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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## New library may finally be in our future

A group of 17 city and civic leaders have been appointed by the City Council to a task force to consider expanding or rebuilding the Pleasanton Civic Center/City Hall and the public library. If 17 seems too small for what's called an "ad hoc" committee, add in Brian Dolan, assistant city manager, and Julie Farnsworth, Pleasanton librarian.



JULIE FARNSWORTH, Pleasanton Librarian

Their assignment is to "explore and review" various ideas for upgrading these woefully inadequate facilities. The library should come first. At 0.40 square feet per capita, the Pleasanton Library is dwarfed by Dublin's with 1 square foot and Livermore's at 0.80. A new or expanded library has been on the City Council's priority list for years without funding. Even the just-appointed task force comes with the caveat: "There is no financial impact as a result of forming (this committee)."

The Pleasanton Library actually dates back to 1908 when the city's newly formed Women's Improvement Club raised \$1,100 at an "Old Maid's Convention" and other fundraisers to purchase a site to house the Reading Room. It opened to the public a year later with books donated by the public and a librarian hired for \$10 a month.

In 1964, the library became a full member of the Alameda County library system and, in 1973, the need for growth led to a new 6,900-square-foot building for the library on Black Avenue. In 1987, the city recognized the need for an even larger library and began construction on the current \$6 million, 30,000-square-foot facility, which opened in 1988. In 1999, Pleasanton withdrew from the county system to make ours a municipal library.

Since that time, use of the library has more than doubled, with more than 120,000 items typically checked out each month at a library that attracts more than 2,000 patron visits daily. Despite the growth, librarian Farnsworth makes do with a \$4 million annual budget that has stayed much the same for years in a library that now has 24 full-time employees, 40 part-timers and hundreds of volunteers. Besides Pleasanton residents, they serve the tens

of thousands of out-of-town residents who come to jobs in Pleasanton at Hacienda Business Park, Oracle, Safeway, Clorox, Workday, Kaiser, Stoneridge Shopping Center and other major employers.

Proposals to increase library space that the task force will consider range from opening branch libraries in other parts of the city to expanding the current facility into the adjoining parking lot to rebuilding it on the site of the old post office on Main Street. In fact, a joint city council-library commission in 2009 favored that recommendation by the library commission to move the library from its current location at 400 Old Bernal Ave. to a new 73,000-square-foot public library building that would be built on city-owned property at the south end of Main Street. That would more than double the floor space of the library, which has 30,178 square feet of space.

That plan also called for relocating city administrative offices, now located at 200 Old Bernal Ave. and at 123 and 157 Main St., into the existing library building, which was not constructed to allow a second floor.

Also considered has been the possibility of building a new library on a 3.3-acre site owned by the city of San Francisco across Old Bernal Avenue from the current library. At one time, Pleasanton thought it could buy the site for \$500,000. San Francisco now is asking \$3.5 million for the property. That price tag is considered unreasonable for the city to consider buying it nor has any developer indicated an interest in acquiring the property despite its proximity to the ACE train station.

Another proposal has been to build a new library on vacant land on the Bernal Park property and to combine it with a proposal for a community center or a civic arts center — both of which are also on the council's priority list of eventual projects to consider.

There are also opponents to spending limited city funds to expand or rebuild the library, arguing that CDs, the Internet, smartphones, iPads, Kindles and other popular devices are gradually replacing books as we know them today. In fact, CDs are among the most checked-out materials in the library and computers there are in constant use, even in the children's sections. Farnsworth scoffs at those critics.

"They've been saying that for 30 years, and we're more crowded than ever," she said. "Explain that!" ■

### About the Cover

Pleasanton high school football players, clockwise from top left: Cash Connolly (Foothill), Ledre McCollough (Amador Valley), Ruben Mercado (Foothill) and Patrick Loughnane (Amador Valley). Photos by Rita Sira/AVHS Football and Kari Dukleth. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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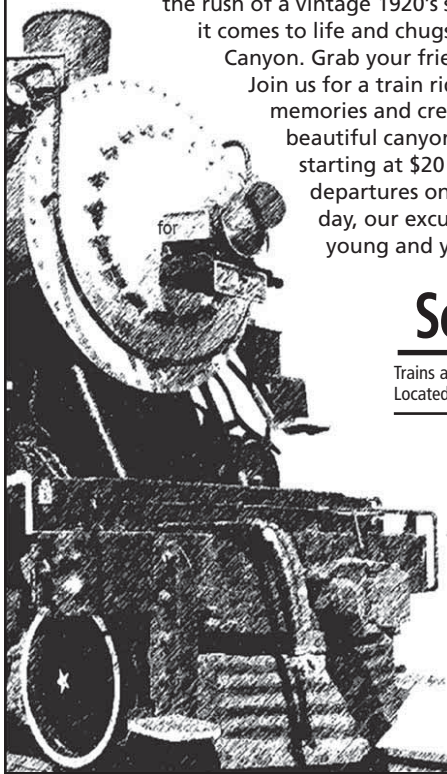
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

## How do you feel about heading back to school?



**Madison Thorng**  
High school student

I'm starting high school, so of course I'm a little nervous because it will all be so new and different. But I'm also very excited to start my classes, to meet my teachers, to find my way around, to see my friends and to even make new friends.



**Samuel Hughes**  
Elementary school student

I am very excited. I am home-schooled and am looking forward to getting back into the routine of having school and learning something new every day. I feel like I'm really ready for it.



**Tavin Heisig**  
Middle school student

Well, I'm kind of bummed that the summer is over, but I'm looking forward to getting back to school and seeing my friends every day and playing sports.



**Joey DeMeo**  
Middle school student

I am mostly excited to be heading back to school. I'm not looking forward to sitting at a desk for big chunks of time, or doing homework, but I am looking forward to starting classes and getting to know my teachers.



**Ava McCoy**  
Middle school student

I'm not really sure how I feel. On the one hand, I don't want the summer to end because it's so much fun. But on the other hand, I'm looking forward to getting back into the normal routine of going to school every weekday, seeing my friends, playing sports, and even doing homework and studying for tests.

Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Back open for all

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) has reopened its popular recycled water program to anyone who wishes to participate.

DSRSD had initially opened the program to anyone, but in July it restricted new members to those who live in Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon, which are the areas the district serves, because more people signed up than the program could handle.

The program, which reopened to the public last week, is free and provides recycled water to help residents keep their lawns and landscaping alive during the drought. The two residential fill stations are located at 7399 Johnson Drive in Pleasanton and the Dublin Safety Complex.

For information on how to participate, visit [www.dsrds.com](http://www.dsrds.com).

### Haven auction

An online auction to support Tri-Valley Haven remains open through Sept. 8.

Bid on or instantly purchase brand new furniture, specialty mattress toppers, pillows, beds and collectable sports items, with all proceeds going directly to the local nonprofit. All shipping of items is free within the continental U.S.

For more than 35 years, Tri-Valley Haven has provided life-saving services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness in the area. The agency also provides comprehensive violence prevention education and counseling.

To access the auction, visit [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org).

### History Walk

Museum on Main is leading a stroll through time tomorrow with its free Pleasanton History Walk.

The 90-minute walk, departing from the downtown museum at 10 a.m., includes the old Town Hall, the Roxy Theatre, the site of the first hotel in Pleasanton and the oldest building in downtown.

The tour is appropriate for all ages, covers a distance of approximately one mile and is handicapped accessible. The walk is limited to the first 25 people in attendance.

For more information on tours or programs at Museum on Main, contact director of education Sarah Schaefer at 462-2766 or [education@museumonmain.org](mailto:education@museumonmain.org). The museum is located at 603 Main St. ■

## Pleasanton Unified justified in firing Vranesh

Document details decision in school district's case against former Walnut Grove principal

By MEREDITH BAUER

Former Walnut Grove Elementary principal Jon Vranesh was properly dismissed by the Pleasanton Unified School District due to "immoral conduct, dishonesty, evident unfitness for service and a persistent violation of and refusal to obey the school laws."

That was the conclusion of members of the Commission on Professional Competence in a decision released last week by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).

The written ruling issued Aug. 19 details why a three-panel com-

mission determined the Pleasanton Unified's termination of Vranesh based on allegations of harassment was valid. The document was released to the Pleasanton Weekly the next day by the OAH, an administrative dispute tribunal.

The decision comes after a three-week administrative hearing in May that served as Vranesh's

legal challenge to the district's intention to fire him amid allegations of inappropriate conduct.

Vranesh was removed as principal of Walnut Grove and placed on administrative leave in October 2013. According to documents obtained by the Pleasanton Weekly in early 2014, Vranesh was accused of creating a "hostile work environment" by calling female employees derogatory gender-based slurs. He was also accused of invasion of privacy and causing emotional distress.

The OAH decision stated Vranesh changed the culture of Walnut Grove

from a "happy, extremely positive, cohesive unit" to a culture where he "took advantage of his position as principal to bully, humiliate and isolate teachers who were not in his inner circle." The document said teachers felt uncomfortable and, at points, "fearful for their physical safety."

The panel's findings include allegations of inappropriate and threatening language.

The written decision continues by stating incidents where Vranesh allegedly knowingly destroyed dis-

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Jon Vranesh



ADAM GOLDEN

### Soaking it in

Players, coaches and family members celebrate the Tri-Valley all-stars' victory in the Babe Ruth 13-year-old World Series in Jamestown, N.Y. Some of the boys made sure manager Tony Battilega joined in the fun, with a nice bath from the water cooler. The local team, comprised of teens from Pleasanton, San Ramon and Danville, clinched the national championship with a 20-0 win over Maine last Saturday. See page 19 for full story.

## Thoratec sale to Minnesota-based St. Jude Medical proceeding

\$3.4 billion deal positions combined companies to grow 10% annually

Pleasanton-based Thoratec Corp., a leader in therapies to address advanced-stage heart failure, announced this week that it is proceeding with the bid by St. Jude Medical Inc. to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Thoratec in an all-cash transaction valued at \$3.4 billion, or \$63.50 per share.

The announcement followed the expiration of a "go shop" period during which Thoratec and its representatives solicited alternative acquisition proposals. With no acquisition proposals received, the boards of directors of both companies

unanimously approved the agreement, which represents a premium of 40.1% compared to Thoratec's trading price of \$45.34 for the 30 trading day period ending July 17.

The transaction is expected to be completed in this year's fourth quarter, subject to regulatory and shareholder approval.

Thoratec's products include the HeartMate II and HeartMate 3 LVAS (Left Ventricular Assist Systems) and Thoratec VAD (Ventricular Assist Device) with more than 20,000 devices implanted in patients suffering from heart failure. Thoratec

also manufactures and distributes the CentriMag, PediMag/PediVAS and HeartMate PHP product lines.

HeartMate 3 and HeartMate PHP are investigational devices and are limited by U.S. law to investigational use.

St. Jude Medical's strength in heart failure solutions is based on its portfolio of innovative solutions that are proven to improve outcomes and reduce costs, including its Quadripolar CRT-D and CRT-P technologies, MultiPoint Pacing

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## Final 1st Wednesday street party

'Green Scene' environmental issues are focus

By JEB BING

Pleasanton's final 1st Wednesday of the summer will focus on environmental issues next week with vendors offering information on energy efficiency, waste reduction, water conservation and recycling.

Sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA), this third annual "Green Scene event will focus on people, services and businesses working to take care of the planet," said Julie Vlahon, the PDA's events coordinator.

Among the nearly 200 vendors booths at the event, those involved in environmental issues will be marked with green balloons.

Green Scene vendors will include Zone 7 Water Agency, New Leaf Community Markets, High Definition Solar, Safeway, Tri-Valley Lawn Painting, The Solar Company, City of Pleasanton Community Services Department and Green Stock Solar.

During the event, Public Eye will offer live music in the Entertainment Garden, and more live music will be offered at ArtBlock on West Angela Street with saxophonist Jeffrey Jones and at St. Mary's Street with guitarist Eric Rozran.

At the Entertainment Garden, adults 21 years of age and older can sample a variety of wines and beers. Murrieta's Well, Entwine and Mitchell Katz Winery will serve varietals by the glass. Handles Gastropub will serve craft brews from its tap trailer.

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## Sewer district board member abruptly resigns to pursue job within district

Board to discuss Tuesday what to do about vacancy

By MEREDITH BAUER

The Dublin San Ramon Services District board will meet next week to decide how to fill member Dawn Benson's seat after she resigned from the board last week to apply for an employment position within the district, which provides wastewater services to Pleasanton.

Benson, a Dublin resident, is applying for a job as the district's executive services supervisor, and she said it would be inappropriate for her to continue as a part of the district's governing board while she pursues a job within the district.

She announced her "abrupt and difficult decision" to resign in a letter to her fellow board members Aug. 19.

"This promotional opportunity doesn't come up very often in the special district agency network, and I just can't pass this one up," she wrote in her letter. "This decision is probably one of the most difficult for me to make, as I sincerely enjoy being on the Board and value each of you dearly."

Benson was elected to the board in 2010, re-elected in 2014 and served as board president in 2013.

"We thank Dawn for all her contributions and her deep love of serving this community. We'll miss her," board president Ed Duarte said in a statement. "As a District committed to transparency, we will keep the public informed of the process we use to fill this vacancy."

The board will decide at its public meeting this Tuesday what process to use to fill Benson's seat.

The board can choose to appoint a new board member whose term will run through 2018, hold a special election for a board member or do nothing, district spokeswoman Sue Stephenson said. If the board chooses to do nothing, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors can choose to appoint a board

member or hold a special election.

The board is comprised of five members who are publicly elected to four-year terms. Registered voters who live within the DSRSD jurisdictional boundaries are eligible to vote for board members, according to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

The job of executive services supervisor, for which Benson is applying, is a mid-management position. Duties include overseeing administrative staff who prepare budgets and minutes for DSRSD board meetings, meetings of a joint authority board that manages recycled water in San Ramon and meetings of a board that manages and oversees a pipeline that removes sewage from the valley area, Stephenson said.

A candidate is expected to be chosen for that role by October from the many applications that have been received, she added.

The DSRSD board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the district office, 7051 Dublin Blvd. ■



Dawn Benson

## Baker's veteran-assistance bill clears legislature

AB 1401 focuses on alerting vets to financial aid for post-service education

By JEREMY WALSH

Gov. Jerry Brown is set to consider a bill from local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) that aims to improve notification and assistance to certain military veterans about financial aid services available for collegiate education.

The proposed legislation, which cleared the State Senate without a dissenting vote last week, would reinstate since-expired requirements for the Office of the Adjutant General to provide those veterans with student financial aid forms and help them complete fee waiver and federal aid applications.

Assembly Bill 1401 applies to members of the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve and the Naval Militia who have not completed a bachelor's degree.

"Our veterans are faced with far too many obstacles upon their return to private life," Baker, whose district includes

Pleasanton, said in a statement last Friday. "We have a duty to our military men and women to remove these unnecessary difficulties and support them through their transition, and that is exactly what Assembly Bill 1401 does."

Baker introduced AB 1401 in February, and it passed the Assembly without dissent in May, advancing it to the State Senate.

One of its main goals is to reinstate the notification and assistance requirements that had been state law up until the beginning of 2012, when the regulations expired and were never replaced, the first-term assemblywoman said.

Baker's bill also requires the office to make available for those veterans information about the federal Post-9/11 GI Bill and the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program, as well as contact information for veterans' educational assistance.

"I am thankful to my colleagues in the Assembly and the Senate for supporting this important measure, and I am hopeful that Governor Brown will sign AB 1401 into law," Baker added. ■



Catharine Baker

## TAKE US ALONG



**Temple view:** Jose and Sandy Iniguez visited the Mayan temple in Chichenitza with the Pleasanton Weekly near Cancun, Mexico.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to [srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com). Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

## Pleasanton man dies while abalone diving off North Coast

Ocean was rough, local diver got separated from partner, authorities say

The body of a Pleasanton man who was diving for abalone off the Mendocino County coast last week has been recovered.

Yoshihiro Ohhashi, 57, was diving near Van Damme State Park in Mendocino County, about three hours north of Pleasanton, last Friday when his diving partner lost sight of him, according to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

The ocean was rough that day, and Ohhashi and a friend were trying to dive to catch abalone, but his friend got sick from the rough conditions and got out of the water, the sheriff's office said in a statement. From the surface, the diving partner could only see Ohhashi's overturned flotation device.

Ohhashi's friend ran to Van Damme State Park for emergency assistance, and search parties from the Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department, the U.S. Coast Guard, the California State Parks system, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and county Search and Rescue units began sweeping the water and land, the sheriff's office stated. Ohhashi's body was found around noon on Saturday.

Cause of death was not immediately available and will be determined during an autopsy.

Abalone diving is known for being a dangerous hobby, and divers often flock to the North Coast to catch the prized sea snails. ■

—Meredith Bauer

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## Glazer bill aims to let school districts store more money for hard times

Local state senator among 17 legislators favoring move to designate up to 17% for 'rainy days'

BY MEREDITH BAUER

Two state senators have introduced a bill that would allow public school districts to store away more money for difficult financial years than is currently allowed.

Pleasanton's State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) joined colleague State Sen. Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo) in introducing the bill last week. It would allow local districts to save 17% of their budget to be used during economic downturns.

Senate Bill 799 would raise the mandatory cap on school district reserves that now stands at roughly 6% of a district's total budget. Raising the cap would allow school districts to designate 17% of their budgets



Steve Glazer

as "unassigned" expenditures, which essentially means they can save that money for a rainy day — like another recession — rather than being legally required to use it this school year.

"This legislation re-balances our system of state and local budget responsibility. It restores important local control by elected school board members. It provides transparency and financial accountability closer to stakeholders and the public," Glazer said in a statement.

He and Hill are among 17 State Senate and Assembly members who co-authored the bill.

The proposal states school districts could be allowed to save more money than the cap allows if they were facing emergencies or future large purchases, such as technology infrastructure or school buses.

The proposal also exempts from the savings cap all small school districts with fewer than 2,501 students and

districts that don't receive aid.

A state bill passed in 2014 created the cap, which is technically designated as "two or three times the minimum recommended reserve for economic uncertainties" but which usually works out to 6% in most districts.

Before the cap was created, the average school reserve amount was 30%, according to the California School Boards Association.

While SB 799 was introduced to the Senate last week and referred to the Senate Rules Committee, the bill itself isn't new. SB 799 originally passed the Senate in the spring and was passed to the Assembly, but it stagnated there, according to Steve Harmon, a spokesman for Glazer's office.

The original bill, which also dealt with the topic of cap funding in school districts, was picked up and most of the original language was scrubbed and replaced with the current language. ■

## Stanford/ValleyCare receives \$43,000 from 'Bras for the Cause' walk

Funds to provide nursing help for cancer patients undergoing treatment

BY JEB BING

Donations totaling \$43,000 from last Mother's Day "Bras for the Cause" walk have been given to the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation to be used for its Cancer Navigation Program.

The annual walk was sponsored by Tri-Valley SOCKS (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures), a local organization that raises funds for breast cancer research, treatment and educational programs.

The Cancer Navigation Program provides nursing help to "navigate" cancer patients through their diagnosis, treatment and follow-up. It includes the STAR Rehab program that helps cancer patients feel bet-

ter, improve their quality of life through services at Stanford Health Care/ValleyCare.

"We are honored to be given this meaningful donation from such a dedicated group of people," said Scott Gregerson, Stanford Health Care/ValleyCare president. "It is collaborations with community partners such as Tri-Valley SOCKS that help us continue providing our community with these special services and the high quality care it deserves."

Many who participate in the Tri-Valley SOCKS' "Bras for the Cause" walk often do so in memory of a loved one or to honor the spirit of a survivor, Gregerson said. ■

## WEDNESDAY

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Children will be offered free balloon animals at the Entertainment Garden and, farther north on Main Street, a chance to climb

Spider Mountain, twist and turn on giant trampolines, visit a pony from Horizon East Stables, get their faces painted or try on glitter henna tattoos. They can also test their virtual skills at Game Truck.

The Pacific Coast Farmers' Mar-

ket Association also will offer fresh summer produce, flavorful prepared food and beautiful blooms from growers also selling their produce at Saturday's Farmers Market.

A wide assortment of summertime food and beverages will be

offered during the event. These will include Big City Country Boy, Street Dogs, Lobsta Truck, J Shack and Rice Rockit, along with several downtown eateries that will be offering drink and food specials during 1st Wednesday.

The featured artist at ArtBlock this month is painter and photographer Jeff Hemming, along with a wealth of other talented painters, sculptors and jewelers.

The 1st Wednesday event will run from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 2. ■



## Probably the Best Way to Take Care of a Neck that's Being a Pain in the Neck!

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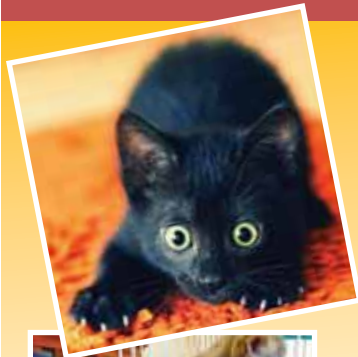
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Giving Them Another Chance

## Pharmacist counseling failures to cost Walgreens \$1 million

Alameda County DA teams with others in undercover investigations

By JEB BING

Walgreens, which has a district office here and pharmacies in Pleasanton and Livermore, agreed to pay \$502,200 in a settlement with Alameda County District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley over the failure of its pharmacists to properly counsel prescription customers.

The settlement follows a civil complaint filed in San Diego Superior Court that alleged California Walgreens pharmacists frequently failed to comply fully with the California State Board of Pharmacy's rules requiring personal pharmacist consultations when prescription drug customers receive new prescriptions or new dosages of

existing prescriptions.

In 2011, the board contacted O'Malley and two other district attorney offices concerning health risks that could arise if consultations were not given. Working with the board, O'Malley's and the other offices conducted undercover investigations of the consultation practices of a number of the major pharmacy chains in California.

Under the terms of the judgment, which was entered without admission of liability, Walgreens was ordered to comply properly with California's standards for patient consultations, and must fully implement an internal compliance program.

In addition to the settle-

ment, Walgreens also agreed to pay agency investigative costs of \$79,200 and civil penalties totaling \$423,000, raising the total agreement costs to over \$1 million.

"The collaboration of the three DA offices and the State Board of Pharmacy resulted in this settlement," O'Malley said.

She added: "Pharmacist consultations are imperative to make certain that prescriptions have been filled according to a doctor's order, as well as to advise the patient of proper and safe usage of the medication. My office remains dedicated to ensuring that the public has access to knowledge and education regarding the use of all prescription drugs." ■

## Tesla fire extinguished after five days

Abandoned building only structure destroyed

Firefighters achieved full containment of the 2,700-acre, five day Tesla Fire east of Livermore last Sunday.

The fire, which had been burning since 2:45 p.m. Aug. 19 when it was first reported, was in the

vicinity of Tesla and Corral Hollow roads, between Tracy and Livermore in unincorporated Alameda County.

Sunday morning, crews mopped up, putting out hot spots and securing the fire's perimeter, accord-

ing to Cal Fire.

No injuries were reported in the grass fire, although an abandoned outbuilding was destroyed. The cause has not yet been determined. ■

—Bay City News Service

## VRANESH

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district emails and conducted himself in a "dishonest" manner.

The administrative hearing was heard by Commission on Professional Competence council members Andy Evans, Mary Pippitt-Cervantes and administrative law judge Diane Schneider.

Nicole Steward, a spokeswoman for Pleasanton Unified, said the district hopes the decision will be the final word on the matter.

"The district is hopeful that this decision brings an end to this matter," Steward said in an email. "Our employees should be confident the district respects and supports their right to work in a safe and non-threatening and hostile free environment."

"The district appreciates the support of the community, including its support of those who had the courage to come forward," she added.

However, Vranesh's attorney, Paul Kondrick, contended that the OAH ruling was based on insufficient evidence.

"Based on the limited evidence that was allowed at the Commission on Professional Competence hearing, the decision and its findings are not surprising to Mr. Vranesh," Kondrick said in a written statement.

"We are confident that a more complete review of the testimony and exhibits, not cited in the Commission on Professional Competence Decision and additional material evidence excluded from the hearing, would and will ultimately lead to a different result," Kondrick added.

In July 2014, Walnut Grove em-

ployees Lynn Cronin and Marissa Swanson received settlements of \$245,000 each after filing claims alleging Vranesh sexually harassed them and created a hostile work environment. A third unidentified settlement was also paid in the case for an undisclosed amount.

Vranesh 'took advantage of his position as principal to bully, humiliate and isolate teachers who were not in his inner circle.'

Hearing panel

Vranesh claimed the allegations were unfounded and the district was retaliating against him after he raised complaints regarding health and safety issues several times in 2013.

The OAH ruling stated Vranesh's comments made to the Pleasanton Weekly regarding alleged retaliation "were untrue and had the effect of further fracturing the Walnut Grove community."

An independent investigation by Sue Ann Van Dermyden of Van Dermyden Maddux Law Corp. was undertaken "to determine if any of Respondent's (Vranesh's) complaints against the District had merit."

"Following an exhaustive investigation, in June 2014, Van Dermyden determined that Respondent's complaints against the

District lacked merit. Specifically, she found no evidence supporting Respondent's claims that he had reported safety issues to the District and that the District had failed to take action on such claims," the ruling stated.

"Although there were personnel-related performance and relationship issues with one of the custodians at Walnut Grove, this problem did not rise to the level of a workplace safety violation, and was not reported by Respondent to the District as such. When Respondent reported on routine personnel, curriculum and management issues, Van Dermyden found that the District was responsive to Respondent's reports."

The issue has upset some stakeholders in the district, particularly regarding to the perception of lack of transparency. Vranesh was placed on administrative leave in October 2013 and formally removed as principal in December 2013. Weeks later, the reasons Vranesh was removed as principal and placed on leave came to light.

District officials stated at that time they couldn't legally discuss the matter because rules protecting employee privacy forbade it.

Vranesh finished out the school year with the title of "itinerant principal" doing data analysis, and he wasn't offered a contract for the 2015-16 year.

Vranesh has also filed a civil suit against the district, which has not been resolved as of yet. ■

*Editor's note: The OAH written decision can be viewed at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com) as a link on this story's online version. The document contains explicit language.*



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## City to hold free workshop on how to make brown lawn beautiful

By MEREDITH BAUER

So you've stopped watering your lawn, and it's brown and crispy. What now?

The city of Pleasanton will host a workshop for residents to give information on how to turn lawns from brown to beautiful.

The free "What to Do with That Brown Lawn" workshop will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 12,

and registration is required since space is limited. Reserve a spot by calling 931-5504.

The workshop will cover sustainable drought landscaping, gardening, mulching, water-efficient irrigation and general conservation, including a presentation by local landscape designer Kat Weiss.

For more information, visit PleasantonWaterConservation.com. ■

## Teen Vogue's 4th annual back-to-school gala at Stoneridge Mall tomorrow

Stoneridge Shopping Center will host Teen Vogue magazine's "Back-To-School" gala tomorrow.

Stoneridge spokeswoman Kate Hudson said the event, from 1-5 p.m., is aimed at giving school-bound consumers in Pleasanton a preview of back-to-school styles as they head into the new year. It will include a special appearance by fashion and food blogger Chandamheer Stacker.

In-store events will include hair and makeup pop-up bars, flash tat-

too stations, a DJ spinning today's top hits, as well as prizes and giveaways.

Teen Vogue and Stoneridge also will feature a series of shopping-haul videos, showing how to achieve Teen Vogue's three highlighted Back-to-School trends.

Hudson suggested that those attending park in Lot D between the Macy's Men's and Macy's Women's stores and use the entrance near California Pizza Kitchen. ■

—Jeb Bing

## Pleasanton seeks candidates for commission and committee vacancies

Six city groups have current openings

The city of Pleasanton is currently seeking applications to fill vacancies on a variety of commissions and committees.

Applicants must be Pleasanton residents, with the exception of the Economic Vitality Committee, in which case applicants must be employed by a company either located in Pleasanton or that serves the Pleasanton community.

The deadline to apply for any of the positions is Sept. 11.

"If anyone has an interest in learning more about how local government operates or has a specific area of interest, serving on a commission is a great way to connect with your community and to get civically engaged," City Manager Nelson Fialho said in a statement.

The City Council is accepting applications for the following vacancies:

- Civic Arts Commission
- Housing Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Library Commission
- Youth Commission (middle school member)
- Economic Vitality Committee — 1 member from each of the following categories: business at large, commercial real estate development, commercial services firm, environmental industry, residential real estate broker and residential real estate development.

The mayor will conduct interviews on Sept. 25. For more in-

formation, contact the City Clerk's Office at 931-5027 or visit [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov). ■

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## A mayor's welcome to Pleasanton

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne received a visit at his City Hall office last week from his new granddaughter Eilís Madeleine Gough, who is on her first trip to the U.S. Joining the mayor are (standing from left) Eilís's mother and Thorne's daughter Keri Thorne Gough, the mayor's wife Sandi Thorne and David Gough, Eilís's father. The Goughs are residents of Lausanne, Switzerland and are here visiting for the next couple weeks.

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toring capabilities and the CardioMEMS HF System.

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St. Jude Medical is headquartered in St. Paul, Minn. Thoratec's headquarters are at 6035 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. ■

—Jeb Bing Thoratec's headquarters are on Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton.



JEB BING



### 13th Annual CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE

# Report to the Public

## Measure B Sales Tax Activities

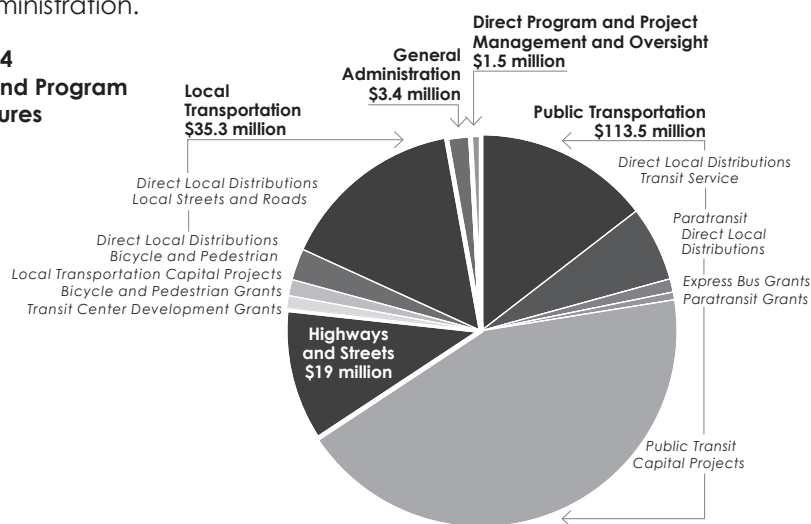
IN NOVEMBER 2000, ALAMEDA COUNTY VOTERS APPROVED MEASURE B, which extended the county's half-cent transportation sales tax to 2022 and set forth a 20-year Expenditure Plan. Measure B also established a Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) to represent the different perspectives of taxpayers throughout the county and to review all Measure B expenditures on projects, programs and administration for compliance with the Expenditure Plan.

During this reporting period, CWC members performed a number of activities. This 13th annual report covers expenditures during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 (FY2013-14) and CWC activities through June 2015. Alameda CTC received an unmodified or clean independent audit opinion for FY2013-14, and the CWC accepted the auditor's opinion. The full report is available online at <http://www.AlamedaCTC.org/CWC2015Report>.

## Summary of Expenditures

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is responsible for administering the Measure B half-cent transportation sales tax measure. In FY2013-14, Measure B revenues totaled \$127.1 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$172.7 million, which includes the expenditure of sales tax revenues received in prior years, for different transportation modes, oversight and administration.

### FY2013-14 Project and Program Expenditures



## Alameda CTC Projects

Alameda CTC allocates approximately 40 percent of Measure B funds to capital projects, net of administrative funding. In FY2013-14, Alameda CTC expended \$96.0 million of Measure B funds on capital projects.

## Alameda CTC Programs

Alameda CTC allocates approximately 60 percent of Measure B funds, net of administrative funding, on a monthly, formula basis (direct local distributions) and through competitive grants to Alameda County, cities and transit agencies for programs. In FY2013-14, Alameda CTC expended \$71.8 million of Measure B funds on programs.

## Citizens Watchdog Committee Activities

The following highlights the main activities the CWC has undertaken from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015.

- **Ongoing Programs and Capital Projects Watch:** The CWC continued to watch specific programs and capital projects and to monitor any issues of concern.
- **Ongoing Budget Update:** The CWC received and reviewed the annual budget and mid-year budget updates.
- **Audit and Compliance Report Review (Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015):** The CWC reviewed FY2012-13 and FY2013-14 audited financial statements and compliance reports received from Measure B direct local distribution recipients and requested additional information from them. All CWC concerns were satisfactorily addressed.
- **Compliance Report Ad Hoc Subcommittee (October 2014):** The CWC met to review the new compliance report forms that include funding tables to facilitate the CWC review.
- **Independent Audits:** In November 2013 and November 2014, the CWC received presentations from independent auditors on Measure B revenues and expenditures. The independent auditors did not identify any concerns.
- **Audit Review Process:** In March 2014, the CWC created an audit subcommittee to provide input to the independent auditor on items of interest to the CWC.
- **Annual Report to the Public (2014):** In January 2014, the CWC established a subcommittee to discuss outreach objectives. In March 2014, CWC members established a subcommittee to develop its annual report to the public. In July, the CWC held a public hearing to receive comments on the report.
- **Responses to CWC and Public Requests for Information:** The CWC received updates on Alameda CTC's general fund balance reserve policy, the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, capital project expenditures and other items of interest. Also in FY2013-14, Alameda CTC's Local Business Contract Equity Program exceeded its 70 percent Local Business Enterprises goal for professional and administrative services.

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# Higher water, sewer bills ahead

**B**race yourself Pleasanton. Your water and sewer rates will likely increase in October, senior discounts on water bills will be cut by one-third, base consumption allowance will be reduced by half and new charges may be added to pay for drought reduction costs.

These increases, which will be discussed Oct. 6 at a public hearing before the City Council, are needed to offset water and sewer costs not fully covered by ratepayers. Because we're cutting back on water consumption so much — nearly half of what we used two years ago — our bills are also half of what we paid for water back then. That has also reduced the revenue needed to operate the Pleasanton water department and cover its payments for the water it buys from Zone 7, the water agency that supplies the city.

At its meeting last October, Zone 7's Board of Directors approved increasing wholesale treated water rates by 3% for 2015 and again in 2016 for the water it treats and delivers to Pleasanton. The Zone 7 board met again this week to consider even higher charges.

Zone 7 is not alone. Other increases are coming or under consideration by those that handle the water as it comes from the Sierra snowmelt as well as those that handle sewage treatment and provide recycled water, including the Dublin San Ramon Services District.

While the city of Pleasanton has been able to absorb these increases, by not passing through

## Increases are needed to offset water and sewer costs not fully covered by ratepayers.

100% of the Zone 7 and other rate increases, the shortfall in revenue as a result of drought conservation 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. By city law, enterprise operations such as water and sewer are supposed to be fully funded by ratepayers, not by taxpayers.

Most significantly at its Oct. 6 meeting, the council will consider a recommendation to lower the allowable consumption rate before heavy-use charges are imposed from 40 Ccf to 20 Ccf, which is now a low-use rate. A 100 cubic foot of water, Ccf, 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.

The rate increases, if fully implemented, will increase ratepayers' costs 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.

For customers using 20 Ccf of water during a typical bi-monthly billing period, Pleasanton users will pay \$65.62, compared to \$81.92 in Livermore and \$97.94 in Dublin. For those using 40 Ccf, considered moderate consumption, Pleasanton ratepayers will be charged an average of \$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 would also increase under the recommended rate increases to be

considered by the council. Pleasanton customers would pay \$77.28, compared to \$86.76 in Livermore and a lower rate of \$63.73 in Dublin. The staffing, chemicals and electrical costs are higher here than in Dublin due to charges associated with pumping Pleasanton sewage to the DSRSD treatment plant on Stoneridge Drive.

Although the proposed 6.7% rate increase will help Pleasanton achieve a 100% pass-through to cover its operating costs, continued and even greater conservation provides residents a way to keep their water and sewer bills low.

The Oct. 6 public hearing will be held starting at 7 p.m. in the City Council chamber at the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■


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- Library Commission
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Leonard Cooper (left) leads the Pleasanton Ukulele Band as they rehearse their rendition of The Beatles' song "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da" at the Senior Center last week.

JEREMY WALSH

## The ukulele: love at first strum



Pleasanton Ukulele Band  
performing at the Firehouse

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The lively little ukulele — evocative of the Hawaiian islands and college kids in the 1920s — will reach new heights locally when the Pleasanton Ukulele Band appears at the Firehouse Arts Center this Sunday.

"In this area I have never seen an amateur ukulele group perform in a legitimate theater," said band director Leonard Cooper. "I am very excited about doing it."

Cooper has been a musician all his life. He majored in music with an emphasis in voice and minored in drama at San Jose State University, and he worked as a music specialist in the Dublin school district for 34 years until he retired in 2001.

The guitar was his primary instrument until about nine years ago, when he fell hard for the ukulele.

"I was pretty much into guitar, I used to teach guitar for Cal State Extension," Cooper recalled. "Then my wife and I were staying at a resort (in Hawaii) and they had a free ukulele lesson. I just loved it."

"The ukulele is an instrument of its own, with its own culture and its own background," said Cooper, who pronounces it the Hawaiian way — "oo-kulele."

"It came to Hawaii around 1890," he said.

When Hawaiian sugar cane plantations recruited from Portugal, the workers often arrived toting guitars and something similar but with

fewer strings that was called a machete, Cooper said. In Hawaii the smaller instrument caught on and became known as a ukulele, which means "jumping flea."

After his introduction to playing the ukulele in Hawaii, Cooper continued to enjoy it back home in Pleasanton. When Jams Music Store opened in Dublin and hosted a ukulele night in the fall of 2013, he attended.

"A lot of people showed up, and we had a wonderful time," Cooper said. "I said, 'When can we do this again?'"

He gathered contact information and decided to host a ukulele evening himself.

"Ten or 15 people showed up," he said. "For a year and a half, every

Tuesday, we met in my house."

His wife Ilene also joined in the fun, and her sisters Fran and Roz. Now their granddaughter Sophie also plays.

Cooper began to teach ukulele for the city of Pleasanton, with five-week beginning and intermediate classes. When the Tuesday group of players outgrew his house, he had the idea to start a performance group.

"I said, let's call this an advanced masters class, and we can hold it at the Senior Center," Cooper said. "So the city of Pleasanton now sponsors the Pleasanton Ukulele Band."

Once someone has graduated from the second ukulele class, he or she is invited to join the masters class. Those who already play the ukulele can audition, but Cooper estimates that 80% of the members are his former students.

"The goal of this masters class is performance," he added. "Most of all the ukulele groups in the area get together, play songs and that's it. Our goal is performance, and we actually have rehearsals."

The ukulele players also sing along with the music.

"There are very few ukulele soloists in the world, 99% of us use the ukulele as an accompanying instrument — it accompanies the voice," Cooper explained. "Many of those who join my group say they don't want to sing, but once they get into the group, everybody around them is singing and they want to sing."

The group also has some who just sing, as well as dancers and percussionists. Sometimes the Pleasanton Ukulele Band is joined by other dancers, from Island Spice Polynesian Dancers out of San Jose.

"We do not only Hawaiian songs, but all genres, '50s and '60s and some early '40s stuff," Cooper said.

Radio and early television star Arthur Godfrey brought the instrument into mainstream music and used it to play popular songs of the

time, he noted.

Cooper said that a year and a half ago, the band put in its application to perform at the Northern California Ukulele Festival, which was celebrating its 20th anniversary, and one of the stipulations was they had to perform a number with the word "ukulele" in the title or lyrics.

"We didn't know that many songs that had ukulele so we submitted 'The Strumming Ukulele Song of Company B,' and they accepted that," Cooper said with a laugh. That song is now one of the band's standards.

Although some music may come from the Mainland, the band members wear Hawaiian shirts to perform.

"We tried having everyone wear the same one, but then we kept adding new members," Cooper said.

The Pleasanton Ukulele Band now incorporates solos, duets, trios and quartets into its performances to put on the very best show it can, performing often at senior residences, Alden Lane Nursery and at the 1st Wednesday Street Parties in Pleasanton. But the show at the Firehouse Arts Center will be something special.

"We've been working very hard," Cooper said. "I would love to have the theater filled up." ■

### Ukulele fun

**What:** "With Just Four Strings," an afternoon featuring ukulele music, singing and hula dancers

**Who:** Pleasanton Ukulele Band

**When:** 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30

**Where:** Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

**Tickets:** \$10; call 931-4848 or visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or the box office.

# 'Madama Butterfly' onstage next month

Livermore Valley Opera's 24th season will include two fully staged operas

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Valley Opera begins its 24th performance season Sept. 26 at the Bankhead Theater with "Madama Butterfly," the first of two fully staged operas in the lineup.

"Our first opera, Puccini's 'Madama Butterfly,' tells a sensual and tragic story of a young girl rooted in the traditionalism, but yearning for a release, a true, all conquering passion that spans oceans and traditions," marketing chairwoman Katie Das said. "Most of all, this young

girl is seeking to be her own person, someone who is capable of making her own decisions, no matter how difficult the choices may be."

Metropolitan Opera singer soprano Marie Plette, a favorite of Livermore Valley Opera audiences, will play Cio-Cio San, the 15-year-old geisha who willingly becomes a common law wife of an American naval officer, Pinkerton. He abandons her, pregnant and lonely, and she spends the next three years yearning for him to return.

Supporters will have a chance to

meet Plette on Sept. 18 at "Dinner with Two Divas," an intimate event at a private home. To learn more, go to [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com).

The second fully staged opera this season will be "The Italian Girl in Algiers," by Gioachino Rossini, from March 12-20.

"The witty, funny and complicated main character and heroine of the opera, Isabella, finds herself — much like Dorothy in a grown-up version of 'The Wizard of Oz' — conquering a horde of scheming

admirers, and defends herself with humor and courage," Das said.

As always, weeks before the opera opens, Pleasanton and Livermore libraries are holding OperaLIVE! presentations, which are hour-long previews of operas about to be performed.

"OperaLIVE! events are free, public events that present opera to the community so that people who might not otherwise have the opportunity can experience this beautiful music and drama," said Livermore Valley Opera president Jim Schmidt. "We hope that the experience will encourage people to seek out other opera and other live performing arts."

The Pleasanton performance was Aug. 23, but OperaLIVE! will be at 1

p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., and will include "Madama Butterfly" star Marie Plette and others.

"The singers will perform selections from Puccini's famous opera providing listeners a taste of the wonderful talent that they will hear at the Bankhead Theater," Schmidt said. "Audiences have been thrilled to hear professional opera singers perform up close in these intimate venues."

Other events this season in 2016 are "An Evening with Opera Diva Frederica Von Stade" on Jan. 30 and the popular Opera in the Vineyard. For more information on opera events and community outreach programs, visit [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com). ■

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# Football returns tonight



KARI DUKLETH

Foothill running back Cash Connolly, shown breaking away from the De La Salle defense last season, leads a foursome of returning play-makers on offense for the Falcons this year.

## Amador opens at home against Heritage; Foothill hosts San Leandro

By DENNIS MILLER

**A**mador Valley football coach Rick Sira and Foothill coach Matt Sweeney have been coaching at their respective schools for close to a combined 60 years, and there has been one constant throughout.

The East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) is one tough high school football league.

"It is tough every week," Sira said. "Because of that, the level of football continues to increase every year."

"That's the way it has always been," Sweeney said of the difficulty of the EBAL season. "When I started, the standard was Monte Vista up in Danville. Now it is still in that area, but with San Ramon and Cal added as well."

That means there are no "get-well weeks" during the EBAL season, especially this year.

"The league as a whole is up," Sweeney said. "Last year I thought three of our six (EBAL) games were a toss-up. This year, all six could go either way."

Both teams open their regular seasons at home with non-league match-ups tonight. Amador Valley hosts Heritage (Brentwood) and Foothill welcomes San Leandro. The varsity games kick off at 7 p.m.

kids on the team and his work ethic is an inspiration to all of the kids."

Being in his third year leading the offense has increased Jones' knowledge of what to do, and Sira will look to capitalize on it this season.

"He will be making more decisions on what play to run this year," Sira explained. "His confidence has continued to grow, as has his decision-making."

Jones has two returners in the



RITA SIRA/AVHS FOOTBALL

Third-year starting quarterback Ronnie Jones will lead the Amador Valley offense in his final high school season.

### AMADOR VALLEY

The Dons lost some very talented offensive linemen from last year's 6-5 team that advanced to the first round of the North Coast Section playoffs.

But a solid group of returning players, being joined by a green but talented junior class, gives Sira and his staff plenty of optimism.

"I think we have a very good group coming back," Sira said. "And we have a very strong group of juniors coming up from the JV team that are already pushing themselves into playing right now."

Leading the charge will be quarterback Ronnie Jones. A senior, Jones will start for the third straight year for the Dons, giving Sira a nice luxury on the offensive side of the ball.

"The kids all look to him as a leader," the coach said of his quarterback. "He is one of the strongest



Dons Patrick Loughnane (left) and Sean Tomon coach Rick Sira.

COVER STORY

backfield with him, Ledre McCollough and Patrick Loughnane. Joining the two at times will be Sean Tomonari, a powerful and excellent blocker.

"We have some very nice runners coming back and all are seniors," Sira said.

On the outside, senior wide receiver Grant Huggins returns. He comes in at 6-foot-2, 190 pounds.

"He's a big physical guy with gigantic hands," Sira said of Huggins.

Matt Mahurin and Hakim Tokhi, a former gymnast in just his second year of playing football, are also expected to contribute at receiver. Sam Adams, in his first year of playing football, had a good summer as a tight end.

The offensive line may have been the area on the team hardest hit by graduation, but the cupboard is hardly bare. Peter Ernst, a 6-3, 230-pound senior, returns after playing well on both sides of the ball last year.

Mason Bartolo (5-10, 225), who started on the defensive line as a sophomore last year, is slated to be the Dons' center this year. Erik Guidice (6-3, 230) worked hard in the offseason and is progressing nicely through early workouts, according to Sira.

Tom Serrano, another senior who saw valuable time on the field toward the end of last season, has been another consistent performer thus far.

The defense will see a lot of offensive starters figure prominently. On the line, Bartolo and Ernst will be joined by senior James Simonds and junior Alex Crepeau (6-2, 230).

The linebacker corps will feature a pair of the talented junior class in Brandon Larson and Tore Wiley. Both were part of a group of six classmates that joined the Dons "1,000 Club," a much respected group that achieved a 1,000-pound weight-lifting mark during the summer. It is the first time Sira can recall he had six underclassmen achieve the distinction.

In the defensive backfield, Huggins is set at safety with Connor Mays earning one of the corner spots.

All in all, it's a talented group of returning players mixed in with some inexperienced players that



KARI DUKLETH

Falcons running back Isaiah Floyd attacks an opening against Granada.

have shown a lot of potential.

"I think for us the key is our offensive line has to develop," Sira said. "We have to depend on our players coming back. They have to be great players. Our younger guys will develop, but it takes some time."

But the question still remains as to who will be given the keys to the offense. Early in camp it has been a contest between senior Josh Merryman and sophomore transfer Ben Wooldridge.

Wooldridge has shown he has all the tools to be one in a great line of successful Foothill quarterbacks, and Merryman is valuable at a number of spots on the field.

The offensive line looks very solid right off the bat.

Three-year varsity starter David Dukleth (6-2, 215) is in at center and is joined by juniors Brennan Gallagher (6-0, 195) and Dylan Walsh (5-10, 225). Both started and contributed as sophomores last year. Mike Parisi is also in his third year on varsity as a lineman, but early in the season was not cleared medically to play.

Newcomers senior Nick Brum (5-10, 220) and sophomore Zach Walsh (6-3, 270 and the younger brother of Dylan) could complete one of the top lines in the league.

The defense returns nine starters, led by the same quartet who are now seniors. Mercado at safety, Connolly and Gates at linebacker, and Floyd as a defensive back are among the elite at their positions.

The foursome are joined by other talented returning starters like Blake Braden (LB), Dario Dondero (NG), Dallas Martin (LB), Merryman (DB) and Gallagher (DL). Brum and Dukleth both figure to be factors on the defensive line.

There's a lot of positive energy coming from the Foothill camp, but Sweeney knows as well as anyone, talent on paper does not always translate to success on the field.

"Our offensive line and our running backs have to take care of the football," Sweeney said. "We have a lot of good players, but every week is a dog fight. We need to block and tackle to be successful." ■

AMADOR SCHEDULE

Today	v. Heritage (Brentwood)	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	Bye	
Sept. 11	at Freedom (Oakley)	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	at El Cerrito	TBA
Sept. 25	v. Northgate	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Granada	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	v. Monte Vista	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	v. California	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	at San Ramon Valley	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	v. Livermore	7 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Foothill	7 p.m.

FOOTHILL

The obvious question when it comes to Foothill is: How do you replace Kyle Kearns and Isaiah Langley? — the duo that led the Falcons to a 9-3 mark and a spot in the NCS semifinals last year.

The three-year starters for the Falcons have gone off to Wake Forest and USC, respectively, leaving big shoes to fill at quarterback and receiver/defensive back. Foothill kicker Daniel Rodriguez has also gone to the Division I level, currently kicking at Oregon State.

"You don't replace guys like that," Sweeney said. "I think we have had eight guys go D-I since I have been here and three come off of one team."

At the forefront is figuring out who will take over at quarterback after Kearns.

"Losing the gamesmanship and experience at quarterback is difficult," Sweeney said. "We relied on (Kearns) to make plays for us on third down. Now we will have to rely on others."

For starters, Sweeney can turn to arguably one of the strongest senior classes he has ever had at Foothill to ease the pain.

The foursome of skill players like Cash Connolly, Ruben Mercado, Matt Gates and Isaiah Floyd is a heck of a place to start. Connolly and Floyd are explosive runners, Gates is a force at tight end and Mercado was one of the top receivers in the league last year.

FOOTHILL SCHEDULE

Today	v. San Leandro	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Freedom	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Stagg (Stockton)	7:15 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Castro Valley	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	v. Granada	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	at San Ramon Valley	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	v. Livermore	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Monte Vista	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	at California	7 p.m.
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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### PPD urges community to be aware of phone scams

Pleasanton police encouraged residents to be aware of phone scams that typically ask someone to send money to help a loved one get out of jail.

Such scams are not new, said Officer Archie Chu, and Pleasanton seniors often get targeted for calls where the scammer claims the resident's grandchild is in trouble.

Common scams include the caller saying a grandchild is in jail in Mexico, and the caller will ensure their freedom if the resident sends thousands of dollars on prepaid money cards.

Other phone scams include callers claiming grandchildren or family members have been detained by immigration officials, or scammers claiming they are from the IRS or another government agency and saying the resident or a family member has a warrant out against them but the caller will "make it go away" if the resident sends money, he said.

"It's basically some kind of threat," Chu said.

Pleasanton resident Yvonne Cevello said

she and her husband recently got a call from a scammer who claimed her granddaughter was in jail in Mexico after a car accident.

The scammer put a woman on the phone for a few minutes who said "Hi grandpa" and said she had been in Mexico for a wedding. They were then asked by the scammer to send \$2,000 via a money gram.

Cevello and her husband quickly realized it was a scam and contacted the authorities, but they want other residents to know how tricky the callers sounded. She said the scammers used her granddaughter's name, even though Cevello hadn't revealed the name to the callers.

"I know of so many people that fall for it," she said. "The elderly absolutely do."

"Grandma usually says 'Eric, is that you?' Then they say, 'Oh yes, it's Eric.' It always involves grandma and money grams," Cevello said.

Other scams include a caller saying they have a winning lottery ticket but can't cash it because they are a felon or an illegal alien, Chu said.

Often, the scammers ask for a prepaid debit or credit card to be sent, which makes it difficult to trace. Before that was a com-

mon tactic, scammers would ask for money to be sent via Western Union.

Chu said such scams are common nationwide, not just specific to Pleasanton.

#### In other police reports:

- A Pleasanton home was burglarized last week after someone sawed a door in half to get inside.

The incident occurred in the 8000 block of Rockford Place, with the culprit or culprits sawing horizontally through the front door and kicking in the bottom half, according to Pleasanton police.

A neighbor saw at least one person run from the house and get into a black BMW around 11:58 a.m. on Aug. 21, police stated.

About \$2,200 in electronics was reported stolen, including two iPads, three laptops and an iTouch, police stated.

No one was home at the time of the burglary, and no arrests had been made as of Monday.

- About \$20,000 in jewelry was stolen from a Pleasanton home during a burglary on Aug. 22.

The burglar entered the home around 9 p.m. on the 9200 block of Klemetson Drive, ransacked the master bedroom and

stole about \$20,000 in jade jewelry, according to police.

The burglar then tried to open another bedroom door, but a resident of the home heard the burglar and called out to them before he could see who it was, thinking they were another member of the household, police stated.

The burglar then ran from the house, and the resident who was home didn't see them, police stated.

An antique jade jewelry set with a necklace, earrings and bracelet were reported missing, police stated. No arrests had been made as of Monday.

- Police are investigating after a group of teenagers egged cars in a west Pleasanton neighborhood.

A group of teenagers allegedly threw eggs at four cars near the 8200 block of Regency Drive around 3 p.m. on Aug. 16, police stated. The eggs stayed on one vehicle throughout the day in 100-degree temperatures, according to police.

Residential security cameras captured the incident, according to police, who said they are looking into the vandalism, and no arrests have been made. ■

—Meredith Bauer

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Aug. 16

#### Theft from auto

- 10:16 a.m. in the 9600 block of Crosby Drive

#### Vandalism

- 1:42 p.m. in the 3000 block of Briggs Court
- 3:25 p.m. in the 8200 block of Regency Drive
- 3:25 p.m. in the 8200 block of Regency Drive
- 3:26 p.m. in the 8200 block of Regency Drive

#### Fraud

- 3:22 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall
- 11:05 p.m. in the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

### Aug. 17

#### Fraud

- 8:07 a.m. at Stoneridge Mall

- 3:08 p.m. in the 800 block of Abbie Street

- 4:46 p.m. in the 300 block of Christina Court

#### Theft

- 8:44 a.m., 1000 block of Serpentine Lane
- 8:53 a.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 7:47 p.m., 4700 block of Canary Drive; bike theft
- 7:18 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Aug. 18

#### Drug violation

- 2:37 a.m. at Clara Lane and Vineyard Avenue

#### Theft

- 7:57 a.m., Bernal Avenue and Pleasanton Avenue; theft from auto
- 8:14 a.m., 3500 block of Boulder Street
- 9:11 a.m., 700 block of Main Street; bike theft

- 1:14 p.m., 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

- 6:12 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

#### Fraud

- 3 p.m. in the 500 block of Neal Street
- 8:46 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

#### Robbery

- 9:36 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road

### Aug. 19

#### Commercial burglary

- 7 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft

- 10:49 a.m., 3400 block of Gravina Place
- 11 a.m. at Stoneridge Mall
- 1:13 a.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft from auto
- 2:19 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft from auto
- 3:09 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 6:15 p.m., 3300 block of Stoneridge Creek Way

#### Fraud

- 1:39 p.m. in the 1800 block of Tanglewood Way

### Aug. 20

#### Theft

- 7:06 a.m., 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway; auto theft
- 10:05 a.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 1:32 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto
- 4:06 p.m., 4100 block of Moller Drive; theft from auto
- 4:16 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from structure
- 7:10 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto
- 7:34 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

#### Burglary

- 10 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Fraud

- 10:06 a.m. in the 400 block of Dolores Court

### Aug. 21

#### Residential burglary

- 11:58 a.m. in the 8000 block of Rockford Place
- 2:24 p.m. in the 00 block of Foothill Place

#### Vandalism

- 3:46 p.m. in the 6700 block of Singletree Way

#### Theft

- 1:42 p.m., 7900 block of Paragon Circle

- 5:10 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 5:30 p.m., 6700 block of Koll Center Parkway; auto theft

- 5:50 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

#### Robbery

- 4:52 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

#### Assault

- 11:20 p.m. in the 400 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 11:55 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

### Aug. 22

#### Assault

- 5:35 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Theft

- 5:47 p.m., 7700 block of Cottonwood Lane
- 8:15 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft from structure
- 10:40 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; auto theft
- 10:59 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; auto theft

#### Residential burglary

- 9:17 p.m. in the 9200 block of Klemetson Drive

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**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION** The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

## Clubs

**GARDEN CLUB MEETING** The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Marlene Simon of UC Davis Botanical Conservatory will speak on native and Mediterranean bulbs for our waater-wise gardens. Call 485-7812 or go to [www.lavgc.com](http://www.lavgc.com).

**LIONESS CLUB** The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. Lioness is a service club which helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

**PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB** This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit [www.pleasanton-newcomers.com](http://www.pleasanton-newcomers.com). Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

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**SENIOR MENS SOCIAL CLUB** Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a social club for senior men. In addition to friendships, members can participate in interest groups like golf, bridge, travel, photography, etc. We meet for lunch first Thursday of the month at San Ramon Golf Club. Open to retirees in the Tri-Valley. Contact Rich Osborne at 785-3549 or [trivalleysir@gmail.com](mailto:trivalleysir@gmail.com). Go to [branch34.sirinc2.org](http://branch34.sirinc2.org).

**TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED PRESENTS JOHN MORLEY** TVRWF will host guest speaker, John Morley, who will discuss pros and cons of Convention of the States at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday,



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Sept. 10 at Cattlements Restaurant in Livermore. John is District Captain for the Convention of States Project for the 12th and 13th Assembly Districts of California. RSVP by Monday, Sept. 7. For reservations and information, contact Linda Krikorian at 426-1474 or [krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com](mailto:krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com).

## Concerts

**DARLINGSIDE** Darlingside will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Enjoy songs from their new album "Birds Say," their Indie, folk, and retro-pop sensibilities, four-part barbershop harmonies, and classical strings paired with bluegrass, folk, and rock. Tickets are \$20-\$30. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**THE RAY CHARLES PROJECT** In a tribute to the genius of Ray Charles, a sextet of outstanding musicians offers their take on highlights from Ray's songbook at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. The band unites elite jazz and blues musicians, including Grammy Award-winning Santana vocalist Tony Lindsay, Bay Area guitarist Chris Cain, and Glenn Walters on vocals. Tickets are \$25-\$39, \$16 for students. Call 373-6800 or go to [livermoreperformingarts.org/](http://livermoreperformingarts.org/).

## Events

**AN EVENING WITH THE HARRINGTONS AND PLEASANTON PUBLIC ART** Gary and Nancy Harrington, benefactors of public art in Pleasanton, will discuss public artworks in the community, including "Poppies" at the Veteran's Memorial Building, "Girl Reading" at the Pleasanton Library, and "Pioneer Founders," a large scale installed in 2014, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for seniors and students, and \$5 for members. Call 462-2766 or go to <http://www.museumonmain.org/ed-kinney-series-an-evening-with.html>.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS: ARTWALK LIVERMORE** 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Calling for Artists for ArtWalk Livermore 2015, which will be from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct.

10 in downtown Livermore. Apply at <http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org/bothwell-arts-center/art-walk.html>.

**DUBLIN LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE** Come to the Fall Used Book and Media Sale, hosted by Friends of Dublin Library: 6-8 p.m. members-only night (memberships available starting at 5:30 p.m.) on Friday, Sept. 11; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12; and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Dublin Library. Sunday is Bag Day. Fill a paper bag for \$4. Funds from sales go toward purchasing the Library's materials and supporting its programs. Call 803-7252 or go to [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org).

**FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** The Firehouse Arts Center 5th Anniversary Celebration will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Edén Taiko Drummers will kick-off the festivities, followed by "Made to Order Fairy Tales," the folk music band Extended Roots, face-paint-

## Celebrating 5 years of the arts

The Edén Taiko Drummers will kick off celebrations for the fifth anniversary of the Firehouse Arts Center, being held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5. The fun will include lots of free activities, including "Made to Order Fairy Tales," the folk music band Extended Roots, face-painting, mini-performances of "Tales of Olympus Jr.," mariachi, arts demonstrations, kids art projects, improv shows, and free cake, ice cream and balloons. The box office will be open, with tickets for all Season 6 events on sale. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave.

ing, preview mini-performances of "Tales of Olympus Jr.," mariachi, art demonstrations and projects, improv shows, and free cake, ice cream and balloons. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST HONORS FIRST RESPONDERS** Lighthouse Baptist Church will recognize Police, Fire, EMS personnel, and other First Responders for their dedication and service to our communities at their annual First Responders Appreciation Sunday, from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Sunday, Aug. 30 at Lighthouse Baptist Church, 118 Neal St. Contact Carol Bryson at 846-7220 or [carol.bryson@lbceastbay.com](mailto:carol.bryson@lbceastbay.com). Go to [lbceastbay.com](http://lbceastbay.com). The community is invited to help honor these heroes.

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**WILD WEST EVENING** Enjoy a Wild West Evening, an annual fundraiser for guests to step back in time to a wilder, less genteel Pleasanton that was full of gamblers, bandits and wild women, from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. With BBQ dinner, music, auction and libations with gambling tables. Sponsored by the Pleasanton Lions Club. Call 462-2766 or go to [www.museumonmain.org/](http://www.museumonmain.org/).

## Fundraisers

**CABERNET FUNDRAISER FOR OPEN HEART KITCHEN** Come to "Open Your Heart to Livermore Valley's Best Cabernets," a fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen, at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 at McGrail Vineyards and Winery, 5600 Greenville Road, Livermore. Tasting of 15 local Livermore Valley Cabernet Sauvignons and Sauvignon Blancs, followed by a trip buffet dinner and dessert. With prize drawings and dancing to the music of Larry and Friends. Tickets are \$85. Call 580-6793 for more information. Go to [mcgrailvineyards.com](http://mcgrailvineyards.com).

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**MILLS LINE DANCE SOCIAL** DJ Millie Dusha will play tunes from the classic oldies at the Mills Line Dance Social from 2-4 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. All levels of dancers are welcome. Cost is \$3. Call 556-4511.

Sports

**CCOP BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** Online registration for CCOP boys and girls basketball is now open at [www.ccopcyo.org](http://www.ccopcyo.org). Registration is available to all boys and girls who live in Pleasanton and Sunol and will be entering grades 3-8 this fall. More details can be found on the website. Sign up by Sept. 31.

**JOIN YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CLUB** FTC track club is taking registrations for the fall season (Sept.-Dec.) and will begin practices on Sept. 8. FTC is a U.S. Track and Field (USATF) member club for kids 7-18 from any school. We compete in USATF sanctioned meets and accept athletes of other sports who want additional training. Contact Jorge Quero at 209-7520 or [jquero@ftctrackclub.com](mailto:jquero@ftctrackclub.com). Go to [www.ftctrackclub.com](http://www.ftctrackclub.com).

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.

Volunteering

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## Tri-Valley wins World Series

Pleasanton boys among team to take Babe Ruth 13-year-old tourney title

By JEREMY WALSH

The Tri-Valley all-stars finished their summer as the nation's best, winning the Babe Ruth 13-year-old World Series last weekend in Jamestown, N.Y.

The local squad, comprised of young teens from Pleasanton, Danville and San Ramon, wrapped up the week-long tournament with a 6-1 overall record and sealed the victory in convincing fashion, a 20-0 drubbing of Maine in the championship game Saturday.

The finale offered a measure of redemption for Tri-Valley, which lost their World Series opener to Maine earlier in the tourney.

Team manager Tony Battilega credited the boys' hard work and dedication during their nearly two-month summer baseball season.

"Although school has officially started and the 13-year-old boys (some now 14) didn't get much of a tan or catch many fish, Tri-Valley spent the summer learning many lessons about life, themselves, teamwork, humanity and what it takes to be a champion," he said in an email.

The tournament began with the 10 qualifying teams from across the country separated into two divisions for round-robin play. The top three finishers from each division

advanced to a single-elimination bracket to determine the winner.

Representing the Pacific Southwest region, Tri-Valley started with a 6-5 loss in their first game Aug. 15. The local boys battled back from a two-run deficit to tie the game in the top of the sixth, only to surrender Maine's eventual winner in the bottom half.

"We were sluggish and didn't play well in Game 1," Battilega said.

Tri-Valley stormed back in their final three games in pool play, outscoring opponents by a combined 25 runs.

That stretch consisted of an 11-1 win against Florida (a game called after Tri-Valley scored 10 runs in the fifth inning), a 6-1 win over Washington and a 15-5 win over Ithaca, N.Y., in which the local boys overcame an early 4-0 deficit on the strength of a six-run third and four runs each in the fourth and fifth.

Advancing out of the American Division as the No. 2 seed, Tri-Valley beat another New York team, The Bronx, 8-2 in the first round of single elimination.

In the semifinal on Friday, they used a three-run third inning to propel them to a 5-1 win against the National Division's top seed, North Dakota, and set up a rematch with

Maine in the championship game.

Tri-Valley scored early and often in the title match, opening with nine runs in the first inning, two runs in the second, three in the fourth and six in the fifth. The offense had 20 hits and was helped by four Maine fielding errors.

The pitching and defense also starred for Tri-Valley in the finale, where the team yielded only two hits — both infield singles — and ended the game with a double play to secure the 20-0 win.

Danville's Beau Garratt was named the World Series' Most Outstanding Player, and San Ramon's Asher Golden earned Most Outstanding Hitter. Four Tri-Valley players received all-tournament honors, and center fielder Joey Battilega of Pleasanton earned a Gold Glove award.

Other team members were Peter Montini (Pleasanton), Cory Steinhauer (Pleasanton), Max Masajlo (Pleasanton), Trevor Jackson (Pleasanton), Michael O'Hara (Danville), coach David Grant (Danville), Tommy Gavello (Danville), Jack Grant (Danville), coach Mike O'Hara (Danville), coach Matt Steinhauer (Pleasanton), Josh Anderson (Pleasanton), Kyle Harrison (Danville), Jaden Sheppard (Pleasanton) and Evan Chevalier (Danville). ■



ADAM GOLDEN

The Tri-Valley all-stars won the Babe Ruth World Series (13-year-old division) last weekend in Jamestown, N.Y.



ADAM GOLDEN

The local boys rush into a celebratory dog pile on the field after clinching the World Series with a 20-0 victory in the championship game.

## 14-year-old all-stars finish 2nd

Tri-Valley team loses on walk-off in Arkansas World Series title game

A fierce late-game comeback fell just short for the Tri-Valley all-stars, who lost an 8-7 heart-breaker to New Jersey in the championship game of the Babe Ruth 14-year-old World Series last weekend in Pine Bluff, Ark.

The local team, which included three Pleasanton teens, scored three times in the top of the seventh to tie the game, but Atlantic Shore, N.J., scored the winning run in the bottom half of the final frame to claim the World Series title Saturday.

The finale played out in similar fashion to the tournament opener, which saw New Jersey beat the Tri-Valley boys on a walk-off — that time a 5-4 win.

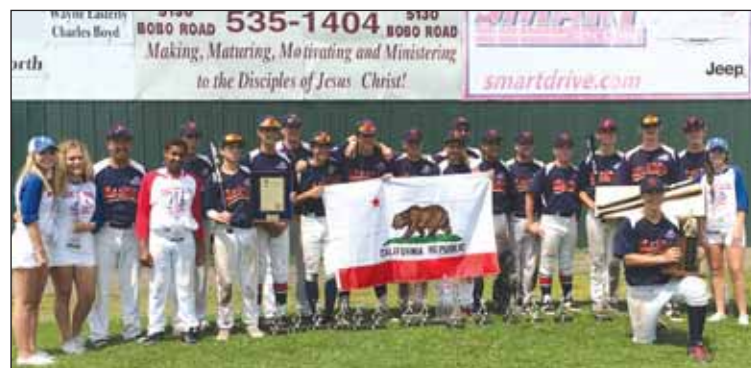
That would be Tri-Valley's only blemish in pool play, where they finished with an overall record of 4-1, scoring 40 runs while giving up only 10.

They beat New England 13-3, White Hall, Ark., 9-0, Ohio Valley 7-1 and South Arkansas 7-1.

Tri-Valley advanced to the single-elimination round and got things going with a 6-0 victory over Midwest Plains representative Booneville, Ark.

In the semifinal, the local boys took down Virginia 5-3 to set up a rematch against New Jersey.

Pleasanton's Nicholas Maestas opened the scoring in the championship game with an RBI double in the second inning. But New Jersey battled



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The 14-year-old Tri-Valley all-stars were runners-up in their Babe Ruth World Series, played last week in Pine Bluff, Ark.

back and built a 6-1 lead after scoring three runs each in the fourth and fifth.

Tri-Valley scored three times in the top of the sixth but gave one back in the bottom half, so they entered the final inning trailing 7-4.

In a tense top half, the local boys found themselves down to their final strike three times, but ultimately scored three runs with two outs to tie the game before making the third out with the bases loaded.

New Jersey would score the game-winning run on an RBI single in the bottom half.

The Tri-Valley team earned the tournament's sportsmanship award in addition to the second-place finish.

Danville's Dylan Lawlor was named World Series MVP and Top Offensive Player after batting .565 with three home runs. Lawlor, Matt Jew and Josh White received all-tournament honors.

The other team members were Mason Arnold (Livermore), Jake Benno (San Ramon), Will Brega (San Ramon), Tyler Coulson (San Ramon), Joseph Gavello (Danville), Josh Giffins (San Ramon), Conner Lawrence (San Ramon), Jeremy Lea (Pleasanton), Logan Mendoza (San Ramon), Josh White (Danville), Sam Zevanove (Pleasanton) and manager Dave Jew. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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## Seahawks swim in Hawaii

The Pleasanton Seahawks sent Sydney Lu, Daniella Hawkins, Calvin David, Caroline Eckel, Christina Tsai and Calvin Chui as local representatives on the 60-member Pacific Swimming team that took first place at the Western Zone All-Star Championship Swim Meet earlier this month in Hawaii.

The Pacific Swimming all-stars competed against 19 teams from 13 states at the four-day event at the Kihei Aquatic Center in Kihei, Maui. It marked the first time Pacific Swimming won the Western Zone championship and earned the title as "The Best in the West."



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### 997 All Other Legals

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SCOTT DISANTO** Case No.: RP15780093 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SCOTT DISANTO. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LAUREN GINOCCHIO and MARTIN DISANTO in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: LAUREN GINOCCHIO and MARTIN DISANTO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 1, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ Robert G. Zelenka, 64 West Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113 (408)295-7701 (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 14, 21, 28; 2015)

## East Bay luxury home sales up 28%

Sellers receiving average of 106% of asking prices

By JEB BING

Luxury home sales in the East Bay climbed more than 28% in July from a year ago while the median sale price edged lower.

The report from Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage was based on figures from Multiple Listing Service data of all homes sold for more than \$1 million last month in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

A total of 518 luxury homes changed hands in July, compared to 404 high-end sales in July 2014. Although luxury home sales last month fell short of the 556 sales in June, the brokerage said a seasonal decline from June to July isn't unusual.

The upper end of the luxury market remained strong in July with 49 sales over \$2 million, up from 42 sales at that level during the same month a year ago, and 11 sales over \$3 million, up from 10 a year ago and eight the previous month.

Meanwhile, the median sale price of a luxury home in July was \$1,275,000, down 1.9% from the previous month and a year ago when the median stood at \$1.3 million.

"The luxury segment of the East Bay housing market continues to be very strong with a solid increase in sales year over year," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

"The high-end market continues to be driven in part by buyers crossing over the bridge from San Francisco and Silicon Valley after being priced out of those markets or not able to buy a home because of limited inventory and intense competition," he added. "The East Bay still offers these buyers some good values, especially in comparison to more expensive parts of the Bay Area."

Some key findings from this month's Coldwell Banker report:

- The most expensive sale in the East Bay last month was five bedroom, five-bath, approximately 4,800-square-foot home in Berkeley that sold for \$3.9 million

- Oakland and Fremont boasted the most luxury sales with 62, followed by San Ramon with 55, Danville with 51, Berkeley with 41, Pleasanton with 30, Dublin with 26, Walnut
- Homes sold in an average of 22.3 days on the market, down from 24.8 days a year ago and up from 22 days the previous month;
- Sellers received an average of 106% of their asking price, up from 105% a year ago and down from 107% previous month.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has nine East Bay offices serving Berkeley, Castro Valley, Danville, Fremont, Oakland, Piedmont, Orinda, Pleasanton and Walnut Creek. ■

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# New home sales in U.S. up 5.4% in July

Market should make additional gains this year, builders say

Sales of newly built, single-family homes rose 5.4% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 507,000 units in July, according to newly released data from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Census Bureau.

"Our builders are reporting higher traffic and more serious buyers, and are adding inventory in anticipation of future business," said Tom Woods, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder from Blue Springs, Mo.

"Today's report is in line with other government data and improving builder sentiment and shows a gradual but consistent housing recovery," added David Crowe, NAHB's chief economist. "As job growth and consumer confidence continue to strengthen, the housing market should make additional gains this year."

Regionally, the Northeast, South and West posted respective gains of 23.1%, 5.8%, and 6.7%. The Midwest registered a 6.9% decline. ■

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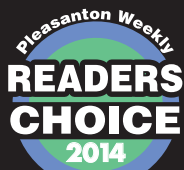


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**2757 Lylewood Dr.**

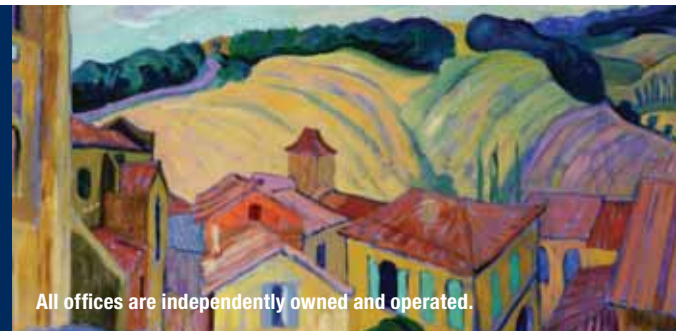
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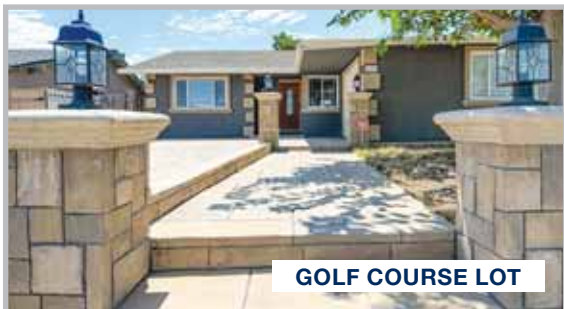
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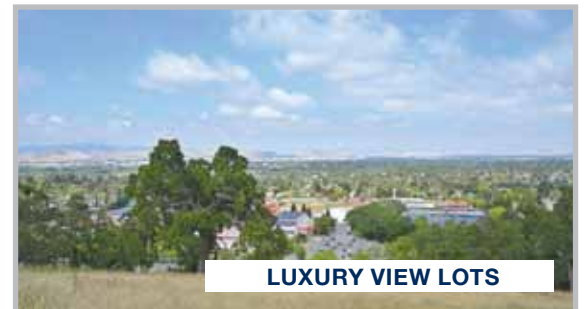
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