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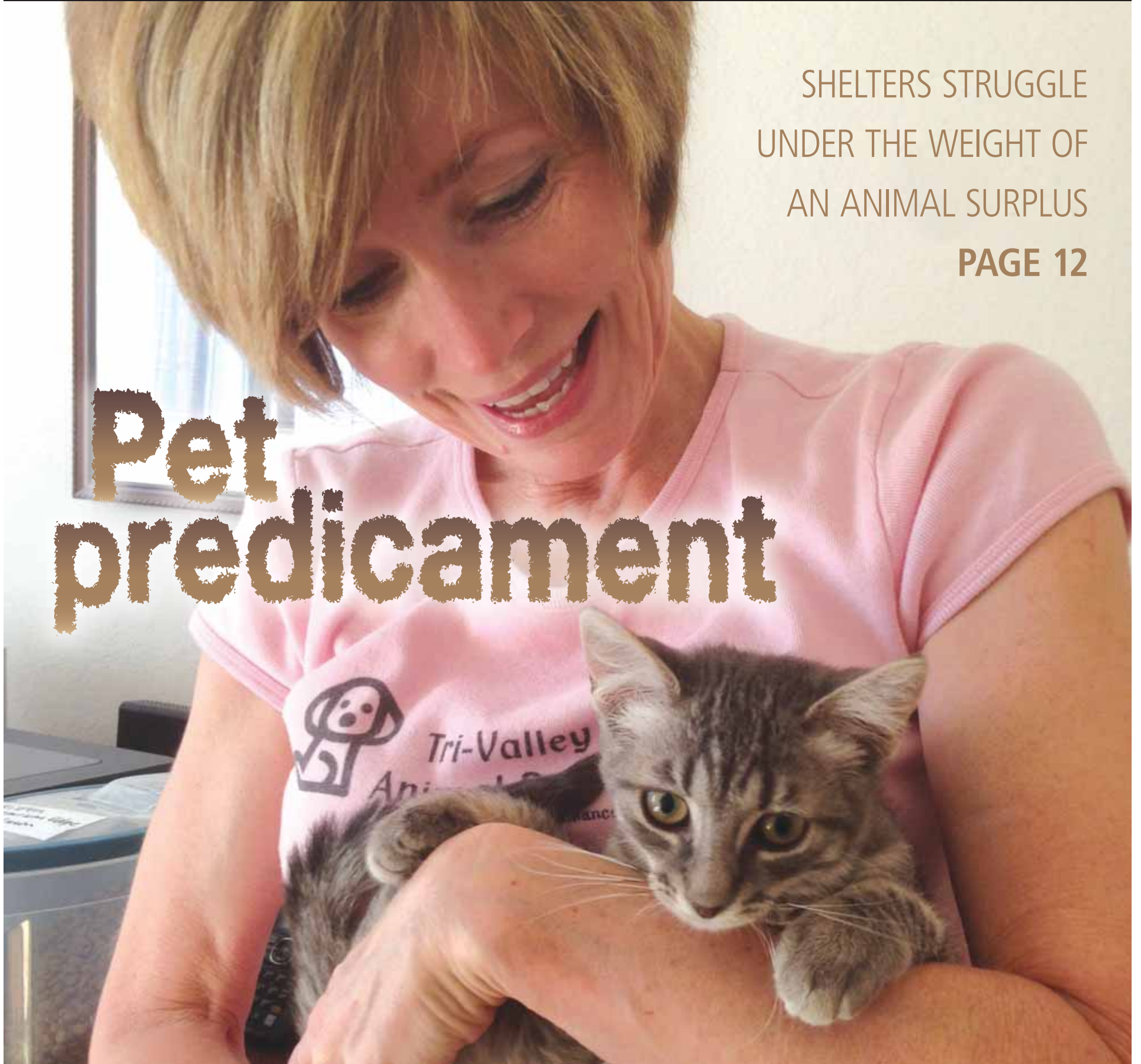
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Farewell to Deputy Chief Rodondi



RODONDI FAMILY

Deputy Fire Chief Joe Rodondi, who retired yesterday from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, and his wife Debra join their children Ashley, Dante and Veronica on a last vacation together before they leave Pleasanton.

Deputy Fire Chief Joe Rodondi retired yesterday after more than 30 years as a firefighter and manager, including the last 18 years with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. Well-known for his leadership roles in the department and even more so for his community and school service, more than 100 city, civic and business leaders saluted Rodondi as he did the traditional "walk out" at the fire department's headquarters on Nevada Street.

After hosting one of his famous barbecues — this one for the last time in Pleasanton — Rodondi and his wife Debra headed out for Klamath Falls, Ore., planning to reach their new home in Missoula, Mont., late today.

Rodondi's move out of Pleasanton ends four generations of his side of the Rodondi family in the Livermore Valley. His great-grandparents came here in the late 1800s, opening a small grocery that sold provisions to the Valley's pioneers. Their home on Old Stanley Boulevard has been torn down, but his grandparents' home is still here.

The acreage he and Debra bought in the Lolo National Forest on the outskirts of Missoula, overlooking that city, reminds him of the "gem we found" when they bought their first home in Pleasanton's Val Vista neighborhood in 1987. Here's where they raised their three children Ashley, Dante and Veronica, all graduates of Amador Valley High School who are pursuing different careers in Oregon, North Dakota and also in Missoula, where Veronica is a communications major at the University of Montana.

After Rodondi joined the small, two-station San Bruno Fire Department in 1985 and later married Debra, they found homes on the Peninsula too pricey to afford. Pleasanton offered affordability, but it was also a long commute. When the Pleasanton and Livermore fire departments merged in December 1996, Rodondi applied, quickly put himself through paramedic school to meet

the new requirements for firefighters and was hired by Chief Stewart Gary, now a Livermore City Councilman, in July 1997. He moved through the ranks of paramedic firefighter, engineer, captain, battalion chief and then deputy chief, a position former Fire Chief Jim Miguel promoted him to in 2009.

As a member of the East Bay Type 3 Incident Management Team, Rodondi has provided mutual aid in emergency and disaster situations. He worked the fire lines in excruciating heat during a forest fire that ravaged neighborhoods near San Diego. In 2011, he was deployed to New York where he spent three weeks working in emergency operations centers and in rescue operations on the streets of Brooklyn as Hurricane Irene tore through the East Coast, and then was back to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. He was in charge of firefighting teams that were deployed to fight the Morgan fire on Mount Diablo.

Locally, Rodondi has had his share of directing firefighting teams in multi-alarm fires, and also in developing leadership programs for firefighters and those who manage them. As an instructor for the California State Fire Marshall's Office Division of Training, he taught college-level course work in organizational behavior, human resources, labor relations, ethics and the challenges of leadership, programs that have helped make the LPPFD one of the best in the state.

Off duty, Joe and Debra Rodondi are community contributors, with Debra helping to organize the annual Hometown Holiday Parade for the last 20 years and Joe for the last six. They serve together at fire department and nonprofit fundraisers for local charities and at Amador Valley High.

Rodondi, 51, is not sure what he'll do in Missoula, except to fix up his new home for the first couple of weeks and then seek opportunities to contribute in his new hometown. ■

About the Cover

Pleasanton resident Rosalyn Simon holds foster kitten Charlotte at her home last week. Simon had seven foster kittens from Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, one of several animal foster organizations in the area. Photo by Meredith Bauer. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What kind of do-it-yourself (DIY) projects do you enjoy?



Sarah Euclid
 Graduate student

Well, I'm sort of my own DIY project these days, figuring out how to live an adult life, be on my own, work, pay bills, take care of my car and home, attend graduate school, and basically create a life for myself that I find meaningful and where I feel I'm living up to my potential and doing everything to the best of my ability. It definitely takes a lot of thought and effort and does not happen overnight. It's been a fun project so far.



Susan St. Clare
 Sales

Well, I really enjoy turning on my country music and painting the walls of my home in many different, beautiful colors. I find it very relaxing yet productive at the same time, and then once I've finished, I enjoy sitting back with a glass of wine and admiring my handiwork.



John Weller
 High tech

I really like fixing things around the house because I like it when everything runs smoothly and nothing is broken. So do my wife and kids. And, of course, I find it very gratifying to be able to make my own repairs rather than having to call and pay someone else to fix things.



Mary Krebs
 Retired

Well, I had a wonderful time hand-sewing and embellishing each one of my three daughters' wedding dresses. Except that by the time I was finished crawling around on the floor sewing beads onto the third and final dress, I was pretty much done with DIY projects. Now I just enjoy watching other people as they work on their DIY projects.



Amanda Brown
 Middle school student

I love to take old T-shirts that I don't wear anymore and bring them back to life so that I'll wear them again — by cutting them up and decorating them and making them more contemporary and stylish. It's so much fun to create something new with something I already have.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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DIGEST

Documentary premiere

The feature-length documentary "Trichster," directed by 2005 Amador Valley High grad Jillian Corsie, will have its Bay Area premiere Aug. 16 at the Humanist Hall Theater, 390 27th St. in Oakland, as part of the Voiceless International Film Festival.

Corsie, who graduated from the University of Arizona, spent four years making "Trichster," which is about trichotillomania, a disorder that causes sufferers to pull out their hair and affects about 15 million Americans. The film follows seven individuals for one year, documenting their daily challenges.

"Trichster" will play alongside three short films beginning at 4:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or at www.voicelessfilmfest.com.

Outlets job fair

The San Francisco Premium Outlets will hold a job fair today at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore to fill more than 1,000 positions now and during the coming holidays.

Positions include store managers, assistant managers, key holders, sales associates and stockroom workers, along with shopping center security and custodial staff.

Interested applicants are encouraged to carry multiple copies of their resumes and the general application form (available at TriValleyOneStop.org).

There will be two sessions for job seekers: 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-4 p.m.

In addition to the outlets, the job fair is co-hosted by the city of Livermore, the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board, Alameda County Social Services Agency, Tri Valley One Stop Career Center, Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District and the KRA Corp.

Religion Chat

The August Religion Chat will be held at Pleasanton's Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, on Aug. 12 from 5-6 p.m.

The topic will be "In your faith whom would you consider to be a holy person — one held in high regard? What attributes do they have?" Rabbi Lawrence Milder from Congregation Beth Emek will talk on the Jewish point-of-view and Ustad Ali Ataie, professor at St. Mary's College, will teach about the Muslim perspective.

The free event, open to all interested people, is part of a regular interfaith forum held on the second Wednesday of each month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's 16 participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton. To contact the group, email Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com. ■

Pleasanton water, sewer rates could increase this fall

City Council approves taking proposed changes for public review

By JEB BING

The City Council voted Tuesday to start the public review process to consider increasing water and sewer rates.

The vote followed a study that showed that during the past five years, the city was undercharging water customers, capturing only 87% of the costs associated with purchasing water from Zone 7.

Enterprise operations such as water and sewer are supposed to be fully funded by ratepayers, not by taxpayers.

Even with the proposed increases, Pleasanton will continue to have

the lowest combined water and sewer rates in the Bay Area.

Due to the ongoing drought, state mandates to reduce potable water consumption by 20% per capita over the next five years and the need to replace and repair aging infrastructure, water and sewer rates will likely increase in October by 6% and 3%, respectively.

Seniors, who currently receive a 20% discount on their water bills, will receive a 15% discount going forward, if the proposal passes. There will be no change for Pleasanton's income-eligible residents, who will continue to see the full 30%

discount they currently receive.

These proposals, which were given a thumbs-up Tuesday by the City Council, will be discussed at neighborhood and other meetings in the next two months before going before the council again Oct. 6 for a final vote.

Emily Wagner, retired finance director who has stayed on to handle revisions to the city's water policies and other financial issues, said the higher rates are needed to offset water and sewer costs not fully covered by ratepayers.

If fully implemented, bills will increase on average \$5.37 per month

for water and sewer rates effective Oct. 15. Seniors will receive a 15% discount, but only if their water consumption does not exceed 20 Ccf in a bi-monthly billing period.

Even though some water customers experienced a surcharge during the drought if they exceeded their allowable limit, Pleasanton has only been routinely charging its customers 87.5% of the cost of purchased water from the Zone 7 Water Agency, which provides drinking water to the city.

"While the city has been able to

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COURTESY OF LIVERMORE-PLEASANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters put out a two-acre brush fire near the Kottinger Ranch neighborhood in Pleasanton last week. Two other brush fires threatened homes near Pleasanton this week.

Fire season in full swing

Three grass fires scorch areas in/near Pleasanton in less than a week

Two vegetation fires burned near southwest Pleasanton on Monday morning, just days after another brush fire crept up to residents' fences behind a Pleasanton neighborhood.

A three-alarm fire on Monday started near Interstate 680 and burned up a hill east of the freeway near Happy Valley Road, threatening homes. By the time firefighters had the blaze under control, it had burned 30 acres and caused minor damage to some homes, said Jim Call, fire division chief for Alameda County Fire.

A second fire was reported Monday at the same time as the three-alarm blaze. Firefighters worked simultaneously to put

out the fire at Koopman Road in Sunol, which consumed two acres, Call said.

About 75 units responded to the Happy Valley Road and Koopman Road fires, he said. Airplanes and helicopters from Cal Fire dropped water and fire-retardant material in the areas.

The cause of both fires was under investigation.

Five days earlier, on July 15, a fire spread behind Kottinger Ranch in Pleasanton, creeping up to some residents' fence lines. The two-acre fire was in a strip of grassland just behind Remillard Court, and it was contained before the flames spread to homes, said Mike Miller, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department spokesman.

Neighborhood resident Terri Maxoutopoulos was among the neighbors who drove by the area during the fire response. She said some neighbors worry about the dry grassland that borders the neighborhood, especially since drought conditions have been drying out their own backyards.

While the cause of the fire is being investigated, it was deemed "suspicious," Miller said.

He said residents had previously set up defensive mechanisms, such as removing plants from the edging of their fences, which helped keep flames from spreading into their backyards. ■

—Meredith Bauer

Donlon Elementary principal resigns

Parents, teachers say they want longevity in new hire

By MEREDITH BAUER

Some Donlon Elementary School parents, guardians and teachers met with district staff Monday and emphasized they wanted longevity with the school's next principal after the school's previous leader resigned last week.

The 15 people who attended an informal meeting at the school Monday evening said they want a principal who will stay put — a contentious issue since Donlon has had five principals since 2009.

Lynnette Chirrick resigned as the school's principal to take a job in the city of Alameda's Unified School District, announcing her resignation to parents and guardians in a newsletter posting July 16.

"While I am excited to be working closer to my home, I will sincerely miss working with all of you and your children," she wrote in the newsletter.

Mark McCoy, the district's director of human resources, told the group gathered Monday that the district plans to have a principal in place for the coming 2015-16 school year that starts next month. Qualified candidates will meet with panels of district staff, school staff, parents and PTA members, among others, who will provide recommendations about

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Alameda County earns 14 Achievement Awards from national organization

Honored for innovative programs that modernize operations, increase services to residents

By JEB BING

Alameda County has been selected to receive 14 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACO) for a wide range of programs.

These include initiatives to protect the environment, enhance public safety and leverage innovative technologies to make county operations more efficient and improve customer service.

It is the largest haul of awards Alameda County has ever won in NACO's annual awards program, which recognizes counties around the country for innovative programs that modernize their operations and increase services to residents.

"These awards not only are a validation of the innovative work being done across our county organization, they also reflect the significant progress we have made in addressing key priorities," said Susan Muranishi, Alameda County administrator. "These include sustainability, protecting our community's most vulnerable residents, supporting businesses and using technology to better serve the public."

Six of the awards are going to the county's Information Technology Department (ITD) for projects, often performed in tandem with other departments, that leverage technology to improve customer services and save public resources by making county operations more efficient. They are:

- The Auditor Property Tax Information System, or APTIS, a new web-based solution developed in cooperation with the County Auditor-Controller's Office that helps the county more efficiently manage the more than \$2 billion in property tax revenue it receives each year.
- Ready.ACGov.org, a new mobile-friendly emergency preparedness website that provides an easy-to-follow, step-by-step process to help the public prepare for the major earthquakes, fires and other major disasters.
- E-warrants, a new electronic pro-

cess developed to help local law officers in submitting warrants for arrests, searches and other legal procedures for judicial approval. The new process has cut the time for obtaining required judicial approval for warrants from several hours on average to a matter of minutes.

- A new "Polling Place Lease-Card System" developed by ITD in cooperation with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office. The new electronic system adds efficiencies to the process of securing Election Day polling places across the county by allowing property owners to sign temporary leases for these sites electronically.

- A "Position Request System" that provides an interface between the County Budget and the Human Resource Management System, reducing the time it takes to process requests.

- The creation of electronic "probable cause declarations" that have streamlined the process of obtaining court approval of all arrests made by law enforcement in Alameda County.

Other initiatives chosen for NACO Achievement Awards include projects designed to reduce the environmental impacts of county programs, more effectively bring county programs to under-served populations and protect public safety. These award winners were:

- A "Green Child Care Program," led by the County General Services Agency's Early Care and Education program. It works with local pre-schools to reduce waste and teaches children about recycling, reusing and composting.
- "Castro Valley Meet in the Street," a day-long celebration each November that was created by the county's Community Development Agency in collaboration with residents and local businesses. A popular event, it promotes local businesses and civic pride.
- The Human Exploitation & Trafficking (H.E.A.T.) Watch initiative led by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. The program combats child sex trafficking through multimedia communication strate-

gies, innovative technologies and educational tools, including billboard campaigns and a radio show.

- "Learn Your Rights in California," an educational program sponsored by the Alameda County Public Defender's Office. The program advises youths about their constitutional rights regarding detentions, searches and arrests, and how to properly communicate with law officers.

- A "Rape Kit Backlog Elimination Project," led by the District Attorney's Office that has identified and cataloged nearly 2,000 kits containing evidence from sexual assault cases that had not undergone forensic testing. These kits have now been tested, helping to revive investigations into numerous "cold" cases.

- The "Local Government Electric Vehicle Fleet Demonstration Project" in which Alameda County, led by its General Services Agency, spearheaded a regional partnership that received federal funding for procuring 90 electric vehicles for government agencies throughout the Bay Area. The project is the largest local government purchase of EVs to date and will save taxpayers a combined \$500,000 in fuel savings alone.

- The "Regional Renewable Energy Procurement Project," also led by the General Services Agency, in which Alameda County joined with 18 other government agencies to jointly procure solar energy systems for 186 publicly owned sites in four Bay Area counties. The project is the largest-ever joint procurement of renewable energy projects by local government and will create an estimated 850 local jobs and save taxpayers more than \$100 million over the lifetime of the renewable energy projects

- The Alameda County Library's PULSE (Pop-Up Library Services for Everyone) Project, which brings extended library branches, including an automated library kiosk, computer terminals, and library programming and promotional activities to agencies serving marginalized populations. Agencies served



JEB BING

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho, who received a 5% pay raise from the City Council this week.

Pleasanton council raises City Manager Fialho's salary by 5%

First raise since 2007 when city wages were frozen due to recession

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho was awarded a 5% salary increase Tuesday, raising his annual pay to \$206,877 from \$197,026.

It's his first raise since 2007 when Fialho's salary, along with all city employees, saw their wages frozen due to the recession.

The raise, given by the City Council, includes a \$400 monthly car allowance and five additional vacation days, raising the allowance from four weeks to five annually.

The salary increase, which takes effect Aug. 1, follows a performance review by members of the City Council June 22.

A recent survey of city manager compensation in the Tri-

Valley showed Fialho was the lowest paid, earning \$16,419 a month. City managers at the time of the survey were earning \$20,476 in San Ramon, \$19,064 in Dublin, and \$18,323 in Livermore.

Fialho moved with his family to Pleasanton in 1996 when he accepted a position as deputy city manager. Previously, he held administrative positions with the cities of Hayward, San Dimas and Campbell.

After a nationwide search, the Pleasanton City Council selected him to be city manager in October 2004, making him the state's youngest city manager at the time. ■

—Jeb Bing

by PULSE include the Alameda County Family Justice Center, Alameda County Child Support Services and Abode Family Services' Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter.

"We are extremely proud of the national recognition that Alameda

County is receiving from NACO this year for programs that really are leading the way in terms of innovative governance in the 21st Century," said Scott Haggerty, president of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. ■

County Board of Education selects Knowles as new president

By MEREDITH BAUER

The Alameda County Board of Education has appointed a new president and vice president for the 2015-16 school year.

Trustee Aisha Knowles was named as president, and Trustee Eileen McDonald was selected as vice president of the board last week. Both were nominated and chosen for the roles by board members, said spokesman Patrick Gannon.

The Alameda County Office of Education works as a liaison between the California Department of

Education and the 18 public school districts in Alameda County. The county office is governed by a seven-member Board of Education elected by the public to four-year terms.

Knowles ran unopposed for her seat in June 2014, as did Trustees Joaquin Rivera and Yvonne Cerrato, whose district includes Pleasanton. Each school year, the board members choose whom among them will become board president and vice president for the new year, Gannon said.

Knowles succeeds Trustee Marlon McWilson as board president,



COURTESY OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Alameda County Board of Education trustee Aisha Knowles was selected to serve as board president for 2015-16.

and McDonald succeeds Knowles as vice president.

Knowles represents Area 4, which

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which candidates show promise, he said.

The district has received inquiries from several strong candidates already, McCoy told parents.

Those who attended Monday's meeting also said they hoped Donlon's new principal would be familiar with running a large elementary school, have strong ties to the Pleasanton community, have a warming influence toward students and be visible and available to students and parents.

They also hoped the new principal would build communication between teachers and school administration, respond to urgent inquiries, be familiar with the In-

dividualized Education Program (IEP) policies and emphasize a relationship with the special education community, among other attributes.

Chirrick had been the principal at Donlon, which is located at 4150 Dorman Road, since 2013. She previously worked in the Ceres Unified School District, served as an elementary vice principal and taught second and third grades.

During Chirrick's tenure, Donlon Elementary was named a 2014 California Distinguished School, an honor bestowed upon schools that show academic excellence and demonstrate gains in narrowing the achievement gap.

Vintage Hills Elementary School is also searching for a new principal. ■



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Bill Wheeler, owner and CEO of Black Tie Transportation in Pleasanton.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Scott Kenison, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center executive director.

Visit Tri-Valley seats 2 new board members

Tourism group serves Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Danville

Two new directors have been named to the board of Visit Tri-Valley, a destination marketing organization that promotes tourism in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville.

The new directors are Scott Kenison, executive director of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, and Bill Wheeler, owner and CEO of Black Tie Transportation in Pleasanton. They succeed Michelle Peters of Beets Hospitality and Andrew Ebel of Goodguys Rod & Custom Association on the 13-member board.

“Scott and Bill will bring new energy to the board while providing a fresh perspective on two tourism sectors that are vital to our region’s economy: transportation and the arts,” said Barbara Steinfeld, the organization’s president.

Both were elected to serve a term of three years.

Members of the Visit Tri-Valley’s 2015-16 board’s executive committee are Catherine Cheda, general manager, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, Livermore, chairwoman; Marlene Fahrenkrog, general manager, Hyatt House Pleasanton, vice chairwoman; Ron Gapol, general manager, La Quinta Inn & Suites Dublin-Pleasanton, treasurer; and

Nicole Mass, general manager, Larkspur Landing Pleasanton, secretary.

Besides newly named directors Kenison and Wheeler, other regular board members are:

- Dave Ackerman, director of marketing and business development, San Francisco Premium Outlets
- Candice Browning, event sales supervisor, Alameda County Fairgrounds
- Tom Buckley, general manager, Four Points by Sheraton Pleasanton
- Chris Chandler, executive director, Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association
- Kendra Gaffey, assistant general manager, Hyatt Place Dublin/Pleasanton
- Mark Kang, general manager, Doubletree by Hilton, Livermore
- Pamela Ott, economic development director, city of Pleasanton.

Visit Tri-Valley is a city/hotel-supported organization that works to increase awareness of the region and target overnight visitors for maximum economic impact. It serves the four Tri-Valley cities and some unincorporated areas in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

For more information, sign on to the organization’s website at www.visittrivalley.com. ■

—Jeb Bing

National Night Out coming to Pleasanton

PPD officers will visit block parties to socialize with residents during neighborhood watch event

By MEREDITH BAUER

Pleasanton police officers will take to the streets in two weeks for a different type of mission: socialization.

About 20 Pleasanton Police Department officers will take part in the annual National Night Out, where officers across the country will visit block parties with members of neighborhood watch groups. The event is a crime- and drug-prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

“Neighborhood watch is an important element in crime prevention. They are the eyes and ears of the city,” PPD officer Archie Chu said.

National Night Out will be on Aug. 4, and Pleasanton Police has participated for 12 years. Residents who would like to have an officer stop by their party, barbecue, potluck or other festivity should fill out an application.

Applications for a National Night Out visit area available at www.pleasantonpd.org, at the front lobby of the department



on Bernal Avenue or by calling Chu at 931-5222 or emailing him at achu@cityofpleasanton-ca.gov. The deadline for applications for a visit from a PPD officer is next Friday.

He said officers get a chance to get to know residents one-on-one and to talk with kids in a relaxed environment. It helps residents “get to know officers as people, not just uniforms,” Chu said.

He said officers make a point to interact with children and carry around stickers and other goodies for them during the event.

“Anytime we can have interactions with kids in more of a social setting, it’s a good way to reach out,” he said, “and for them to get a sense that we’re there to take care of them and keep them safe.” ■

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absorb these increases, by not passing through 100% of the Zone 7 rate, this is now placing a significant strain on the city's water enterprise, which over the years has not been, nor should be, reliant on the General Fund to operate," Wagner said.

To meet a state requirement that any utility with an annual cost-of-living increase in its utility rates must review those rates every five years, the city hired HDR Engineering, Inc. to undertake a comprehensive water and sewer rate study.

The study showed that not only is the city falling behind on meeting its 100% ratepayer funding of its water and sewer collection system, it charges far less than neighboring cities for the same services.

For customers using 20 Ccf of water during a typical bi-monthly billing period, Pleasanton users would pay \$65.62, compared to \$81.92 in Livermore and \$97.94 in Dublin.

For those using 40 Ccf, considered moderate consumption, Pleasanton ratepayers would pay \$120.78, while Livermore customers pay \$160.22 and Dublin \$170.36.

For high users at 60 Ccf, Pleasanton ratepayers would pay \$180.43, with Livermore at \$265.90 and Dublin at \$247.96.

Bi-monthly sewer bills show Pleasanton customers would pay \$77.28, compared to \$86.76 in Livermore and a lower rate of \$63.73 in Dublin.

Wagner said the staffing, chemicals and electrical costs are higher than Dublin's due to charges associated with pumping Pleasanton sewage to the Dublin San Ramon Services District treatment plant on Stoneridge Drive next to I-680.

Although the proposed 6.7% rate increase will help Pleasanton achieve a 100% pass-through to cover its operating costs, council members recommended doing more to encourage greater conservation.

Councilman Jerry Pentin won support with his proposal to reduce the current 20% discount for residents at least 65 years old to 15%, although the 30% discount given to low-income residents will stay.

The council also endorsed a proposal to lower the allowable consumption to qualify for the senior and income-eligible discounts from

40 Ccf to 20 — Wagner said the national average consumption is 23 Ccf. A Ccf (100 cubic feet) of water equates to 748 gallons. A residential customer who uses 30 Ccf of water during a typical 60-day billing period is consuming 22,440 gallons.

At Wagner's request, the council also reviewed suggested additional drought rates that could be assessed only upon additional council action, if the drought continues and cutbacks in water consumption fail to meet operating expense requirements at the city's water department.

Drought rates and their implementation will be discussed in the future when there's a need for additional revenue. ■

Dublin lawyer one of two named to Alameda County Superior Court

Thomas Nixon, 56, filling vacancy created by retiring judge

Gov. Jerry Brown has appointed two lawyers to judgeships in the Alameda County Superior Court.

Jeffrey Brand, 70, of Berkeley and Thomas Nixon, 56, of Dublin will be filling vacancies created by retiring judges. Both are Democrats.

Nixon has been a commissioner in the court since 2002. He's previously been in private law prac-

tice and a law firm partner. He earned a law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law.

Brand earned a law degree at the UC Berkeley School of Law. Previously, he was a dean at the University of San Francisco School of Law where he's been a professor since 1986.

Officials with the governor's of-

fice said Brand has also been in private law practice, served as an administrative law judge and worked as a deputy public defender.

He co-founded and was editor-in-chief of the Federal Litigator magazine from 1985 to 1995, according to the governor's office. ■

—Keith Burbank,
Bay City News Service



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covers San Leandro and the western unincorporated communities of Ashland, Castro Valley and San Lorenzo. Her district also includes West Dublin up to the I-680 freeway.

McDonald represents Area 6, which covers Newark and the northern and western areas of Fremont.

Knowles is also the public information officer for the Alameda County Fire Department and has held numerous community leadership roles, including as chairperson for the Ashland Citizen's Advisory Committee, District 4 representative for the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women and a member of the Eden Area League of Women Voters, according to a statement from the board. ■

Community Pulse



POLICE BULLETIN

Church members' cars broken into while they're away on mission trip

Members of a Pleasanton church on an annual mission trip will return to the unpleasant news that some of their cars were broken into while they were away.

Members of the Valley Bible Church left July 17 for a mission trip working with Navajo children and adults in Arizona, and several of them left their cars in the church lot since the group carpooled, said administrative pastor Jay Scott.

Between Friday and Sunday, windows on five of the cars were smashed, according to Pleasanton police.

Some of the glove-boxes appeared to have been rum-

maged through, Scott said, but police aren't sure if anything was taken because the owners couldn't be reached while they're on the trip.

Some family members have since picked up the cars for repairs, he said.

Scott said those on the mission trip help Navajo families by painting and doing repair work, organizing a club for children and arranging community programs.

He said church members noticed the smashed windows when they arrived for Sunday service.

"We've been doing this for years, and it's the first year it's happened en masse like this," he said.

In other police reports:

- One Pleasanton man was arrested, and another is being reviewed by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for possible charges after they got into a fight July 15 over an electric fan, Pleasanton police said.

Daniel Williams, 57, was arrested for allegedly wrestling with another 57-year-old Pleasanton man over who got to use a fan at the Alameda County Fairgrounds that evening, according to a police report.

Police stated Williams took a fan away from the other

man, who was using it to cool down his horse. They reportedly argued, and then started wrestling on the ground.

The second man, whose name was not released, had an injury to his knee, according to police, who said both men were intoxicated.

Williams was arrested on suspicion of battery, and the other man is being investigated regarding whether he should also be arrested, police stated.

- A Pinole woman was arrested Saturday on suspicion of shoplifting from J.C. Penney while with her two children.

Police allege La Vayla Charlene Johnson, 32, went into the Stoneridge Shopping Center store with her kids and put \$369 worth of clothing and merchandise into a mesh bag. One child also slipped new shoes on their feet.

Johnson and her children went into a dressing room with the clothing items and then left the store without paying, according to a Pleasanton police report.

She was contacted by the store's loss prevention officers and subsequently arrested.

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

—Meredith Bauer

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 9

Theft

- 8:10 a.m., 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue; auto theft

Residential burglary

- 1:01 p.m. in the 7700 block of Paseo Santa Cruz

Sex offense

- 10:34 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

July 10

Theft from structure

- 4:56 p.m. in the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

- 5:42 p.m. in the 4800 block of Muirwood Drive

July 11

Shoplifting

- 11:23 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

- 4:01 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

- 6:50 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

July 12

Theft from structure

- 8:14 a.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive

- 11:26 a.m. in the 3500 block of Villero Court

Residential burglary

- 12:02 p.m. in the 3400 block of Stacey Way

July 13

Vehicle tampering

- 1:44 a.m. in the 900 block of Kolln Street

Commercial burglary

- 9:23 a.m. in the 2900 block of Hopyard Road

Lost property

- 11:57 a.m. in the 5400 block of Owens Drive

Fraud

- 2:51 p.m. in the 4600 block of Black Avenue

- 5:46 p.m. in the 1500 block of Greenwood Drive

- 4:38 p.m. in the 1300 block of Piemonte Drive

Theft

- 4:21 p.m. in the 300 block of Christina Court

Robbery

- 7:32 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

July 14

Stolen property

- 8:07 a.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

Auto theft

- 9:25 a.m. in the 7400 block of Hillview Court

Animal service

- 10:34 a.m. in the 1100 block of Kolln Street

Graffiti

- 1:28 p.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

Robbery

- 1:37 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Domestic battery

- 3:40 p.m. in the 1500 block of East Gate Way

Weapons violation

- 9:58 p.m. in the 6000 block of Corte Montanas

July 15

Vandalism

- 4:37 a.m. in the 1600 block of Orchard Way

Theft

- 7:06 a.m., 4100 block of Suffolk Way

- 7:42 a.m., 4200 block of Churchill Drive

- 9:19 a.m., 100 block of Half Dome Drive

- 11:39 a.m., 2100 block of Rheem Drive; theft from auto

- 1:36 p.m., 1900 block of Paseo Del Cajon; auto theft

- 5:04 p.m., 3700 block of Pimlico Drive

- 11:40 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

Fraud

- 9:16 a.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Found property

- 10:54 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Greenwood Road

- 2:09 p.m. in the 2100 block of Raven Road

- 6:44 p.m. at Kolln Street and Hayfort Court

Stolen property

- 5:10 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Assault

- 8:10 p.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 11:02 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

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July 16

Theft

- 7:24 a.m., 1200 block of Quarry Land

- 8:52 a.m., 1300 block of Hopyard Road; bike theft

- 3:52 p.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

- 6:29 p.m., 3500 block of Kirkcaldy Street

Fraud

- 2:32 p.m. in the 4400 block of Neal Court

Criminal threats

- 9:37 a.m. in the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Found property

- 3:55 p.m. at Hacienda Drive and Stoneridge Drive

- 3:59 p.m. at Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue

Rape

- 11:15 p.m. on St. Michael Circle

July 17

Theft

- 6:59 a.m., 4700 block of Golden Road; auto theft

- 8:14 a.m., 3400 block of Andrews Drive; auto theft

- 9:10 a.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from structure

Lost property

- 9 a.m. in the 5100 block of Case Avenue

Vandalism

- 9:34 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

Auto theft recovery

- 10 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue and First Street

Auto theft

- 11 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

July 18

Theft from auto

- 7:43 a.m. in the 400 block of Amaral Circle

- 9:35 a.m. at Anderson Street and Rose Avenue

- 10:02 p.m. in the 4100 block of Amberwood Circle

Vandalism

- 10:42 a.m. in the 400 block of Division Street

- 10:47 a.m. in the 7600 block of Paseo Santa Cruz

Auto theft recovery

- 11:28 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road



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EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

New plan promises a more robust Alviso Adobe



JEB BING

Alviso Adobe.

A new strategic plan for the Alviso Adobe Community Park gained City Council approval Tuesday, paving the way for programs, projects and possible expansion that will make the park a gateway to the development of new trails and a staging area to the Castleridge properties that are being incorporated as part of the Pleasanton Ridge by the East Bay Regional Park District.

The plan, prepared by consulting group Management Partners, included work by a nine-member task force assembled last year to provide guidance and direction for the park, which has seen minimal use since it was formed in 2008. The adobe, itself, is an asset that is registered as a California historical landmark, a place where they city has been conducting interpretive and interactive programs.

As the East Bay district moves forward on creating trails up to the ridge, the Adobe Park will likely be part of the staging area, offering parking along a rebuilt Old Foothill Road on its west side and a respite for returning hikers with refreshments and restrooms.

The plan now approved by the council offers an opportunity to make the Alviso Adobe and its surrounding park area a robust place in Pleasanton. ■

At last, smoking banned in city parks

Smoking is now banned in all Pleasanton parks thanks to the recommendation of the Pleasanton Youth Commission.

The commission won the City Council's endorsement of the ban Tuesday night after offering an exhaustive study of the dangers secondhand smoke pose to others in the parks. The study earlier was reviewed and the park-wide ban was supported by the city's Parks and Recreation and Human Services commissions.

Members of the Youth Commission, in their report, said that they are also concerned about negative health effects from cigarette butts they found in parks, fire risks from improper cigarette disposal and "general health, safety and welfare concerns for persons using city parks and trails."

The ordinance adopted by the council also prohibits smoking on public trails and in city parking lots serving parks and trails. The commission exempted, however, Callippe Preserve Golf Course, although the course's clubhouse already prohibits smoking inside the building or on its outdoors patio.

The Youth Commission has been investigating the city's current smoking restrictions and participated in the Alameda County Public Health Department's "Project Teen Friendly" program. The project involved surveying the community about tobacco products being sold in local stores and observing how tobacco is being used in Pleasanton. It also gathered information from various health organizations and members organized and undertook two weekend cigarette butt clean-ups at Ken Mercer Sports Park to quantify the amount of litter there.

With its smoking ban, Pleasanton joins the cities of Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon in banning smoking in all public parks. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Lagoon living:

Betty and Trinity Chang took the Pleasanton Weekly with them on a family trip to explore the beautiful Fiji Islands.

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Pet predicament

Shelters struggle under the weight of an animal surplus

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MEREDITH BAUER



Johnny plays with a ball in an outdoor area at Valley Humane Society. He was adopted last week, but the shelter has many other dogs available for adoption.



Foster kittens climb a toy scratching post at Rosalyn Simon's Pleasanton home.

Pet shelters across the Tri-Valley are straining to find homes for cats and dogs amid a busy summer season.

Shelters are typically inundated by animals this time of year for two main reasons: Kittens are being born en masse and owned animals have a tendency to get frenzied and lost during fireworks around the Fourth of July.

While shelter officials prepare for Fourth of July and so-called "kitten season," both end up putting a strain on area shelters. Kittens are typically born between April and October, so most of the early births are of an adoptable age by July and August.

Rich Avanzino, president of Maddie's Fund, a Pleasanton-based pet foster and advocacy organization, said it's common for shelters across the country to struggle with space this time of year.

"Kitten season is a difficult time for shelters. There are so many being born and so many surrendered," Avanzino said. "While kittens are adorable, there is usually such a huge supply in that they all come in in a short period of time."

The county-run East County Animal Shelter in Dublin had about 100 animals mid-July, Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton had 33 animals and East Bay SPCA's shelter in Dublin had about 70 animals, according to shelter officials.

Shelter officials said they still have some room left — East County, for instance, can hold about 200 animals — and these numbers are typical for this time of the year. Some shelters have backup cages, such as the East Bay SPCA, which lined a wide hallway with kennels of mewling kittens for summer camp participants to admire last week.

But shelters don't have as much room as they'd like, and kittens are often kept in cages with their mother or other kittens until they grow big enough to need their own kennel, which saps up much of shelters' free space.

To make room, many dogs and cats are sent to foster families through independent agencies and shelter volunteers.

Maddie's Fund had 32 animals in homes in mid-July. Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, a foster group that takes animals from East County Animal Shelter, had 155 animals in homes, according to their administrators. Valley Humane Society also had 22 animals in foster care, and East Bay SPCA had 34 animals in foster care via its Dublin location.

Pleasanton resident Nancy Lyness fosters kittens or adult cats about twice a year through Valley Humane Society. She said she felt sorry for the animals that are euthanized due to lack of space in shelters, and she wanted to help change some animals' fates.

She gets her children involved, and she said they've latched onto the responsibility.

"They absolutely love helping to care for the animals," said Lyness, who helps prepare the Pleasanton Weekly's Streetwise column. "They love the idea of saving lives, too. It doesn't ever get old to them. It's always exciting and wonderful."

Shelters are also feeling a negative impact from owned and stray animals found on city streets in recent weeks. Dogs will often flee from their backyards, terrified by the roar of Fourth of July fireworks, according to Valley Humane Society executive director Melanie Sadek.

"Dogs will freak out during the fireworks. Though you have a dog that would never dig a hole under a fence or jump over a fence, dogs are in a panic," Sadek explained.

Shelters across Pleasanton and Dublin work to contact owners if a pet is tagged or microchipped. Carol Stabert, supervisor of the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin, said her shelter returned about 10 tagged animals within first day.

Staff at the East County Animal Shelter worked to move animals into foster care or into nonprofit shelters to make room for the inevitable crush. By the time animals started coming in from nearby neighborhoods, staff scrambled to identify their owners and reunite them as quickly as possible, Stabert said.

"We were moving as fast as we could," she said. "Prior to the Fourth of July, we were doing pretty well. It's been since the Fourth of July that it's definitely picked up."

If an owner is searching for a lost pet that isn't tagged or microchipped, shelter administrators recommend calling each of the area's shelters and foster organizations to see if any animals match the pet's description and checking their online pet profiles.

Stabert said foster-run volunteer organizations were a huge help in pulling animals out of the East County shelter to make enough room there, and now they're trying to find homes for all those animals.

"The rescue groups are phenomenal," she



A black kitten surveys a toy tunnel at Valley Humane Society.

said. "They pull as fast as we can get them in."

One of the challenges at the county-run shelter is the fact they could be forced to euthanize animals if they exceed their space, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue executive director Jill Cooney said.

That shelter has a live release rate of 67%, representing the percentage of animals who are adopted, transferred to another agency or returned to their owner, according to Avanzino. That's a little better than the national rate, which is estimated between 55% and 62% because shelters nationwide aren't reporting to just one agency consistently, Maddie's Fund spokeswoman Sharon Fletcher said.

Rosalyn Simon, a Tri-Valley Animal Rescue volunteer who housed seven foster kittens in mid-July, said the county shelter and the rescue organizations work hard to get shelter animals into foster care and then adopted.

She said she's fostered kittens for years, and they're typically adopted a few weeks after she gets them.

Shelter officials said there are hundreds of foster families, if not more, in the Tri-Valley area alone. Some take in new animals as soon as their current wards are adopted, and others are one-time foster homes. All of the local shelter and foster administrators praised the hard work and kind hearts of these foster families.

Simon said she knows many foster families who take in an animal over the summer just so their child can have the experience of raising an animal, and then it gets adopted by someone else before the school year starts.

"Everyone's heart is in the absolute right place," she said. "They've got a heart for those who can't speak for themselves."

Residents interested in adopting or fostering can contact the following agencies:



Valley Humane Society

Where: 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton
 When: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Adoption fees: \$100 for a cat or kitten and \$150 for a puppy or a dog
 Extra: They can also visit valleyhumane.org to fill out a compatibility survey, which will be used to pair residents with adult cats with specific traits. Applications for adoption are not posted online because shelter staff want residents to meet the animal they will adopt before taking the pet home. The organization hosts frequent foster workshops. Adoptable animals can be viewed at valleyhumane.org/adoption.

East Bay SPCA

Where: 4651 Gleason Drive in Dublin or 8323 Baldwin Street in Oakland
 When: Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at both locations
 Adoption fees: \$25 for a senior cat, \$50 for a senior dog, \$50 for a cat, \$75 for a kitten, \$125 for a dog and \$150 for a puppy
 Extra: Adoption paperwork is available online, and adoptable animals can be viewed at www.eastbayspca.org/adoptions.

In other animal news

The 18th annual Pooch Parade will take place Aug. 5 at Lions Wayside Park at First Street and Neal Street. Bring your four-legged friend for competitions, a doggy playground and a day full of dress-up and pet merriment. For more information, visit trivalleyguidedogs.com and click on "Pooch Parade." ■

East County Animal Shelter

Where: 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin
 When: All week from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Adoption fees: \$25 for a dog or cat, \$12 for a rabies voucher plus an additional fee for spaying and neutering, which are usually around \$100, will be determined individually by the contracted veterinarian. A full list of typical fees is available at www.alamedacountysheriff.org/files/AnimalControlFees.pdf. Adoptable animals can be seen at www.alamedacountysheriff.org/cws_petadoption.php.

Maddie's Fund

Where: Adult cats can be adopted at Dublin PetSmart, 6960 Amador Plaza Road on Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; plus various one-time adoption events. Animals can also be viewed at www.maddiesfund.org.
 Adoption fees: While some animals are free, the adoption fee for a cat is \$50 and the fee for a dog is \$150.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

Where: Pleasanton downtown during farmers market at First Street and Angela Avenue every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and in front of the Dublin PetSmart, 6960 Amador Plaza Road, every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Animals can also be viewed at www.tvlar.org. Foster volunteers will coordinate a meet-and-greet with adoptable animals when contacted by prospective families.
 Adoption fees: \$95 for one cat; \$150 for two cats ■

Clockwise from top left: Kittens Brie and Nutter relax in kennels at Valley Humane Society. Krystal Rollins, an animal care associate at East Bay SPCA, plays with 1-year-old Spirit. Nala (on top of cage) surveys one of the cat rooms at Valley Humane Society. Bowser, a terrier mix puppy, is in need of a home that can handle his medical needs. The pup, who has a drain in his neck, can be found at Valley Humane Society.

'Experience of a lifetime'

**Pleasanton man
throws out Giants'
first pitch
to support organ
donation awareness**

By Jeremy Walsh

Throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at a Major League Baseball game provides an all-time thrill.

Doing so while representing a life-saving cause that restored his own good health made the moment all the more special for Rafael Herrera.

The longtime Pleasanton resident tossed the opening pitch July 8 as the San Francisco Giants celebrated Donate Life Day — almost five years to the day since he received a successful transplant amid his battle with kidney failure.

"It's an experience of a lifetime. I never in my life expected to do anything like this," Herrera, 59, said of his appearance at AT&T Park representing transplantation support organization Donor Network West. "The idea is to pay a tribute to the people that donate organs and to propagate the word that organ donation saves lives."

A native of Colombia, Herrera first moved to California for a couple years in the 1970s for undergraduate studies at University of the Pacific in Stockton. He and wife Marina relocated permanently in 1982 while he worked to complete a master's degree in operation research from Cal State East Bay.

After living in the Hayward and Fremont areas, the Herreras settled in Pleasanton in 1997.

Six years later, the married father of two then-school-aged children received a life-altering diagnosis: kidney failure.

"That was," he said with an emotional pause, "As you can imagine, that was horrible news."

"When they tell you that there's no cure for kidney disease, that you have to go on dialysis — in other words, they have to clean your blood externally in order for you to continue living — it was devastating news for me and for my family."

Doctors were unsure what caused his kidney failure but think it was tied to high blood pressure, according to Herrera.

He would begin with external hemodialysis at a dialysis center several times a week, which lasted three months.

He then transitioned to peritoneal dialysis. As the National Kidney Foundation describes, it's a process by which the abdominal cavity lining acts a natural filter and impurities in the blood are removed by a cleansing fluid called dialysate, which is washed in and out of the abdomen through catheters.

During the day, Herrera recalled, he would complete regular "exchanges," removing the used dialysate and replacing with fresh fluid through the catheters. At night, he would connect to a machine that took care of the process while he slept.

"You have to be very disciplined, and you have to be extremely clean and careful with what you do because you're actually in contact with the inside of your system," he said.

Herrera faced rigid dietary restrictions and other life limitations, no longer able maintain an active lifestyle that used to involve skiing, windsurfing and frequent traveling for his work as an electrical engineer.

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PITCH

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Still, he said peritoneal dialysis allowed him to live “some sort of normal life,” including only biweekly visits to the dialysis center and enabling him to coach his kids’ soccer team.

The treatment continued for more than seven years.

All the while, Herrera remained on the transplant list, waiting for help from a person he’d never met since no family members were viable candidates for him.

During those years, Donor Network representatives urged Herrera, “don’t give up. It’s going to happen eventually, one day, but you have to wait. It’s a matter of matching the blood,” he said.

That moment arrived around 1:30 in the morning on July 10, 2010.

“They’re calling you from the donor organization. They have a kidney for you; they’re asking if you want to come and take it,” Herrera recalled his daughter saying that night.

“Immediately, obviously, sure. I’ve been waiting for this for 7 1/2 years,” he said with a big smile, remembering the elation. “Then we all got very excited.”

Herrera said the family headed to University of California San Francisco Medical Center that morning, and he was in surgery by 1 p.m. The operation lasted four hours, with doctors inserting the new kidney into his body without removing his non-functioning pair.

The new kidney started functioning on its own within a day and a half, and five days after surgery, Herrera was done with dialysis. “The kidney was doing its job,” he said.

All Herrera learned about the source of

the kidney was that it came from a woman around his age who died in Las Vegas.

“That person is in my prayers every day and my thoughts,” he added.

The new kidney continues to function today, with the only lifestyle restriction that he has to take medication for the rest of his life, according to Herrera.

“It’s been, obviously, an excellent experience for me,” he said. “I have a new life, going back to normal things as before — being able to exercise, spend time with my family, travel and pretty much everything a normal person does.”

He said he was thankful for the support he received from his family and officials at Kaiser Permanente, DaVita dialysis center, Donor Network West and UCSF Medical Center throughout his illness and recovery. His son Daniel is now 23 and a student at San Francisco State. His 19-year-old daughter Juliana attends Las Positas College.

Herrera said his prognosis going forward is positive. According to the National Kidney Foundation, 54% of transplant kidneys are still functional at 10 years.

The Pleasanton man remains committed to the donation effort, making appearances on behalf of Donor Network West, often trying to increase education and awareness among Hispanics.

There are 22,000 Californians waiting for an organ transplant, almost 8,800 of which are Hispanic, according to data from the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. Of those on the wait list, 40% are Hispanics — the largest ethnic group.

“It is very important that Hispanics have family conversations about their wishes to register as organ and tissue donors. It is a very important talk to have,” Noel Sánchez, public affairs manager of Donor Network West, said.

Herrera added, “The Hispanic community,



ZANE TOWNSEND/DONOR NETWORK WEST

Herrera throws out the first pitch at the July 8 Giants game.

the percentage of donors is very, very low. One of the ideas is to try to convey the message to them, the benefits of donating life.”

Supporting awareness and in tribute to those who donated organs and tissue, Herrera stepped onto AT&T Park with ball in hand on behalf of the Donor Network before the Giants’ game against the New York Mets.

He threw out the first pitch to Giants’ relief pitcher Sergio Romo.

“I didn’t quite make it to home plate,” he said, with a chuckle. “It was a little bit short. It bounced.”

Herrera was joined at the ceremony by two other transplant recipients: a man in his 30s who received kidney and pancreas transplants and a 12-year-old boy who received a kidney from his mother four years prior.

Herrera also got the chance to be the “balldude” retrieving balls in foul territory down the first-base side during the game. The other man was “balldude” on the third-base side, and the boy called “play ball” to open the game.

“The Giants’ continued commitment to encourage fans to Donate Life and register as organ and tissue donors provides hope to the thousands in need of life-saving transplants in our service area,” Donor Network West CEO Cindy Siljestrom said. “It shows that heroes are made on and off the field.”

People can register as a donor at DonorNetworkWest.org or at the DMV. One organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people and a tissue donor can heal more than 50 others, according to the Donor Network. ■

‘Life is hard — laugh harder’

Summer Comedy Night to feature Joe Klocek

Stand-up comic and storyteller Joe Klocek will bring his funny business to the Firehouse Arts Center at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Klocek was recently featured on NPR’s “Snap Judgment” and has also appeared on Comedy Central’s “Live at Gotham,” NBC’s “Last Comic Standing,” and was commentator for the Emmy-award-winning documentary, “A Bridge So Far.”

The comedian, whose motto is “Life is hard — laugh harder,” describes himself as a square peg in a round hole. He grew up in the Midwest, which he said gave him manners, but has lived in San Francisco for 20 years so he thinks he’s better than us.

Klocek has performed in San Francisco, China and almost every place

in between as a storyteller and stand-up comedian. He was runner-up in the San Francisco International Comedy Competition and the Seattle Comedy Competition.

He said he is especially proud to have been voted Best Comic in San Francisco in SF Weekly’s 2011 Reader’s Poll, since the city is known for its legendary comedy venues.

Tickets to Summer Comedy Night 2015 are \$15 general admission; group discounts are available. Tickets can be purchased at www.firehousearts.org up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave. The free parking lot is on Spring Street just west of First Street. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER

Comedian Joe Klocek comes to town this weekend.

Call out to young musicians

Symphony association holding competition for 43rd year

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Association has announced the dates for its Competition for Young Musicians for 2015. Applications for this, the 43rd competition, will be accepted beginning Sept. 18 with

a deadline of Sept. 27.

The winners will perform as soloists with the symphony Feb. 20, 2016.

The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Pleasanton, Livermore, Sunol, Dublin or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12; if they are not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17.

All instruments will be considered. Applications must include a recording for preliminary screening and an \$8 application fee.

JoAnn Cox, coordinator of the competition, noted that the young

musicians need advance notice to prepare their applications.

“Students need to select, learn and memorize their music selection,” Cox said.

In addition to soloing with the symphony in February, each winner will receive \$500.

The application and further information about choosing musical selections are at www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org. Those accepted to compete will perform in person Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18, before a panel of judges.

For more information, visit the website or call Cox at 447-1947. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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Classes

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FREE COUNSELING JOB SEARCH SKILLS AND RESUME WRITING Get a free consultation with an experienced Employment Recruiter on select Wednesday evenings, Thursday afternoons and Saturday afternoons for a half or full hour at the Pleasanton Library. Receive help with resume writing, employment web sites, search for a job on the web, and get help with online applications. Make a 20-minute appointment at the Reference Desk by calling 931-3400, ext. 4.

FREE QIGONG/MEDITATION CLASSES Margaret Zhao, Pleasanton's own Master Healer, award-winning author, and inspirational speaker, now offers free weekly Qigong and Buddhist Meditation Classes from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays, now-Sept. 7 at 3550 Bernal Ave., Suite 100. Increase your energy, activate acupuncture points for immediate pain relief and heal yourself and others naturally. Bring a mat and pillow. Go to www.reallyenough.com.

Clubs

GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING GNON is a great opportunity for women to gather monthly in a fun and informal environment for the purpose of networking, friendship, camaraderie and more, from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 3 at Oasis Grill, 780 Main St. Cost is \$10-\$15. Go to www.gnon.org/rsvp.html.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB The Pleasanton Lions Club meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Court. The dinner fee is \$10. For more information please visit <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>.

Concerts

CONCERT IN THE PARK: THE APES Enjoy the Pleasanton Downtown Associations Concert in the Park series with The Apes, contemporary rock, at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 31 at Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks. Sponsored by European Wax Center. Call 484-2199 or go to www.pleasantondowntown.net.

NEW WEST GUITAR GROUP Featuring Will Brahm, John Storie and Perry Smith, New West has been making their mark as a fresh, cutting-edge guitar ensemble combining acoustic and electric guitar. They will perform popular covers and original music from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$20-\$30. Call 931-4848 or go to firehousearts.org.

PUERTO CANDELARIA The music of Puerto Candelaria is based in popular Colombian rhythms and style, full of imagination and a magical spirit that excites the senses. Six talented musicians, united by the creativity of composer Juancho Valencia, create the imaginary land of Puerto Candelaria, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 30 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$25-\$39, \$16 for students. Call 373-6800 or go to livermoreperformingarts.org/.

Events

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER 10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA Join to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Dublin Senior Center with a Gala featuring a 1950s Las Vegas-style headliner show, starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. A "Tribute to Italian Singers" show will be at 7:30 p.m., DJ and dancing after the show. No host bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$45. Contact seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

INTRO TO CHAKRA This class will bring you answers to the most basic understandings of chakras. Michelle will share some in depth connection to them and familiarize you with them in your everyday life. The class will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 27 at Awakenings Center, 200 Ray St. Cost is \$28. Contact Michelle Walker at 918-0386 or mwcrystalcreations@gmail.com. Go to www.mwcrystalcreations.com.

PLEASANTON GEM FAIRE Get fine jewelry, precious and semi-precious gemstones, millions of beads, crystals, gold and silver, minerals and much more at manufacturer's prices. Over 50 exhibitors from around the world will be on site at the Gem Faire, from noon-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7-9 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$7 for a weekend pass. Contact Yooy Nelson at (503) 252-8300 or info@gemfaire.com. Go to www.gemfaire.com.

RED CROSS INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE The Annual Interfaith Community Blood Drive will have two donation sites in Pleasanton for the American Red Cross: 2-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 30 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug 1 at St. Elizabeth-Seton Church, 4005 Stoneridge

Drive. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code InterfaithCommunity.

Film

'MESSAGE FROM HIROSHIMA' This film, narrated by George Takei and co-hosted by Tri-Valley CARES, with a guest speaker, is about a computer generated model of Hiroshima as it used to be with commentary by survivors. A meet and greet potluck will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the film at 7 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 1 at IBEW Hall in Dublin. Free, \$3 donations accepted. Contact 462-3459 or flickknight@gmail.com.

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK: 'MALEFICENT' The City of Pleasanton presents free movies in the park for summer. See "Maleficent," featuring Angelina Jolie in the story of Disney's iconic villain from "Sleeping Beauty," showing at dusk on Thursday, July 30 at Amador Valley Community Park. Rated PG. Call 931-4826.

Fundraisers

18TH ANNUAL POOCH PARADE The 18th Annual Pooch Parade will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at Lions Wayside Park. This event runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging will be from 5:30-7 p.m., trick dogs will perform at 6:30 p.m. The parade begins at 7 p.m. Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at Lions Wayside Park starting at 7:45 p.m. Enter your pooch, any size 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories for great prizes. Entry fee is \$10 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. For information and registration forms, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org.

FABULOUS FINDS The American Cancer Society Discovery shop is requesting donations for the Fall Jewelry Event "Fabulous Finds" on Sept. 18-20. Take a moment to clean out your jewelry box and donate earrings, bracelets, pins, necklaces, and rings to benefit a worthy cause. Call 462-7374.

MOONLIGHT IN THE VINES. A CELEBRATION TO BENEFIT SUNFLOWER HILL Enjoy an evening under the stars from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 at McGrail Vineyards and Winery in Livermore. With live music, dancing, fabulous food, award-winning wines, bocce ball, silent auction, raffles and more. All proceeds go to help further our mission of creating an intentional community for special needs adults. Tickets are \$90 before July 31, \$100 after, and include appetizers and three glasses of wine. Go to <http://sunflowerhill.org/events/moonlight-in-the-vines/>.

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REACH GOLF TOURNAMENT REACH will hold its 9th Annual Fundraising Golf tournament and dinner banquet from noon-7 p.m. on Monday, July 27 at Castlewood Country Club. REACH is a non-profit organization that provides housing for adults with disabilities enabling them to live independently. Cost is \$150. Go to www.trivalleyreach.org.

TRI-VALLEY CONSERVANCY FREEZE FRAME 2015 Freeze Frame is a photo competition run by Tri-Valley Conservancy designed to showcase the natural splendor of the region and encourage land conservation. Submissions are accepted now-July 31. For contest rules and registration, visit www.trivalleyconservancy.org.

On Stage

'AS YOU LIKE IT' This romantic comedy, set in a forest made magical by love and known for the famous line "All the world's a stage," will run at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday-Friday, July 16-17; and Thursday-Sunday, July 23-26 at Wente Vineyards. Presented by Livermore Shakes. Tickets are \$35-\$50. Go to livermoreshakes.org.

'THE KING AND I' See the classic musical "The King and I," the story of widowed Anna who accepts the position of live-in governess for the King of Siam's children, at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, July 18--Aug. 2 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. No Friday performance opening weekend. Tickets are \$20-\$39. Call 373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org/bankhead-theater.html.

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE PRESENTS 'A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM' The LPC

College Theater Arts Department will present its inaugural production "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, July 23-26 in LPC's outdoor amphitheater. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket, pack and snack or enjoy the LPC food truck while experiencing an unforgettable, hysterical musical. Tickets are \$10-\$15. Go to laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

STARSTRUCK PRESENTS 'MARY POPPINS' See the classic musical "Mary Poppins," the story of the "practically perfect" nanny Mary Poppins, who floats over London's chimneys into the lives of the Banks family. With beloved songs "A Spoon Full of Sugar," "Chim Chim Cher-ee" and more. The show runs at 8 p.m. on Fridays-Sundays, July 25-Aug. 9 at the Dublin Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are \$22-\$28. Go to <http://www.starstrucktheatre.org/>.

Support Groups

BODY IMAGE ANONYMOUS (BIA/BDD) Body Image Anonymous is a support group for those living with Body Dysmorphic Disorder or other related body image disorders. Our goal is to restore our "true selves," finding self acceptance and recovery. Meetings are 3-4:30 p.m. the last Sunday of the month at the Pleasanton Library. Contact Lon at (209) 513-2319, or Tim at (408) 771-6620.

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

TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finnick Way, Dublin. It hosts special speakers like doctors or specialists. For more information, call JoAnne at 875-0960.

Seahawks post strong showing from Junior Olympics

Pleasanton squad brings home 95 medals at San Jose meet

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Seahawks earned a strong performance at the 2015 Summer Long Course Junior Olympics in San Jose earlier this month.

The local team received 95 medals during the competition at Gunderson High School, with the top eight finishers in individual and relay events eligible for medals.

The Seahawks' 11-12 boys swimmers accounted for 17 medals overall, with Lleyton Plattel leading the way with six first-place finishes in seven individual events.

He took the top spots in the 100, 200 and 400 freestyle, 100 and 200 butterfly, and 100 backstroke. He also posted a third-place finish in the 200 individual medley.

Alex Ren also won seven solo medals in the division, with runner-up results in the 100 and 200 free, 100 back, 200 fly and 200 IM. He also took third in the 100 fly and fourth in the 50 free.

Alex Smedley took third in the 800 free for 11-12 boys. The Seahawks' 400 free "A" relay took second with Plattel, Ren, Smedley and Andrew Wang. In the 200 free relay, the "A" team of Ren, Madhav



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The girls 10-and-under relay squad of (from left) Aven Lee, Christina Tsai, Sophia Pedersoli and Paige Bennett set new Pleasanton Seahawks team records in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle races during the Junior Olympics.

Vats, Smedley and Plattel was third.

Calvin Chui (13-14 boys) was another strong Seahawk swimmer, earning seven individual medals, including first-place finishes in the 400 and 1,500 free and 200 fly.

In the same division, Mattias Blanco took home four medals, with a third in the 400 IM, fourth in 200 back, and

fifth in the 100 back and 800 free.

Robert Mitu won two medals and Robert Torres and Justin Tsai captured one each.

The 13-14 boys 200 free relay with Chui, Tsai, Blanco and Calvin David took third. The 200 medley relay also took third with Blanco, Nicholas Wonosaputra, Chui and David.

In the 10-and-under girls division, Aven Lee and Christina Tsai earned five medals each, with Lee posting three third-place finishes plus and fourth and eighth while Christina Tsai was first in the 400 free to go along with a third, a fourth, a sixth and a seventh.

The pair was also part of the second-place 200 medley "A" relay with Sophia Pedersoli and Paige Bennett that set a new Seahawks record with a time of 2:32.15. The same quartet also set a new team record during their third-place swim in the 200 free relay at 2:14.17.

The 10-and-under boys 200 free "A" relay of Ethan Wang, Kevin Yuan, Alexander Suen and Dominick Wonosaputra took seventh at 2:20.54.

The 11-12 girls group took home nine medals overall, including five individuals won by Gwyneth Wong, whose top finishes were thirds in 100 back, 50 fly and 200 IM.

In the division, the Seahawks also had a sixth-place finish from Sydney Lu in the 100 breast and top-eight results in the 200 and 400 free "A" relays and the 200 medley "B" relay.

The 13-14 girls group won six

relay medals, highlighted by a fourth-place finish from the 200 free "A" relay squad of Caroline Eckel, Hannah Franzwa, Elisabeth Balicanta and Emily Claridge.

Individually, Franzwa captured four medals, Eckel and Paulina Umansky each got a pair and Stephanie Shao earned one medal.

Mandy Helle had a solid performance in the 15-18 girls division, including first-place in the 800 free, second in the 400 free and seventh in the 100 and 200 free races. Sofia Mofarrej took second in the 1,500 free, Alexandra Hernandez took fourth in the 200 back and Amber Fornoles took fourth in the 200 breast.

Those four swimmers managed seventh-place finishes in all three of their relays.

The 15-18 boys saw Michael Martin and Alex Suehiro earn two individual medals each and Jeffrey Tang, Preston Tsang and Nathaniel Sproul earn single medals. The 200 "A" medley relay placed sixth with Martin, Tsang, Nathaniel Sproul, and Ben Sproul.

Next up for the Seahawks is the Far Western Championships at the end of this month. ■

Amador grad suits up for US Lacrosse

Gilbert joins national team for U19 championships in Scotland



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Mark Kendall (left), ambassador for the Navy SEALs Foundation, accepts check for \$20,000 from Ralph Rajs, executive vice president of operations at Pleasanton-based Leisure Sports.

Leisure Sports donates \$20,000 to Navy SEALs

By JEB BING

Leisure Sports, which owns and operates ClubSport Pleasanton and the Quad, has donated \$20,000 to the Navy SEAL Foundation to be used in its work in providing assistance for families who have lost loved ones in training or combat.

The foundation is the beneficiary of Leisure Sports' annual charity drive which this year started with fundraising campaigns on Memorial Day weekends and again during Independence Day celebrations.

Ralph Rajs, executive vice president of operations at Leisure Sports, presented the sports organization's contribution earlier this

month to Mark Kendall, the Navy SEAL Foundation's ambassador.

Kendall said the foundation serves a fundamental role within the Naval Special Warfare community by providing tragedy assistance for families who have lost a loved one in training or combat. It also sponsors family events and support to uphold morale and camaraderie, education assistance and scholarships for active-duty personnel, their spouses and their children.

Leisure Sports, a Pleasanton-based developer and operator of multipurpose athletic clubs and four-diamond hotels, is a longtime supporter of the Navy SEAL Foundation, Rajs said. ■

Pleasanton native Jackie Gilbert is in Scotland this week as part of the United States women's under-19 national team competing in the Federation of International Lacrosse U19 World Championships.

The 18-year-old Gilbert, who graduated from Amador Valley High last month and will play for the University of Southern California starting this fall, is the only Californian on the national team roster. She is a leading defender for the U.S.

Gilbert is coming off an accolade-filled senior season, which saw her earn East Bay Athletic League MVP honors locally and being named nationally as a US Lacrosse All-American, an Under Armour All-American and USA Today Second-Team All-American.

Team USA was scheduled to open its world championships against Canada in pool play yesterday. They're set to play Wales today and Australia and Israel this weekend.

The quarterfinal round is set for this Wednesday, with the semifinals to follow the next day and the gold medal match on Aug. 1.

For more information about the event, including live-streaming details, visit www.u19wc2015.co.uk/webcast. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

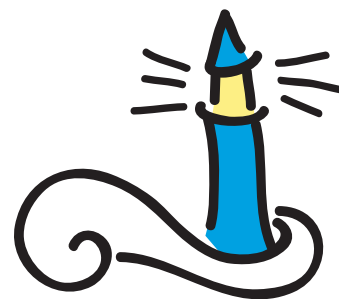


Recent Amador Valley High grad Jackie Gilbert is a member of the United States under-19 women's lacrosse national team competing in the U19 World Championships this week in Scotland.

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Housing starts rise nearly 10%

West down slightly, though building permits climbing

By JEB BING

Led by a steep jump in apartment house construction, nationwide housing starts rose 9.8% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.174 million units in June.

Newly released data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Commerce Department shows that multifamily housing production was up 29.4% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 489,000 units while single-family starts edged down 0.9% to 685,000 units.

"The multifamily gains this month are encouraging and show that the millennial generation continues to be drawn to the rental market," said Tom Woods, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders and a home builder from Blue Springs, Mo.

NAHB chief economist David Crowe agreed.

"While builders are reporting overall confidence in the housing market, they continue to note difficulties accessing land and labor," Crowe said. "These headwinds appear to be affecting production gains in the single-family sector."

Regionally in June, combined single- and multifamily starts rose by 35.5% in the Northeast and 13.5% in the South, although the Midwest and West posted respective losses of 0.7% and 6%.

Multifamily permits rose 15.3% to 656,000. Single-family permits inched 0.9% to 687,000.

All four regions posted permit gains in June, with the West posting a 9.5% increase. The Northeast, Midwest and South posted respective permit gains of 2.8%, 2.9% and 10.4%. ■

Home builders call Senate bill to raise loan fees 'outrageous'

Home ownership 'must not be used as nation's piggybank,' group's chairman says

The National Association of Home Builders this week labeled as "outrageous" a U.S. Senate plan to raise home loan guarantee fees to help finance national transportation programs.

"With first-time home buyers still hesitant to enter the marketplace, it makes no sense to impose what amounts to a new tax on home ownership that will disproportionately affect low- to moderate-income borrowers," said NAHB Chairman Tom Woods, a home builder and developer from Blue Springs, Mo.

A Senate bill that eventually failed to move forward would have raised Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loan guarantee fees.

"It is outrageous that Congress would consider using (loan guarantee) fees to cover the cost of programs completely unrelated

to housing," Woods said. "These fees should only be used for their intended purpose: to protect against mortgage defaults and ensure the safety and soundness of the housing finance system."

The Senate vote on cloture failed and the motion to proceed on the bill cannot move forward.

"Senators need to go back to the drawing board and do the right thing," Woods said. "Before attempting to advance the transportation bill again, senators must strip the fee provision out of the legislation and look for other means to fund the measure."

"Home ownership cannot, and must not, be used as the nation's piggybank," he added. ■

—Jeb Bing

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 29-June 25

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- 653 Abbie Street** Page Trust to T. & N. Regonini for \$1,500,000
- 2929 Amoroso Court** Schwartz Trust to R. Zhu for \$1,457,000
- 3880 Belmont Way** G. Bickley to H. Vaishampayan for \$415,000
- 5459 Black Avenue #1** Waterhouse Trust to M. Masajlo for \$527,000
- 3019 Boardwalk Street** Armendariz Trust to B. Jeevan for \$918,000
- 1634 Calle Santa Anna** Coelho Trust to T. Buteau for \$655,000
- 72 Castlewood Drive** Kelley Trust to Damico Trust for \$2,000,000
- 3108 Chardonnay Drive** Tucker Trust to D. & B. Polanco for \$1,125,000
- 2627 Chocolate Street** Quach Trust to P. Govindan for \$920,000
- 2431 Crestline Road** Kallenberg Trust to B. & K. Bromley for \$1,075,000
- 773 East Angela Street** Walker Trust to C. & L. Giles for \$1,035,000
- 2389 Foothill Road #4** R. & S. Abdel-Massih to J. & M. Murray for \$368,000
- 2021 Foxswallow Road** D. & H. Martin to L. &

- H. Fukuda for \$1,000,000
- 4579 Gatetree Circle** R. Castillo to J. & Y. Cho for \$980,000
- 7888 Golden Eagle Way** M. Qayyum to X. Gong for \$1,858,000
- 826 Gray Fox Circle** P. & J. Segundo to S. & J. Guhasarkar for \$1,835,000
- 850 Gray Fox Circle** R. & D. Barraza to P. & J. Segundo for \$1,850,000
- 862 Gray Fox Circle** C. & J. Disibio to J. & C. Takata for \$2,555,000
- 1895 Halcyon Court** A. & M. Schenone to A. & A. Singh for \$990,000
- 6024 Hansen Drive** Harrington Trust to V. & S. Palekar for \$1,260,000
- 7942 Hillsboro Court** P. Meszaros to A. & M. Bhimjee for \$905,000
- 3140 Joanne Circle** M. & L. O'Malley to E. Li for \$1,170,000
- 2237 Kamp Court** Geraghty Trust to P. & S. Saxena for \$1,400,000
- 3949 Kern Court** Y. Jen to A. Mishra for \$740,000
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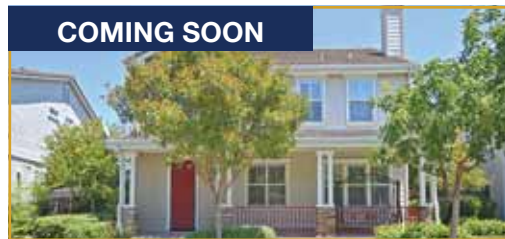
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