 2937 Fountainhead Drive** M. & B. Delrosario to R. Herb for \$471,000
- 122 Lakeridge Lane** K. Zhang to S. Ali for \$730,000
- 951 Maricao Place** J. & N. Vantassel to M. & N. Salman for \$1,075,000
- 111 Mills Place** Continillo Trust to M. & L. Pandey for \$780,000
- 4700 Norris Canyon Road #103** KB Home to H. Swavely for \$548,000
- 4704 Norris Canyon Road #205** KB Home to D. & T. Park for \$551,500
- 2142 North Donovan Way** J. Wong to J. Hatol for \$920,000
- 112 Palmer Street** K. & C. Lodge to P. Liu for \$1,048,000
- 265 Reflections Drive #18** B. & L. Coughlin to L. Wilson for \$310,000
- 212 Salamanca Court** J. & T. Yuran to M. Payne for \$902,000
- 5534 Satinleaf Way** N. Woods to H. Chen for \$1,820,000
- 422 Skyline Drive** V. Jump to D. & A. Baugh for \$493,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during April 8-21

Pleasanton (April 8-16)

Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$430,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,835,000
Average sales reported: \$1,171,300

Dublin (April 8-16)

Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$470,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,800,000
Average sales reported: \$893,109

Livermore (April 8-16)

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$340,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,174,000
Average sales reported: \$671,068

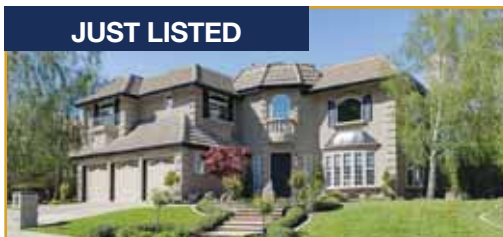
San Ramon (April 10-21)

Total sales reported: 35
Lowest sale reported: \$310,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,820,000
Average sales reported: \$830,786

Source: California REsource



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Market Update: Inventory Up, But Market Still Hot

The number of homes for sale in Pleasanton increased nearly 40% for the second straight month. While that is good news for home buyers, inventory is still tight, with only a one month supply. Pending sales increased as well but not nearly as fast. Pressure on prices continued, as the median sales price increased and homes sold for 102% of their list price.

82 homes were for sale at the end of April, up 37% (22 units) from 60 at the end of March. April's inventory was even higher than a year ago, when 77 properties were on the market. The breakneck increases in pending sales of the past couple of months (50% to 100%) slowed in April. 85 sales went to contract in April, up 15% from 74 in March. That left a one month supply at the end of April, up from 0.8 months at the end of March. Homes are not on the market for long here. IN April, homes were listed for an average of 19 days, one less than March's 20.

The median sales price in April was \$940,000, up \$20,000 or 2% from \$920,000 in March. It was also 5% higher than a year ago (\$895,000). The price per square foot increased 4%, from \$441 in March to \$460 in April. A year ago, the price per square foot was \$428.

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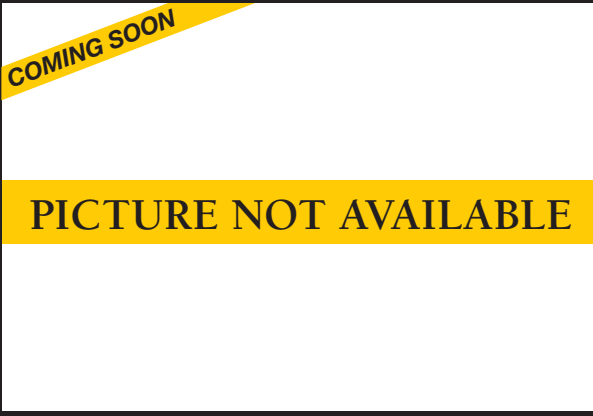
5293 Northway Road, Pleasanton
3 bd/2 ba, 1,696 +/- sq. ft.
LISTED AT \$888,000



11779 Bloomington Way, Dublin
5 bd/2 1/2 ba, 2,389 +/- sq. ft.
LISTED AT \$949,800



2146 Foxswallow Road, Pleasanton
4 bd/2 ba, 1,808 sq. ft.
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4550 Hawk Way, Dublin
4 bd/3 ba, 2,169 +/- sq. ft.
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6164 Corte Santiago, Pleasanton
4 bd/4ba, 3,161 +/- sq. ft.
LISTED AT \$1,315,000



3443 Kamp Drive, Pleasanton
4 bd/3 ba, 2,637 +/- sq. ft.
LISTED AT \$1,059,000



4547 El Dorado Court, Pleasanton
3 bd/ 2 ba, 1,794 +/- sq. ft.
LISTED AT \$900,000



1083 Harvest Circle, Pleasanton
4 bd/ 2 1/2 ba, 2, 246 +/- sq. ft.
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