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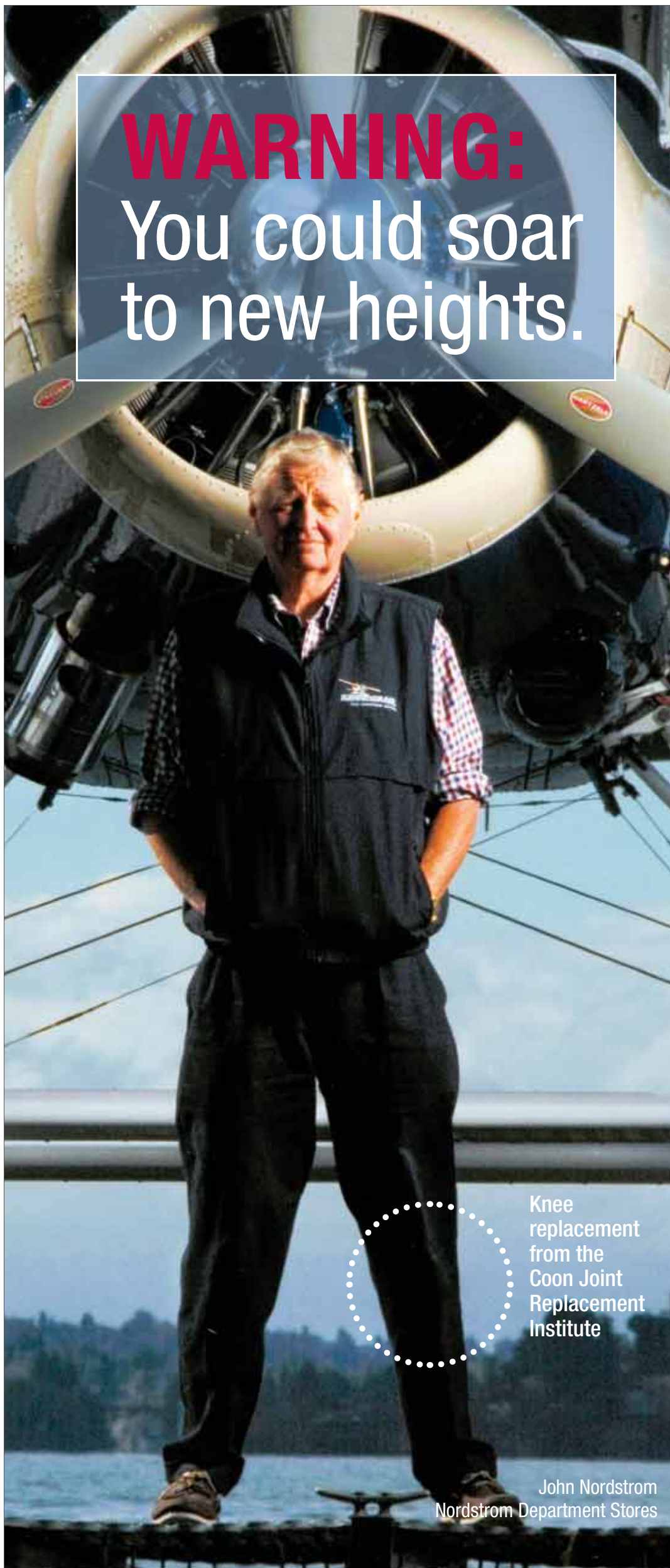


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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Rotarians give Marine a honeymoon he never had



JERRY PENTIN

Members of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton North join the Perez-Lopez couple after providing them with a trip to Fiji for the honeymoon they never had. In photo (from left) are Jim Ott, Yeny Perez-Lopez, Tom Hall, Francisco Perez-Lopez and Ed Golden.

Thanks to Jim Ott, an English teacher at Las Positas College who also heads the school's veterans' writing program, former Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Francisco Perez-Lopez and his wife Yeny will soon be traveling to Fiji for the honeymoon they never had.

It will be an all-expense-paid trip provided by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton North, whose members heard the post-9/11 veteran who suffers from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other injuries talk about his military experiences in February.

Ott invited Perez-Lopez to speak at the club's luncheon meeting about "Nor Shall Death Brag," his moving report as a member of the Marine's Quick Reaction Force while he was serving in Fallujah, Iraq in 2004. Relating those days in scorching heat and firefights with how he grew up in a rough neighborhood in Oakland, escaping to serve over 11 years in the Marine Corps, Perez-Lopez captured the attention and unusual quiet of the roomful of Rotarians who knew they had to honor the veteran.

They were so touched by his story that they gave him a standing ovation. Then, while answering questions about his life, he happened to mention that he and Yeny never got the chance to go on a honeymoon.

"She has always wanted to go to Fiji," he said. "We got married on November 29, 2003, and 19 days later I reported into 1st Marine Infantry Regiment to deploy to Iraq in February 2004."

Fast-forward nearly two months and the couple and their 8-year-old daughter, Jasmine, were invited back to the club on March 25 to receive what they were told would be an appreciation gift. When the couple was invited to come forward during the meeting, they

didn't know quite what to expect. "I thought maybe Francisco was going to receive a plaque," Yeny said.

Club president Ed Golden turned to Perez-Lopez and said, "When you read your story to us, you touched the heart of every member of this club. So as a thank-you for your service to our country, we are giving you the honeymoon you deserve."

The couple, emotionally moved upon receiving the gift, plans to make travel arrangements for this summer. They expressed deep gratitude to the club and its generous members.

During his service, Perez-Lopez achieved the rank of staff sergeant. He was deployed twice to Iraq, and he volunteered for the 2010 troop surge into Afghanistan. He took part in the 2004 battle of Fallujah, encountered many combat conditions while deployed and lost a close comrade in battle.

To read Perez-Lopez's story, titled "Nor Shall Death Brag," visit the Las Positas College website where student veteran stories are published at www.lpcvetstories.com. The Rotary Club of Pleasanton North has been active since its founding in 1987 in supporting many worthwhile initiatives and projects, including veterans' programs.

Ott, a founding member of the North Pleasanton Rotary Club, works with Las Positas students to become better writers. His short stories and poetry have been published in several small press literary journals. A former poet laureate of Pleasanton, he also is past-chairman of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce. In 2015, he earned a doctorate degree in educational leadership at Saint Mary's College.

Ott and the members of Rotary North deserve our praise for giving Perez-Lopez and his wife the honeymoon they'll finally have. ■

About the Cover

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New Listings in Pleasanton



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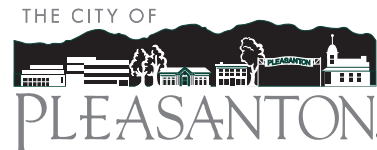
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This joint workshop is intended to maximize public involvement in the Johnson Drive EDZ planning process. No formal actions will be taken at this workshop. We encourage everyone to come and get more information, ask questions and share comments.

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Tuesday, April 12, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Pleasanton Senior Center
5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton

If you have any questions, need more information or would like to send comments on the Johnson Drive EDZ, please contact Eric Luchini, Associate Planner at (925) 931-5612, by e-mail eluchini@cityofpleasantonca.gov or mail at Eric Luchini, Associate Planner, City of Pleasanton Planning Division, P.O. Box 520, Pleasanton, CA 94566.



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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What is your favorite meal to go out for?



Miles Brae

Real estate sales and management

My favorite meal to go out for is dinner because it is generally the longest, most relaxed and un-rushed meal of the day. And I like to have it with my girlfriend because it gives me the longest meal to share with the prettiest girl in the world.



Debby Meyers

Account manager

My favorite meal to go out for is breakfast because I usually eat breakfast at home. So whenever I go out for breakfast I feel like I'm on vacation — or at least on a road trip or other fun adventure.



Anza Boule

College student

I don't really eat meals because I've read that it is better for your digestive system to eat six snacks throughout the course of the day. My favorite to go out for is generally during the middle of the day, and I usually get it at Starbucks.



Charles Delgado

Retired

My favorite meal to go out for is breakfast. And lunch. And dinner. Because any meal that I don't have to prepare and cook for myself is a favorite meal.



Kathrynne Bader

Marketing

My favorite meal to go out for is dinner because it is often with clients, so I am mixing business with pleasure. I really enjoy my business, so having dinner with colleagues, and clients and/or prospective clients, is generally very fun and exciting for me.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

PUSD superintendent interviews

The Pleasanton school board will interview candidates for superintendent on April 12 and 13, the board members decided Tuesday.

In a closed session meeting Tuesday night, the board talked over the process with members of superintendent search firm McPherson & Jacobson, which has been hired to facilitate the hunt for a new schools leader.

As candidates are winnowed down, the board will do face-to-face interviews and then is expected to announce the next permanent superintendent at a public board meeting on April 19, according to district officials.

The candidate interviews will be done in closed session, schools spokesman Patrick Gannon said.

Musical hodge-podge

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band is set to perform an eclectic mix at its Spring Concert being held at 2 p.m. April 10 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

The program will include music with humorous overtones and dazzling solos, some from composers not frequently heard but worthy of hearing, "a hodge-podge you might enjoy," according to organizers. Admission to the concert is free although donations are appreciated.

For more information about the community band, visit www.pleasantonband.org or call 846-5897.

O negative needed

The American Red Cross put out a call to blood donors saying the organization has a significant need for type O blood to support patients and medical centers.

Type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type and is often used in emergency situations, Red Cross officials said. "While less than 7% of the U.S. population has type O negative blood, hospitals depend on frequent O negative donations to ensure it's always available for patients in need," they added.

The Red Cross encourages donors with type O blood to make a whole blood or double red cell donation, where available. Prospective Red Cross donors must have a blood donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification at check-in, and they must meet age, weight and good-health requirements.

To make an appointment or learn more information, use the Red Cross Blood Donor app, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). ■

To head off more dry years, water agencies explore toilet-to-tap

Agencies, cities tout method as helpful supplement — if they can overcome 'ick factor'

By MEREDITH BAUER

The cities of the Tri-Valley and their water agencies are searching for a way to avoid more punishing drought years. But one proposed method, while touted as a "drought-proof" water option, has to overcome the "ick factor" that affects public support.

The cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon, along with the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), Zone 7 Water Agency and Cal Water's Livermore division, plan to research how to bring indirect potable reuse to the Tri-Valley. But the more common moniker — detested by some water officials for the off-putting

imagery — is toilet-to-tap.

By reusing wastewater and treating it to drinking water standards, millions of gallons of water that is dumped into the San Francisco Bay each year could be kept in the Tri-Valley, according to Leonard Olive, Pleasanton's assistant director of operations services.

"There's only so much water. Water isn't just made," Olive said.

A public survey done in late 2015 to evaluate public opinion of toilet-to-tap across the Tri-Valley showed 63% of those polled support the idea of supplementing the region's water supply with treated reused water. Those that support the idea cite the drought as their

main concern, but those that are against the idea say they are worried the process isn't safe — or just can't get beyond the "ick factor," as the survey specifies.

One significant problem is the vast majority of the Tri-Valley's water supply — about 80% — comes from a state distribution system called the State Water Project. Zone 7, the water wholesaler for the Tri-Valley, doesn't have control over how much water the state sends, even during wet years.

DSRSD engineering services manager Dan McIntyre said indirect potable reuse could give local water agencies greater control over the region's water supply. During

dry months, regional water agencies could have another source of drinking water, and excess water could be stored in the Livermore Valley's underground aquifer during wet months.

Researching the feasibility of toilet-to-tap is expected to cost about \$500,000 — to be shared among the region's water agencies — and the actual cost will be determined when proposals are submitted later this spring, McIntyre said.

The process would consist of treating wastewater to drinking water standards through a specific filtration and disinfection process, then storing that water either in

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AMY BROWN

Swimmers dive in to help children who are patients at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, where Pleasanton teen Sarah Banholzer underwent years of treatments that saved her life.

Swim with Sarah

Cancer survivor holding third swimathon to help other young patients

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

On your mark, get set, fundraise. Sarah Banholzer, a 14-year-old eighth-grader at Pleasanton Middle School, dove into fundraising a few years ago to benefit UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, which she credits with saving her life.

"I was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia when I was 4-1/2 years old," Sarah, the daughter of Teri and John Banholzer of Pleasanton, explains on her website. "I had 2-1/2 years of chemotherapy, several surgical procedures and lots of pokes and yucky stuff, but I am now Leukemia Free!"

In thanks, she began in 2012 to assemble Christmas cards using magazines and recycled cards and sold them to raise money to buy gifts for the kids at Children's Hospital.

Then two years ago Sarah de-

cided to give back to the hospital via the swimming community, recalling that joining the Pleasanton Valley Swim Team at age 8 was the first "normal" activity after her young life had revolved around medical treatments.

She tagged the event the "Be Strong and Give Back Happiness Swimathon," using the six words she chose as a school assignment to describe her life. The first swimathon raised \$15,000 and last year's, \$14,000.

This year's fundraiser will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 10 at the Pleasanton Valley Swim Club, 5014 Golden Road in Pleasanton. Register to swim at BeStrongAndGiveBackHappinessSwimathon3.eventbrite.com.

The money has been used to help buy video equipment to film a weekly variety show young pa-

tients enjoy over closed circuit TV. It has also paid for a lot of arts and crafts supplies, three life-sized medical dolls and Chemo Ducks, cuddly companions that help alleviate kids' fears and anxieties as they undergo chemotherapy.

Sarah has also chosen to fund discharge pill boxes, to help families manage the myriad prescriptions they must manage for their young oncology patient when he or she goes home.

"My mom can remember on several of my discharges, leaving with a large shopping bag full of medications — a little overwhelming," Sarah said. "Now these patients have their first week's meds sorted by the nurse in a daily pill box for home to hopefully avoid any possible confusion."

"This seems simple and low-cost,

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New VP named at Amador Valley

John Whitney fills interim role; principal recruitment continues

Retired Pleasanton Middle School principal John Whitney joined Amador Valley High's leadership team as an interim vice principal this week to assist while the high school transitions principals.

The announcement Tuesday came as Amador Valley searches for a new principal with Tom Drescher's resignation set to take effect at the end of June.

Whitney, who retired in 2013, joined the high school's staff "to provide additional support to the current administration team" until June 30, district spokesman Patrick Gannon said, declining to elaborate further.

In a letter to Amador Valley parents Tuesday afternoon, district officials said, "Whitney will be stepping in through the end of the year to assist in the many critical activities for the last part of the school year."

Dianne Howell, assistant superintendent of human resources, said the new principal is expected to be announced at the April 19 meeting of the Pleasanton school board, along with a new superintendent and a permanent principal for Walnut Grove Elementary School.

Last week, six parents attended a district-hosted forum meant

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Pleasanton imposing excess water use penalties despite rain

Regulations in place until state declares drought is over

By JEB BING

Despite heavy rains and a good winter snowpack in the mountains, Pleasanton plans to continue its drinking water restrictions and has now resumed excessive use penalties.

"Last year, we reduced water use across the city by 24% compared to 2013, so we're doing quite well," said Kathy Yurchak, director of community services and the city's water department. "Even so, we're in a holding pattern right now to see what the state does. It's unlikely the state will declare an end of the drought."

Still, the latest news is good with regard to the drought, particularly for Pleasanton, the Tri-Valley and Northern California.

In a report to the City Council, Dan Martin, the city's utilities superintendent, said that with 50 inches of rain this winter season, "we're right about average."

"Even with no more rainfall this season, we'd be OK," he said.

Reservoirs that supply the Zone 7 Water Agency and Pleasanton with drinking water, including Lake Oroville, are still below their average capacity, although seeing rising levels. With melting snowpack, they should continue nearing capacity, Martin said. He noted that Lake Shasta is now at 106% of capacity.

Reservoir capacity is not as good in Southern California, Martin added, which is why the state may continue water use restric-

tions, at least for another year.

"Even with the recent rainfalls, we're still just in the average range of water supplies, but not enough yet to reverse the drought," he said.

The effects of the drought are still seen in limited groundwater supplies. The groundwater basin refills from all the pumping in the past few years very slowly, Martin said. As of March 1, the statewide snowpack is holding at 81% of the average for this time of year.

Starting now, all residents and businesses must achieve a 25% mandatory water reduction over their 2013 consumption or face penalties, Yurchak said. Outdoor irrigation is allowed only between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m., and swimming pools must now be covered. ■

Civic leader Dave Walden dies at age 69

Real estate adviser also led Pleasanton North Rotary, Chamber of Commerce

Dave Walden, a well-known Pleasanton civic leader and real estate mortgage and sales training professional, died last Friday at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. He was 69.

Mr. Walden was self-employed as a communication facilitator and sales training expert who also was a certified mortgage planner, long associated with Diversified Mortgage Group in Pleasanton.

He also had served as chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and president of the Pleasanton North Rotary Club. In recent years, he also had worked with Cheri Tree in a system called B.A.N.K., a system to promote effective sales methods. His volunteer work even extended to San Francisco, where he served as one of 350 guides on walking tours of that city.

Born in Hamilton, Ohio, Mr. Walden was a graduate of Santa Clara High School and San Francisco State University before moving to Pleasanton. Later he joined Maureen, Rudy and Mike Lopez in their home in Castro Valley, where he was living at the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Civic leader Dave Walden, who died March 25, in recent photo with his friend Marilyn Ponte Grutman and his Yorkie Charli.

time of his death.

Although he had been ill for several months, it was only three weeks ago that doctors diagnosed his condition as Stage IV cancer of the esophagus and stomach.

He is survived by a cousin, Gregg

Hollenbaugh, and his close friend Marilyn Ponte Grutman, who was with him when he died.

No funeral services were held, but friends are planning a memorial service in the near future. ■

—Jeb Bing

Livermore apartment fire deemed accidental

21 people displaced; exact cause still under investigation

A fire that burned a Livermore apartment building and displaced 21 people early Sunday morning has been deemed accidental, fire officials said.

At 3:01 a.m., firefighters responded to a report of a fire at a triplex on Chestnut Street, according to Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department officials.

Upon arrival, firefighters saw

flames coming from the front windows and door of a second-floor unit, fire officials said.

A family of four was able to escape the fire from their second-floor apartment, according to fire officials. Firefighters quickly contained the fire to the apartment.

The unit sustained major damage, battalion chief Paul Legasa said.

Fire officials determined the blaze was not intentionally set, but an official cause has not been determined as of this morning, according to Legasa.

The fire displaced all 21 occupants of the triplex. The American Red Cross provided relocation assistance to the occupants, fire officials said. ■

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Livermore Rotary clubs donating downtown bandstand at Carnegie Park

Project represents 5-year effort by club members, community volunteers

By JEB BING

Rotary Club members in Livermore will present the city with their new Rotary Bandstand in Livermore's Carnegie Park on April 14.

The colorful bandstand is the result of more than five years of planning, permitting, fundraising and construction as a community endeavor by the city's two Rotary Clubs. More than 100 volunteers and donors turned the clubs' dream into a beautiful gathering space.

Electrical, concrete, steel, stucco, framing, roofing, landscape and painting contractors and suppliers donated much of the materials and expert labor, and members of the two Rotary Clubs provided countless hours of volunteer labor.

The bandstand, which will be dedicated in a ceremony at 5:30 p.m. April 14, is a gift of The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore through donations totaling more than \$125,000.

Kathy Coyle, of the Rotarian Foundation, said the two clubs established the foundation in 1987 to undertake major projects focused on community and youth.

Since its establishment as a tax-exempt, qualified charitable fund, the foundation has raised \$1 million through continuous Rotarian



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

New bandstand in historic Carnegie Park in downtown Livermore will be dedicated April 14, a gift of the city's 2 Rotary Clubs and their Rotarian Foundation.

contributions, major fundraisers like the Auction d'Elegance and Golf Tournament, corporate sponsorship, bequests and professionally managed investment.

The foundation has funded 765 community projects, given out more than \$540,000 in grants and currently gives out \$50,000 annually.

For the past five years, members of the the Rotary Club of Livermore and the Rotary Club of Livermore

Valley worked with Livermore Downtown, Inc., to develop a plan for a bandstand in Carnegie Park, a Livermore landmark.

Coyle said members agreed with the Livermore Heritage guild that its design not be faux-historical in nature, but that it blend in with the historic setting of the site.

More information about the bandstand and the two clubs' foundation can be found at www.RotarianFoundation.org. ■

We're looking for a few interns

We are seeking local high school or college students with an appetite for news and an interest in learning about print and digital media for internship opportunities. The intern will research stories, do interviews and help with fact checking and rewrites for the award-winning Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com. He or she will also be introduced to the other aspects of publishing, including advertising and production.

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Candidates must be responsible, have good writing skills, be available 10 to 12 hours a week and have reliable transportation. Applicants should send a resume, a cover letter explaining your interest in the internship, and links to at least two examples of your work to Jeremy Walsh, associate editor, jwalsh@embarcaderopublishing.com by 5 p.m. May 6.

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PLEASANTON CORPORATE COMMONS/HINES Green Business

Pleasanton Chamber recognizes leaders in business, community

53rd annual Community Service Awards presented March 23 at Firehouse

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce recognized a select group of business and community leaders at its 53rd Annual Community Service Awards celebration held last week in Firehouse Arts Center.

The awards went to those who the chamber cited as “deserving individuals, groups and businesses who have demonstrated excellence and community leadership in business, volunteer activities and achievement.”

“The program began in 1963 and, since then, hundreds of recipients have been honored,” said Susie Weiss, the chamber’s manager of communications and special events.

Those receiving the awards and their categories were:

Fratellone Family Chiropractic Business Philanthropy: For businesses that have provided

philanthropic service beyond the scope of normal business activity.

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Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation

Excellence in Service: For organizations that have contributed to Pleasanton.

Eleanor Flatley

Distinguished Individual Service: For individuals who have contributed to Pleasanton through exceptional service to the community or philanthropic efforts.

Frank Capilla

Lifetime Achievement: For individuals who have contributed to Pleasanton through exceptional service to the community



Christina Gray/Bella Luna Studios

Above: Mayor Jerry Thorne stands with the Community Service Award recipients honored for their local leadership. **Right:** Assemblywoman Catharine Baker presents Frank Capilla with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce’s 53rd Annual Community Service Awards celebration held last week in Firehouse Arts Center.



or philanthropic efforts over the whole of a career.

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that promote sustainable environmental business practices throughout their organization for the benefit of employees, customers or the community. ■

Speed limits changing on Laurel Creek Way, portion of Bernal Avenue

Moves come after city review of current speeds, traffic volumes

Speed limits are being changed on Laurel Creek Way and a section of Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton at the recommendation of city

traffic analysts.

The speed limit on Bernal Avenue is being reduced from 45 mph to 40 mph between Valley Avenue and the bridge over the Arroyo De la Laguna, the old steel bridge near Foothill Road.

That section of Bernal has seen significant traffic increases since the opening of Starbucks and the Safeway supermarket at the Pleasanton Gateway center at Valley and Bernal.

Laurel Creek Way is the southernmost of three streets that connect Foothill Road to Stoneridge Mall

Road, which circles the Stoneridge Shopping Center. With two lanes in each direction, separated by a landscaped median, traffic engineers measured current speeds at an average of 31 mph and decided to increase the current limit of 25 mph to 30 mph.

The new speed limits will take effect as soon as the new speed limit signs are posted.

City staff reviews and updates speed limits on all 107 segments of roadways in Pleasanton on a yearly basis or because of accidents and construction changes. ■

—Jeb Bing

Mother’s Day Lookalike Contest deadline Thursday

The deadline is Thursday morning to submit photographs of Pleasanton moms and daughters who resemble each other as part of the Pleasanton Weekly’s annual Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest in honor of Mother’s Day.

The first-place prize is four tickets to the Alameda County Fair and \$50 cash; second-place prize is two fair tickets and \$25 cash.

Send digital photos only to contest@pleasantonweekly.com by 6 a.m. April 7. The photo must be attached to an email in JPG format, at least 300 dpi. Include the names of the mother and daughter(s) and the ages of children. Photos entered in previous contests are not eligible.

Pleasanton Weekly staff members will choose the finalists, which will be posted at www.PleasantonWeekly.com on April 15 for readers to vote online for



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Last year’s winners, Kendall Harris and her mom Jennifer Lillard.

which mother and daughter look most alike.

Photos of the winners will be published in the May 6 print edition. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff

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Pleasanton teen earns second place at regional spelling bee

Hart student Rohan Gupta hopes to help others learn joy of vocabulary

By MEREDITH BAUER

A Hart Middle School student came in second place in the regional round of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and now he plans to use that training to help others at his school.

Rohan Gupta, 14, made it to the final two at the March 19

competition after dedicating his free time to studying for the bee every year since fifth grade, he said.

"Going that far made me feel happy, and I've made new friends because of this," he said. "I've always had a love for language."

He got his start in elementary school and earned sixth place in

his school's spelling bee, his mom Reena said. Since then, he's made it to the CBS Bay Area Regional Spelling Bee each year, but this is the closest he's ever gotten to qualifying for nationals in the highly competitive match.

She said Rohan has put in many long hours into preparing for the competition.

"We felt really good that he was able to get so far," his mom said. "The bee is just a goal, but the dedication is just amazing."

While he's disappointed he didn't qualify for the national round — he missed "sciolto," and a Cupertino student secured first place — he's putting his energy

into mentoring other students at Hart Middle, especially in subjects like vocabulary.

Rohan started the Peer Mentoring Program at Hart, a club where students help other students learn new skills and help with difficult school subjects. He said he hopes to help other students learn new vocabulary words, and maybe he can help some younger students prepare for next year's spelling bee.

Reena said her son got the idea for the program after tutoring one student at the urging of his teacher. She said he came home excited, with the seed planted for his program. He told his mom: "If I can help the one child, I can help others, also."

"Whatever he does, he tries to take it to the next level," Reena said. ■



Hart Middle School student Rohan Gupta gets interviewed by a CBS reporter after coming in second place in the regional spelling bee. COURTESY OF REENA GUPTA

NEW VP

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to give community members a chance to share their thoughts on the key attributes they'd like to see in the next Amador Valley principal.

The small group of parents at the March 23 forum said they want a new principal who is approachable, technologically

mindful and financially savvy.

They listed communities that focus on developments with band, sports, drama and newspaper, among others, adding the need for a dichotomy between the "helicopter" parents and "laissez-faire" parents. They also cited the need for a juxtaposition of caring for high-performing students, students who don't plan to attend college and everyone in between.

"All students," said Amador Valley culinary teacher Stacey Ristow. "Not just, 'Here are the AP students. Here are the students going to a four-year college. Here are the ones in career and technical education.'"

They noted that special education students need different support than Advanced Placement students, adding, "They need to be supported just as much."

To do all that, parents said, the next principal needs to be kind while demanding respect. He or she needs to be visible, available and a good listener.

Then there's an added challenge of fundraising. With state funding to public schools remaining tight, the trickle-down of those funds means schools have to fundraise for items that were previously covered by the district, such as

some sports and band expenses.

All told, the parents said, they're looking for "the perfect person," but they said they mostly want someone who will work well with the team that's already been put in place at Amador Valley.

Parents who were not able to attend the forum can email pusdinfo@pleasantonusd.net with their input. ■

—Meredith Bauer



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Hope Hospice elects new board officers

'Each brings valuable experiences, expertise to organization,' CEO says

By JEB BING

Three Hope Hospice directors have been elected as officers on the board.

They are Patrick Brown of Danville, elected as vice president; William Harvey of Walnut Creek, elected treasurer; and Melanie Ridley, also of Danville, elected secretary.

Results of the election were announced by Craig Eicher, Hope Hospice board president and also a Pleasanton police captain.

"We are fortunate that our board officers reside in the communities we serve," said Bob Boehm, Hope Hospice CEO. "Each brings valuable experiences and expertise to our organization."

Brown recently retired from San Francisco Print Media Company (publisher of the San Francisco Ex-

aminer), where he was the general manager, culminating a long career in the media business. He holds an accounting degree from the University of Iowa.

Harvey is a certified financial planner with San Ramon-based Spectrum Wealth Partners. Earlier, he worked at Charles Schwab & Co. and Morgan Stanley and has also held positions in banking in Danville and Walnut Creek. He graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing.



Melanie Ridley



William Harvey



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Ridley, a fund development and health care quality consultant, has 15 years of experience in public health, mental health, women's health and health care access for the uninsured. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in community nutrition from UC Davis.

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COURTESY OF DSRSD

Levi Fuller (center), DSRSD wastewater treatment plant operations supervisor, explains to U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Dublin (left), how reverse osmosis membranes purify water when the congressman toured DSRSD's water recycling facilities last year with former DSRSD general manager Bert Michalczyk (right).

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED NEW WHEELS BUS SERVICE PLAN

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority is holding a Public Hearing to obtain public input regarding a new bus service plan that is planned to improve ridership, improve access to BART, reduce duplication of service and simplify service.

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WATER

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the underground aquifer or in Lake Del Valle, he said. The water would then be treated again when it is pumped into Zone 7 water treatment plants before it is sent to homes and businesses.

The proposed program would further treat such water through reverse osmosis or ozone filters, which brings the water up to drinking water standards, plus disinfecting with ultraviolet light, McIntyre said.

Doing such a process properly could require new infrastructure. DSRSD and the city of Livermore own reverse osmosis filters, but they haven't been used for 15 to 20 years, DSRSD operations manager Dan Gallagher said. Those facilities, along with a Zone 7 reverse osmosis filter that was active until a few years ago, could be upgraded and expanded.

The public survey, which polled 601 people who statistically represent the whole Tri-Valley, showed

people were swayed to support toilet-to-tap when it was rebranded as "purified water" or when it was mentioned that astronauts and submarine crews drink reused, treated water, according to officials.

Indirect potable reuse would have additional treatment steps since the water would be put into a natural environmental barrier, Gallagher said.

If it's put into the underground aquifer, the water would trickle through many layers of soil before reaching the area where it is pumped back out to be sent to drinking water treatment plants. If it is sent to Lake Del Valle, it would mix with the lake water and would be treated again when it is pumped into drinking water plants.

One important distinction is indirect potable reuse is not the same as recycled water, Gallagher said.

Recycled water, such as the water that is distributed by DSRSD's residential recycled water program, is wastewater that is treated to remove solids and some impurities, but it does not meet drinking

water standards and should only be used for irrigation or washing of hard surfaces.

But much of the water Tri-Valley residents drink now is unintentionally reused water, Olive said.

The region gets its water from Zone 7, and Zone 7 gets its water from the Sierra Nevada. But on its way to the Tri-Valley, the water from the Sierra snowpack gets used by northern cities like Sacramento, treated and dumped into the Delta, where it continues along — being reused, treated and dumped several times through the process — until it is deposited into Lake Del Valle.

He said the processes used by treatment plants cleans the water to drinking water standards with this reuse cycle in mind, and the proposed regional toilet-to-tap process would be a similar system.

"If you think about it, it's water that has received the treated effluent from Stockton," Olive said. "We're drinking the stuff right now, whether anybody wants to admit that or not." ■

SWIM

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but unfortunately the hospital exists on a very tight budget," she added. "So that's why these funds that you help raise are so important."

This year, she also plans to buy decals to brighten and add interest to the children's rooms, Buzzy Bees that block pain with cold and vibrations as children have blood drawn or medicine administered, and medical play kits that children can keep.

Swimathon funds are also used to keep up Sarah's tradition of buying Christmas gifts for those hospitalized during the holiday season that she gives out while caroling in the hospital halls with friends.

This year, the fundraiser includes an online auction, which starts on Monday and ends at 5 p.m. the day of the swimathon, with all proceeds going to the hospital. The link is: www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/2016beststrong.

Last year 75 swimmers participated, doing 4,097 laps — or 58.19 miles. Sarah will be there to swim and to cheer on everyone else. ■

DA: No charges to be filed in deadly balcony collapse

There will be no criminal charges filed for the deadly collapse of a balcony at a Berkeley apartment complex last year that killed six people and injured seven others, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office announced Tuesday.

Prosecutors said they spent the past nine months investigating the fatal balcony collapse at the Library Gardens, an apartment complex built with Pleasanton-based Segue Construction as lead contractor.

The DA's Office said its investigators conducted a forensic inspection of the deck and a thorough review of the legal issues involved to determine if there was criminal negligence in the balcony's construction or maintenance warranting potential manslaughter charges.

But while the investigation came to the same conclusion that the city of Berkeley's investigation did regarding the cause of the col-

lapse — that water intrusion had rotted support beams inside the deck — District Attorney Nancy O'Malley concluded there would be no criminal prosecution.

The family of Ashley Donohue, a 22-year-old from Rohnert Park killed in the collapse, said in a statement that they "continue to grieve their loss and were hopeful that the DA would pursue criminal charges against those who were responsible for this tragedy."

The family said their "disappointment stems from their belief that the criminal justice system would act as a deterrent for other corporations and builders to engage in similarly grossly negligent behavior."

Prosecutors said there were many contributing causes for the moisture intrusion, including the materials used, which were not prohibited by the building code, and wet weather during construction. There were numerous people who potentially could be held

responsible in the construction and maintenance of the building, according to the DA's Office.

Prosecutors wrote in a statement explaining the decision, "In order to file a manslaughter case based on criminal negligence, the District Attorney must be satisfied that any defendant or defendants acted with gross or reckless conduct akin to a disregard for human life, and that the deadly consequences of those actions were reasonably foreseeable."

Thirteen people attending a birthday party, including many visiting Irish students, were standing on the fourth-floor balcony at the Library Gardens apartment complex at 2020 Kitredge St. when it collapsed in the early morning hours of June 16, 2015. Six people — Donohue and five Irish students — were killed and seven others were seriously injured.

The Berkeley City Council passed stricter construction codes

for outdoor structures and required inspections for all existing structures. The inspections determined that 402 of 2,176 structures inspected needed work.

The Contractors State License Board is nearing the end of its independent investigation into five construction companies that worked on the balcony, including Segue Construction.

The investigation will determine if administrative actions will be taken against the licensed contractors, according to a release.

"The main questions we're trying to answer are if the various contractors involved followed the architectural plans for the balcony, including the use of the proper building materials, and whether workmanship standards were followed," said David Fogt, license board's chief of enforcement. "If not, it's a clear violation of the law." ■

—Meredith Bauer and Bay City News Service contributed to this report.



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POLICE BULLETIN



'Bearded Bandit' faces federal charges, likely tied to Pleasanton bank robbery

A Stockton man accused of being the serial Northern California bank robber dubbed the "Bearded Bandit" faces criminal charges after being arrested in Brentwood last week, and Pleasanton police said he is likely tied to the robbery at a local Wells Fargo Bank last month.

Kenneth Ellis, 30, allegedly told investigators that he used the money from the bank robberies to pay his bills, according to court records. Ellis is suspected of stealing about \$27,000 from 11 Northern California banks between Feb. 12 and his arrest near a Brentwood Safeway on March 23, according to authorities.

A Pleasanton police spokesman said investigators think Ellis was likely the man who robbed the Wells Fargo Bank at the Pleasanton Gateway shopping plaza across from the Alameda County Fairgrounds on March 17.

"The suspect arrested is likely the same person we are investigating for the robbery that occurred in our city," Pleasanton police Lt. Brian Laurence said. "We are cur-



COURTESY OF CCCSO

The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office released this photo last week depicting the "Bearded Bandit" after he reportedly robbed a Lafayette bank. Authorities allege Stockton resident Kenneth Ellis, who was arrested in Brentwood on March 23, is the "Bearded Bandit" and is likely tied to a March 17 robbery at a Pleasanton Wells Fargo.

rently working in collaboration with the other law enforcement agencies to confirm this, as it is an ongoing investigation."

In the Pleasanton case, an unidentified bearded man went into the Wells Fargo Bank and gave a teller a note demanding all the cash from the teller's drawer, according

to police. The teller gave the robber an unspecified amount of cash, and the culprit quickly left the bank.

Ellis was apprehended by Brentwood police after a citizen reported seeing a man matching the "Bearded Bandit" description at a Safeway supermarket parking lot at 3110 Balfour Road. Brentwood police found Ellis nearby, and he reportedly surrendered peacefully to officers.

He was originally set to appear in Contra Costa County court earlier this week, but his initial arraignment was instead sent to federal court in Oakland, where he was scheduled to appear yesterday after the FBI filed a criminal complaint against him.

The FBI complaint filed last Friday provided additional details about the approach Ellis used during the alleged robbery spree, as well as his motive, which he said was "extreme financial difficulty."

Authorities allege Ellis is suspected of bank robberies in Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano and Santa Clara counties, along with Bay Area-neighboring Monterey, Yolo and Sacramento counties.

In other police news

• A former finance official with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) was sentenced

in federal court in San Francisco last week to one year and one day in prison for a fraud in which he admitted embezzling nearly \$3.9 million in bond funds, including money related to a Tri-Valley housing development.

Clarke Howatt, 56, now of Portland, Ore., was given the prison term March 23 by U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer, who also ordered him to spend six months in home confinement after release from prison.

Howatt, who used to live in Oakland, was formerly a financial services director in charge of bonds issued by an ABAG affiliate, the ABAG Finance Authority for Nonprofit Corporations, known as FAN. ABAG, based in Oakland, is a regional planning agency for nine Bay Area counties.

Howatt pleaded guilty before Breyer in December to one count of wire fraud in the electronic transfer of \$1.3 million in stolen funds, and at the same time admitted to other thefts bringing the total amount embezzled to nearly \$3.9 million between June 2011 and January 2015.

The stolen bond proceeds were related to the Windemere Ranch housing development in San Ramon and the Rincon Hill high-rise development in the South of

Market District of San Francisco. As part of his plea, Howatt admitted stealing nearly \$2.6 million related to the San Ramon project.

The funds were intended to be used for public works such as streets, sidewalks and schools to offset the impacts of building developments.

At the time of his guilty plea, Howatt and his parents had repaid ABAG about \$3.5 million and the agency was satisfied with that amount of restitution, according to court filings.

The maximum possible sentence for the fraud conviction was 20 years.

In a sentencing brief asking for leniency, defense attorney Mary McNamara said Howatt was "deeply remorseful" and had suffered from manic phases of a bipolar disorder that was not treated with appropriate medication.

Prosecutors in an opposing brief unsuccessfully asked for a heavier sentence of three years and three months in prison.

They wrote that Howatt deserved credit for cooperating in the investigation and seeking to pay restitution, but argued that despite any medical problems, his conduct showed

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Hazel Lee (Watson) Cloetta

Born April 19, 1917 to William and Ollie Fracis Dunnaway in West Irvine, Kentucky. Pre deceased by first husband Louie R. Watson (1972) and second husband Herbert Cloetta (1988), also sisters Mavis MaGee, Ruth Wise and Brother Ernest Dunnaway. She is survived by daughters Terry (Jim) Montgomery, Patricia (Tom) Hulsey and Lynda (Gary) Braga and brother Beverly Miller of West Irvine, KY. Grandchildren Jim Montgomery, Rebecca Perry, Shaun Braga and Sherilyn Braga. Eight Great-grandchildren and a large extended family. Hazel and husband Louie Watson met & married in Cincinnati, OH. In 1942. The Army, then his job, brought them to California: First to Culver City, then Oakland. When they raised their daughters, she worked at various jobs until she & Louie bought the Triangle Coffee Shop in 1964; a busy truck stop where she remembered each customer by name.



Following Louie's death, she married Herbert Cloetta and retired. She enjoyed bingo, casinos, and pinochle. Most of all she loved spending time with family and friends. Thank you to the girls for their devoted care – She was loved and will be missed by all.

In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hope Hospice – 6377 Clark Avenue Suite 100 Dublin, California 94508 or to the American Cancer Society. Celebration of Life to be held April 3, 2016 at 12pm, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588

PAID OBITUARY

POLICE

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“concerted and coordinated steps to achieve his goals” in the embezzlement over three and a half years.

- The construction site where the new CarMax is being built was burglarized last week, according to Pleasanton police.

A large Multiquop generator and a Norton push concrete saw were stolen from the Stoneridge Drive site between 12:30-1 p.m. on March 20, Pleasanton police stated.

The generator and saw were each reported to be worth \$2,000. No other items were reported missing, and no damage was reported. No arrests had been made in the case as of Monday.

- A Pleasanton gym locker holding \$15,000 in jewelry and cash was broken into and emptied last week.

An unidentified person broke into the ClubSport locker between 12:46-2 p.m. on March 21. The gym-goer had stored a \$10,000 Rolex watch, \$800 in cash, a \$200 money clip, a \$4,000 wedding band and keys inside the locker, according to Pleasanton police.

Police are investigating the theft at the Johnson Drive gym, and while no arrest had been made as of Monday, police said they pinpointed a male suspect.

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

—Meredith Bauer
Bay City News Service contributed to this report

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 27

Theft

- 8:17 a.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto
- 8:37 a.m., 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Drug violation

- 11:01 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

March 26

Assault/battery

- 12:30 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Theft from structure

- 11:10 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Ave.

Graffiti offense

- 7:13 p.m. at North I-680 and North West Las Positas Boulevard

March 25

Theft

- 2:01 p.m., 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road; auto theft
- 2:10 p.m., 2100 block of Rheem Drive; auto theft
- 4:55 p.m. in the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:03 p.m. in the 2800 block of Diavila Court
- 7:02 p.m., 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Domestic battery

- 9:10 p.m. on Arroyo Court
- 10:02 p.m. on Curtis Circle

March 24

Fraud

- 10:21 a.m. in the 3800 block of Mammoth Cave Court

Assault/battery

- 4:33 p.m. at Old Bernal Avenue and Bernal Court

Embezzlement

- 2:59 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 5:27 p.m., 6000 block of Via de los Cerros; theft from structure
- 8:12 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Graffiti offense

- 5:10 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Cedarwood Lane

March 23

Theft

- 10:50 a.m., 5500 block of Sunol Blvd.; auto theft

Residential burglary

- 1:38 p.m. in the 6500 block of Singletree Way

Fraud

- 2:34 p.m. in the 1000 block of Shadow Hills Court

March 22

Theft

- 6:55 a.m. in the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

Fraud

- 10:49 a.m. in the 2400 block of Santa Rita Road
- 12:20 p.m. in the 5100 block of Bianco Court

Rape

- 3:48 p.m. on Bernal Avenue

Drug violation

- 3:33 a.m. at First Street and Stanley Boulevard

March 21

Theft

- 2:15 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Ave.
- 2:45 p.m., 7000 block Johnson Drive; theft from structure
- 3:51 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting
- 8:56 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

Commercial burglary

- 6:53 a.m. in the 7000 block of Pleasanton Ave.

Fraud

- 11:14 a.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Ave.

Barbara Joan Otten Hansen

September 26, 1927 to February 13, 2016

Reno, Nevada (formerly of Vallejo, Patterson, and Pleasanton)

Barbara Joan Otten Hansen, 88, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2016. Before she died, she made certain that every one of her ten children had a chance to say goodbye. Barbara was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Anthony Francis Otten and Mabel Seibel Otten. When she was nine years old, her family moved to Oakland, CA, where her dad took a job with Southern Pacific Railroad and her mother worked for Safeway where she ultimately became the first female manager. In Oakland Barbara attended Frick Junior High School, Castlemont High School, and Providence College of Nursing where she became an RN. She met the love of her life and her future husband, John Francis Hansen, at the Franciscan Club in Oakland. Barbara and Jack married on June 18, 1949, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Oakland. Together they began raising their family in a two-bedroom house in San Leandro. Their family quickly grew to five children. At this point, they bought a three-bedroom house in Hayward, which they ultimately expanded to four bedrooms when their brood expanded to ten children. After twelve years, they realized that four bedrooms were just not enough, so they found a six-bedroom house in Pleasanton and this is where they raised their family. Barbara was very proud of her family and of her work as a surgical nurse at Eden Hospital where she spent her entire career until she retired. In addition to her family Barbara loved raising roses, which she often entered in the annual Rose Show in Pleasanton. In addition, Barbara and Jack were very active in the St. Augustine's Catholic Church where they met many of their life long friends. Barbara supported Jack in the many basketball, baseball and softball teams that he coached for one child or the other, serving as the team mom, equipment manager, scorekeeper, and head cheerleader. Barbara also loved taking photographs and sharing them with her "subjects" who were mostly her family members.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Margaret (Peggy) Otten Hall, and her brother John Otten as well as her sisters and brothers-in law: Oliver Hall, Dorothy Otten, Bill and Lorraine Hansen and Bob and Marge Hansen. She is survived by her husband John (Jack) Francis Hansen and her children: Joan Partier (William), Jim Hansen (Judy), Steve Hansen (Kathy), Sharon Hansen (Roger Cobb), Patricia Backman (Sven), Philip Hansen (Sharon), Mike Hansen (Cheryl), Mary Wheat (Ron), Theresa Lown (Joe) and Tammy Shannon (Scott). She is also survived by her grandchildren: Lauren (Partier) Wilson, Leah Partier, Kelly (Hansen) Stadelhofer, Kevin Hansen, Brian Hansen, Nicole Hansen, Daniel Hansen, Kayla Cobb Parke, Kyle Cobb, Christopher Frazier, Cara Frazier, Alex Backman, Jessica Hansen, Jayme Hansen, Danielle Hansen, Dayna Rose Hansen, Hailey Hansen, Jack Riley Hansen, Lainey Hansen, Kirsten Lown, Wesley Lown, Eric Wheat, Darren Wheat, Ryan Wheat, Andrew Wheat, David Shannon, and Nicholas Shannon. In addition, she is survived by her great grandchildren: Ireland Wheat, Zachariah Wheat, Kendall Partier, Sterling Partier, Troy Stadelhofer, Mallory Stadelhofer, Cade Stadelhofer, Sophia Oakley, Keegan Cobb, Kenzie Cobb, Kallen Parke, Farrah Wilson, Sierra Hansen and Avery Hansen. Barbara is also survived by her seven Hall nieces and nephews, her eight Otten nieces and nephews and her three Hansen nieces and nephew.

A vigil service will be held for Barbara on Friday evening, April 8, 2016, at St. Augustine's Catholic Church at 3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, Ca. 94566 at 7:00 pm. The Celebration of Life for Barbara will also be held at St. Augustine's on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at 11:00 am, followed by a gathering at the Veterans Memorial Hall at 301 Main Street in Pleasanton. With extended family in attendance, Barbara will be Inurned in the Mausoleum at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward at 11:00 am on Monday, April 11, 2016. If you wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers, you may do so to Circle of Life Hospice, 1575 Delucchi Lane, Suite 214, Reno, NV 89502.



David Leon Edney

David Leon Edney Resident of Livermore/Arnold, CA May 7, 1960 – February 13, 2016 Dave was born in Needham, MA. He graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1978. David served in the U.S. Coast Guard and the Reserves. Dave is survived by his wife, Nancy Schoendienst Edney, his parents, M. Carol and John W. Edney, his two children, Nathan and Audrey Edney, his granddaughter Miss Marley Maddison Edney, sisters, Diane Mack (John), Dave's twin and Joanna Martinez (Joseph), brothers, Keith (Heather), Jack (Laura), Bud (Lisa). Dave embodied selfless service, concern, and actual care for the environment. He cared about all the things most people don't want to discuss. He thought through his ways and invested in people; and it showed. He taught perseverance with passion and concern. He exemplified a humble leader who was able to have a great part in many lives. Dave will be remembered for his tremendous work ethic, his positive attitude and his willingness to do anything to help a friend. Dave was an extreme endurance athlete who completely embodied the great outdoor lifestyle. Dave was a member of the Arnold RIM Trail Association Steering Committee and active with the Bear Valley Fire Department and the Bear Valley Search and Rescue. Family and Friends are invited to a memorial service on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at 12:00 noon at the Graham Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton, CA



In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Arnold Rim Trail Association, P.O. Box 441, Arnold Ca. 95223 (Web address -arnoldrimtrail.org/donate) or just do the right thing as Dave would do. (#WWDD) He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

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Good times keep coming for Pleasanton's finances

With record-high property and sales tax revenue streaming into city coffers, Pleasanton looks likely to finish its fiscal year June 30 with an extra \$4 million over budget. That means its planned revenue of \$106,461,744 will jump to \$109,805,361, a new high bolstered by a reduction over budgeted expenses of \$638,000.

As a result of this surplus, finance director Tina Olson recommended, and the City Council approved, setting aside another \$1.4 million to pay down the city's total unfunded pension-re-

lated liabilities. Combined with the pay-down earlier in the fiscal year of \$17 million, this will add to the savings total of nearly \$20 million in payments to CalPERS over the next 30 years.

Olson also will use the surplus to add \$1 million to the city's Capital Improvement Program, which was restrained during the recent recession, another \$1 million to the woefully underfunded repair and replacement fund and \$569,536 to the city's special reserve for economic uncertainties, giving the city \$19.7 million in reserves in the General Fund.

The major revenue increases have come from a half-million dollars in property taxes over the \$56.6 million budgeted, and another \$1.9 million more in sales and hotel taxes. An increase in developer fees by the council last year also added \$1.2 million that had not been budgeted for the current fiscal year.

Looking at property taxes, the gain is mainly attributed to higher residential and commercial assessments, with homes selling at higher prices year-after-year in Pleasanton and property taxes based on market value at the time of those sales. Because of higher sales prices for existing homes and new construction, Pleasanton's property valuation increased by \$1.1 billion since the 2014-15 fiscal year. The city now has the third-highest property valuation of all 13 cities in Alameda County, with Oakland and Fremont first and second.

With the housing inching back to normal with fewer distressed and investor purchases, median sales prices are expected to continue to increase, promising even greater gains in property tax revenue in the coming years. The median sale price of a single-family home in Pleasanton is now \$895,000.

The top 10 property owners

in Pleasanton and their net taxable value are Kaiser Permanente, \$281.9 million; Stoneridge Mall, \$248.2 million; Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community, \$179.3 million; SFI Pleasanton, \$164.6; Safeway, \$153.1 million; Stoneridge Residential, \$151.0 million; Oracle, \$136.0 million; 6200 Stoneridge Mall Road Investors, \$136.0 million; Archstone Apartments, \$130.8 million; and Applera Corporation, \$107.1 million.

Olson said that another financial change affecting the midyear budget is a change in the staffing and training in the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, which is jointly funded and operated by the two cities.

The department is adding 11 entry-level "over hire" relief firefighters. These positions will back-fill shifts when other firefighters are off, as well as replace firefighter positions when there is a vacancy. The new program will result in a decrease in regular firefighter overtime hours, a saving that will compensate for the cost of hiring the relief firefighters.

The two cities also have agreed to extend the time between fire training programs to once every two years instead of holding the \$250,000 programs annually. ■

LETTERS

Proceed with caution on school bond measure

Dear Editor,

PUSD's potential bond measure should be tabled and not considered by the PUSD board.

PUSD board president Jamie Hintzke, in her letter to the PUSD community March 23, 2016, stated: "The results of the public poll show a majority of voters are willing to invest in the future of our schools and community."

Jamie did not point out that the 400 people polled is 1% of the registered voters in the PUSD community. It appears that the PUSD board is gearing up to get this bond measure on the ballot.

I recommend caution to the PUSD board. One percent is not indicative of this community.

—Michael Austin

No faith in the system

Dear Editor,

In response to your March 25 editorial, "Protests increasing against local government decisions," the answer is very simple.

The citizen uprisings locally and

nationally have in common that our elected representatives don't actually represent us. They represent the donor class that puts them in office.

Whether the fossil fuel industry, military-industrial complex or Wall Street at the national level, or developers, 1950s-thinking businessmen or the Chamber of Commerce locally, people have come to understand that the only way for government to serve the public is to go outside the establishment system.

Whether you're a right-leaning supporter of Donald Trump (however offensive and misguided he is), or a left-leaning supporter of Bernie Sanders, or just a plain old resident of Pleasanton who knows the only way for the common good to be served is by citizen referendum or initiative, people have lost faith in the system.

As Thomas Jefferson said, "I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical." Amen.

—Matt Sullivan,
Pleasanton resident
City Council 2004-12

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Human Services Commission
Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and Select Representatives for Committees and Meetings
- Review FY 2015/16 Housing and Human Services Grants Semi-Annual Reports

Energy & Environment Committee
Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Selection of 2016 Chair and Vice Chair
- Update on Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) Project
- Update on Drought and 2016 Water Conservation Program
- Update on Advanced Recycled Water Project

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2016 -2017 ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PLEASANTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The Pleasanton City Council will hold a public hearing on April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments from the City Council and the public regarding the submission of the FY2016-2017 Action Plan for the City of Pleasanton's federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activity to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Action Plan describes how the City will leverage CDBG and other Housing and Human Services Grant Program funding to meet the goals outlined in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan for 2015-2019.

A 30-day comment period began on April 9, 2016 and will end on May 9, 2016. If you are unable to attend the public hearings, comment will be accepted by phone, fax or mail (postmarked before the deadline until 5:00 p.m. PST on May 9, 2016, at the following address:

City of Pleasanton Housing Division
200 Old Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton, CA 94566
ATTN: Public Hearing
(925)931-5007

A copy of the FY2016-2017 Action Plan can be reviewed at the Housing Division in City Hall at 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, Monday through Friday 8am - 5 pm. The document is also available online at: <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/resident/housing/grant/program.asp>.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Fran Reisner in the City's Housing Division at (925)931-5007.

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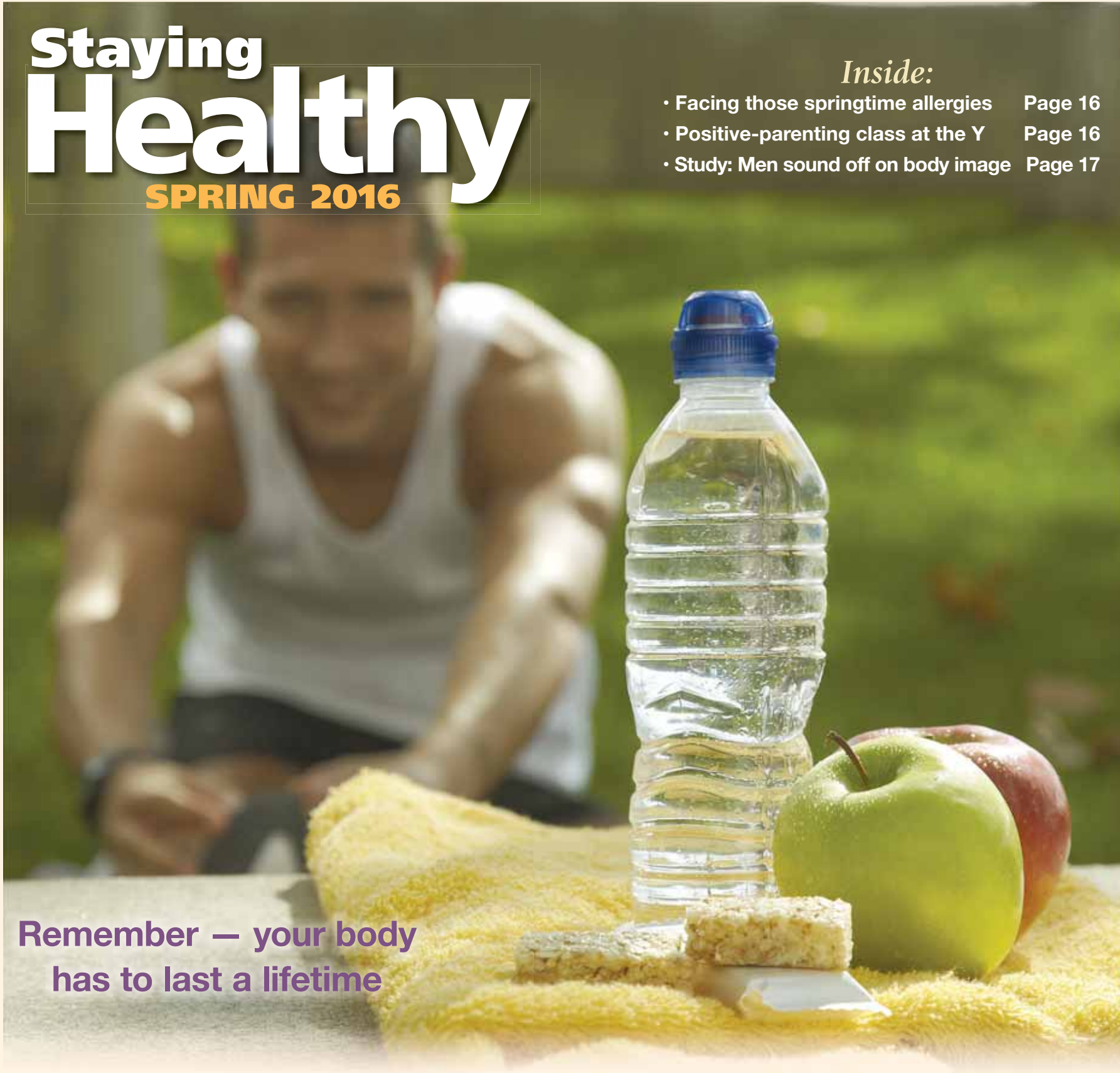
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Staying Healthy

SPRING 2016

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Remember — your body
has to last a lifetime

Make a *healthy* *lifestyle* a priority

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

You have one body in this life, so it only makes sense to take care of it. A healthy lifestyle should be a priority: eating a variety of the right foods, making time to exercise and incorporating it into your day and making sure you have the equipment you need, including practical clothes. Evaluate these things to make sure you are on the road to the healthiest lifestyle that is possible for you right now.

Set goals

Although your goal is a healthy lifestyle, break it down a bit more.

Think of something you can accomplish and go for it. Maybe, sign up for a race. Or, to start easier, make it your goal to swim across the pool without stopping, walk an extra 10 minutes a day or eat more servings of fruits and vegetables.

Goals can include relaxation, like having time for one

leisurely bath a week. Write down your goal where you can see it.

Hunter, gatherer, food preparer

Nuts, grains, fresh herbs and organic fruits and veggies are easy to find these days. When you prepare food at home, you know it doesn't have extra calories. (As international food enthusiast Anthony Bourdain points out: The reason restaurant food is so good? Butter, butter, butter.)

An evening meal is important to enjoy with your spouse and children, and what better way to start good eating habits than to regularly experiment in the kitchen with old favorites and new recipes. Discover omelets and add power greens (kale, spinach and chard), which come pre-washed and packaged.

Make sure that food you eat on the go is healthy. Keep simple, healthy options in your home, such as raw nuts, cut-up veggies, fruit and homemade granola bars.

Pita can be lathered with hummus, then add greens.

See **LIFESTYLE** on Page 18

Spring is here — and so are allergies

After El Niño winter, sufferers can expect a prolonged season

By MEENA RIJHWANI AND NEEPA MAKIM

Spring has sprung and with it comes seasonal allergies. Allergies are the immune system's reaction to the surrounding environment from exposure to something you inhale or ingest. For some of us, the symptoms of allergies can be minor with itchy, watery eyes, while others may experience more severe symptoms such as painful sinus headaches and shortness of breath.

Spring is a particularly difficult time for allergies as pollen counts are extraordinarily high with the sun out and trees in bloom. Couple that with high winds, and you have the perfect storm for allergies. Especially this year, after the harsh El Niño winter, those suffering from allergies can expect a prolonged allergy season with a much higher pollen count in the air.

So how do you know if you have allergies? Symptoms to be cognizant of are itchy, watery or red eyes, scratchy throat, coughing, runny nose, sneezing and, on the more severe side, sinus headaches and shortness of breath.

Determining what you are allergic to oftentimes follows the seasons. Seasonal allergies have a particular routine with the most common sources of allergies being trees releasing pollen in the spring, grass in the summer and weeds in the late fall. Year-round allergies could be a sign of sensitivity to dust mites, mold or animal dander.

So what can be done to stave off allergies and their symptoms? Actually a lot, but it begins first



and foremost with prevention and early treatment. Prevention is basically avoiding exposure to allergens. There are numerous things that can be done to protect you and your family from exposure to an abundance of pollen and other spring allergens.

Avoid going out on dry, windy days and those days when pollen counts are high. Keep windows closed at night as early morning breezes can bring in a lot of pollen. Also be sure to keep windows closed on windy days.

Keep pets inside and bathe them frequently to remove excess dander and pollen. Have your children shower at night to remove pol-

len before sleeping. If you have to work outside, like mowing the lawn, wear a mask and be sure to change your clothing and shower to remove potential allergens.

Lastly, be sure to clean your carpets and upholstery, vacuum regularly and change your air filter.

If you know you suffer from allergies, start your medication a week or two before the allergies manifest. There are many over-the-counter options that are quite effective such as non-drowsy antihistamines, nasal inhalers, nasal saline sprays and neti pots. If none of those options prove effective, it is best to consult with your doctor to evaluate and provide you with the most effective treatment options available, which may include skin or blood tests to determine the source of your allergies.

Treatment for allergies is a lifelong process. The best measures to counteract their effects is prevention. In addition, there are great resources available on the Internet, such as www.pollen.com, which provides up-to-date information and forecasts for allergy sufferers.

If in doubt, it is always recommended that you be evaluated by a medical professional who can assess your symptoms and ensure that what you are experiencing are allergies and not symptomatic of another condition. ■

Editor's note: Meena Rijhwani and Neepa Makim are physicians at John Muir Health Outpatient Center, Pleasanton: www.johnmuirhealth.com/locations/outpatient-center-pleasanton.html or 224-0800.



This smoothie, which uses milk as a base, is packed with protein.

Types of milk explained

So many milks in the cooler can cause confusion

Many Americans have milk in their refrigerator, but what types of milk are they drinking?

There are different types of dairy milk to fit every age and lifestyle — whether it's organic, flavored or lactose-free, there are a variety of fat and calorie levels to choose from.

The primary options available are whole milk (3.25%), reduced-fat milk (2%), low-fat milk (1%) and fat-free milk (less than 0.2%). These percentages, which tell how much milk fat is in the milk by weight, are indicated on the label and designated by different cap and label colors.

Every variety of dairy milk, whether low-fat or fat-free, contains nine essential nutrients, including 8 grams of high-quality protein per cup. Measuring milk fat percentages by weight can seem confusing, but the different types of milk only differ in calories and fat grams, not nutrients. Here's more information about the different types of milk:

Whole milk

Whole milk contains 150 calories with 8 grams of fat per 8-ounce glass and is actually 3.25% milk fat by weight, which is not as much as many people think. Many Americans are concerned about consuming fat, but some research suggests that not

all saturated fats are the same, and there may be health benefits from consuming the saturated fats found in dairy. While more research is needed on the potential benefits of dairy fats, many experts agree on milk's important role in a healthy diet, no matter the kind of dairy milk.

Reduced-fat milk

Reduced-fat milk, or 2% milk, contains 120 calories and 5 grams of fat, and has the same nine essential nutrients as every other type of dairy milk. The percentage does not mean that the glass of milk contains 2% fat, but that the milk fat is 2% of the total weight of the milk.

Low-fat milk

Similar to reduced-fat milk, low-fat milk has 1% milk fat of the total weight of the milk. It contains 100 calories and 2.5 grams of fat in an 8-ounce glass.

Fat-free milk

If you want to get the same nutrients as whole milk while cutting calories and fat, fat-free milk is a good choice. The fat is skimmed, leaving zero grams of fat and 80 calories per cup. Many people believe that fat-free milk is just watered down whole milk, but that is not the case — no water is added and all nine essential nutrients remain intact. ■

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The Tri-Valley YMCA is continuing its parenting education series April 12 with the topic "Positive Discipline and Effective Consequences." The following month, on May 12, the topic will be "The Importance of Play: Understanding your Child's Natural Language."

The discussions are held at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the

month. Their purpose is for parents to gain support and learn effective tools for the ups and downs of parenting.

Child care is available with a reservation. Call 354-1392 or email smancino@ymcaeastbay.org.

Tri-Valley YMCA is located at 6693 Sierra Lane, Suite F, in Dublin. Call 263-4444. ■

— Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Study shows men concerned about body image

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Body image is not only a concern of women.

A study just published by a Chapman University psychologist examines how men feel about their bodies and their attractiveness. It concludes that body dissatisfaction is a common issue among men as well as women.

"We analyzed reports from 116,356 men across five national studies. Between 20% and 40% of men reported feeling dissatisfied with their overall physical appearance, weight and/or muscle tone and size," said David Frederick, lead author of the study. "The majority of men also felt that they were judged based on their appearance and reported that they compared their appearance to that of others at social events."

Men classified as "normal" weight tended to feel positively about their appearance,

whereas men who were "obese" tended to feel negatively. However, most men who were classified as "overweight" felt satisfied with their appearance.

"Men can feel pressure to appear strong and powerful, so having some additional mass does not necessarily lead to body dissatisfaction," Frederick said. "The fact that most 'overweight' men felt satisfied might seem surprising, but the medical category for overweight does not correlate well to what people consider to be overweight socially."

The research also looked at differences between straight

and gay men. It showed that gay men were much more likely to report feeling pressure from the media to look attractive, to avoid having sex because of how they felt about their bodies, and to desire cosmetic surgery.

Among heterosexual men, 20% of normal weight men reported hiding an aspect of their

body during sex, most often their stomach, and this was true for 29% of the obese men. Only 5% of normal-weight straight men had avoided having sex at least once in the past month because of how they feel about their bodies compared to 10% of obese men.

Some of the other key findings were, with gay men's responses in parentheses:

- 16% were uncomfortable wearing a swimsuit in public (26%)
- 21% were dissatisfied with their physical appearance (29%)
- 30% were dissatisfied with their muscle tone and size (46%)
- 23% reported an interest in cosmetic surgery (51%)
- 12% have considered cosmetic surgery (36%)
- 1% have had cosmetic surgery (7%)
- 29% have been on a diet to lose weight in the past year (37%)
- 55% have exercised to lose weight in the past year (57%)
- 61% say they have felt judged based on their appearance (77%)
- 39% routinely think about how they look (58%)



More than 60% say they've felt judged based on their appearance

- 51% compare their appearance to others at social events (68%)
- 29% feel pressure from the media to be attractive (58%)
- 10% feel pressure from a partner to lose weight (6%)

The study, "Male Body Image: The Roles of Sexual Orientation and Body Mass Index Across Five National Studies," included 111,958 straight men and 4,398 gay men. The average ages ranged from 35 to 50. ■



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LIFESTYLE

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Make whole wheat pasta salad so leftovers will be nutritious. Microwave organic popcorn in a plain paper bag so it won't have additives. If you are in the habit of eating fast food for lunch, break the habit.

Rethink your exercise

How can you incorporate exercise into your daily life? Can you walk to work? Park far away from places where you run errands? Early hours might be the best time for a workout, unless of course you have small children. In that case, will your exercise provide entertainment for an observant baby? Can a toddler work out with you in some small, fun way? (See sidebar below for more tips.)

Look good, be comfortable

Attractive comfortable exercise clothes come in every price range. Resist the temptation to work out in old clothes you (or others) have discarded, reasoning that since you're going to get sweaty, any old rag will do. If you look good, you feel good, and clothes that fit right and look good can help you sustain your workout efforts, even driving you outside or to the gym.

Tight compression fitted clothes can add comfort as well as fabrics that don't hold moisture to irritate your skin. Outdoors, make sure you are warm enough to get started, dressing in layers that can be removed as you get warmed up. Fleece is handy to begin workouts and to wear afterward.

Your foundation: feet

The right shoes are all-important, whether pursuing a gentle stretch, an all-out run or anything in between. Come to think of it, comfy shoes are a plus even when running errands. If you are going to jog, play tennis or basketball or partake in some other activity that can be hard on the feet in certain ways, buy a shoe that is designed for that specific purpose.

Exercise comes in many guises

Walking is great exercise, as well as easy and cheap. Drinking water at your desk continually not only hydrates you but gets you on to your feet to the restroom.

Get a pedometer to keep track of your steps; then keep increasing them. Many people in Pleasanton find it fun to walk and talk, and a group called World Walk to Wellness enjoys walk 'n' talks every Saturday morning (Walks@WorldWalkToWellness.org). Walk with a buddy, which makes it harder to cancel.

Add something new

Try a new activity, like tennis, yoga or martial arts. Try different classes at the gym, such as Zumba, aerobics or cycling. If it is fun, you will find a way to squeeze it in.

It can be reinvigorating to get a fresh outlook by investing in a few good items to assist you in attaining a healthier lifestyle. Buy wrist weights to work out your arms while walking.

For those days when workouts must be captured in free time at home, it is handy to have your own exer-cycle, which also comes in a mini version to be used with your own chair, or a treadmill. To strengthen your upper body, try a doorway trainer.

It might inspire you to use technology to track your calories as well as your steps. Nifty gadgets are available to track your well-being and make it fun to eat better and move more.

Making time

If you have trouble finding time to work out, reassess your to-do list. Remove anything that is there just because you feel you "should" do it. Say no to more work or even meaningful volunteer activities that will cause you stress timewise.

Don't be afraid to ask spouses or older children for help with chores. Also, make time to relax. Take weekends off: Must you really check your work email all weekend?

Your body probably has to last a few more decades. What kind of shape do you want it to be in? ■

Working out with young 'uns

Having children means all the old rules and routines go out the window, so stay adaptable and spontaneous. Exercising builds stamina, which you will need when you have little children. And exercise does energize you.

Do whatever you can do on a given day. While your baby naps or preschooler is busy playing, put on a 10-minute exercise video, walk or jog on a treadmill or jump rope. Try to get in three to four 10-minute workouts per day, which will give you flexibility. Don't rock that fussy baby to sleep — do deep knee bends. While brushing your teeth, do lunges or at least stretch your foot and leg muscles.

When the baby begins to sit up and observe, he will probably be amused to watch your efforts at toning with squats and tricep dips while he sits and teethes on a toy. Babies can double as weights — position them on your body for modified sit-ups. Put your toddler underneath you for pushups and steal a kiss each time you go down.

Put on music. Toddlers love music — and dancing is even more fun when parents join in. Dancing is a good way to get up your heart rate and burn calories.

Walk with your baby, using a back carrier. Their weight makes the workout better. Kids like routines so schedule your joint workouts for a certain time, such as after breakfast. Prepare for walks by packing a variety of snacks or even a new toy when you want your child to stay happily in the stroller.

Jogging strollers allow parents to walk fast, jog or even run or Rollerblade. That

gives you a cardio workout and gives your child an adventure that will probably lead to a good nap.

When older kids enjoy an afternoon at the park, you can too. Run the perimeter of the playground while keeping an eye on them. When they are little and need to be pushed on the swings, every time you give a push, go down in a squat. Monkey bars are a great upper body workout. Swinging is good for your legs. Play ball or take a bike ride.

Don't supervise swimming from the side of the pool — at least walk back and forth in the shallow end. Keep moving briskly in the water while carrying a young child, who will be fascinated by the motion of the water.

Play boot camp with your kids, and let them be the drill sergeant, complete with a whistle. They will undoubtedly be able to think up new killer exercises for you. Little kids are quite active — don't watch them, join them, and you'll get a workout.

Teenagers might agree to register for a fun run or walk and you can train together. Tennis and basketball are great family activities. You might try scheduling a walk together after the family meal — or there is always yard work.

When kids are out of school, it can be harder for parents to find time for themselves. But your workout is important, so schedule it. (It belongs on the calendar as much as your children's softball games.)

Even if you exercise alone, let your children know what you are doing so you set a good example of making physical fitness a way of life.



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Much in common for new football coaches at Amador Valley, Livermore high schools

Jones, Partridge each graduated from Amador, played for longtime Dons' coach Rick Sira

It's not often everything feels right in the world, and with the uncertainty of the world in general, finding escapes — even in high school sports world — can give us a little reprieve from the day-to-day fears of the world.

For some, sports in general offer a diversion, and such was the case for me last week when I had a chance to sit down with the new football coaches for Amador Valley and Livermore high schools.

Livermore? Sure it is not one of the two Pleasanton schools featured in this spot each week, but the new coach certainly has ties to one of the schools.

Danny Jones (Amador Valley) and Ryan Partridge (Livermore) are the new heads of those respective football programs.

Both graduated and played at Amador — Partridge graduated in 2002 and Jones in 2004. Both were exceptional athletes in high school and college, and both have blossomed in the local coaching ranks.

Having covered and written much on both during their playing careers, it gave me a sense of pride to see them now running local programs.

Partridge worked the past three years at Dougherty Valley and Jones has been coaching at Amador Valley. Both are giving back to the local prep sports programs that they benefited from when they were growing up.

Partridge turned in some big games for Golden West Junior College before going to the University of Kentucky and finally Northern Arizona.

Jones ended his college career leading the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater to the NCAA Division III national title in 2007 as the quarterback, scoring a pair of touchdowns in a 31-21 win over Mount Union in the championship.

"I've been here since 2010," Jones said of coaching at Amador. "I've always had the aspirations to coach here. For me, it couldn't be a better fit or a better opportunity. The tradition is awesome, and it's a place I want to be for the next 30 years."

This is turning out to be a meaningful year for Jones as he is also getting married to his fiancée Lanni Smith, a kindergarten teacher at Donlon Elementary School, on July 1.

"I think we have an idea of what to expect," said Jones with a laugh looking ahead at his time commitment to football mixed in with



Left: Amador Valley alumnus Ryan Partridge is taking over the Livermore High football program this year. (Photo courtesy of DVHS)

Below: Danny Jones, an Amador Valley grad who's been coaching with the Dons for three years, has been named the school's new head football coach. (Photo courtesy of Lanni Smith)

being newly married. "Lanni is excited about Amador as well. She is pretty cool with it all."

For Partridge, taking over Livermore on paper seems a lot more daunting than Amador.

The Dons are viewed as one of the more consistent programs over the years, thanks in large part to longtime former coach Rick Sira.

Livermore, on the other hand, is pretty much near the bottom of the East Bay Athletic League every year. Fighting participation issues and the defection of athletes to rival Granada, the Cowboys start behind the eight ball every season.

That's fine with Partridge — he is up for the challenge.

"First, there are not always successful programs with head coaching jobs available," said Partridge, who will also teach at Livermore. "I am excited for the opportunity. We will have a clear direction of culture. It's going to be year-round football."

Jones sees it as a great hire as well.

"I think highly of (Ryan) as a coach and a person," Jones said. "I am very happy for the kids at Livermore."

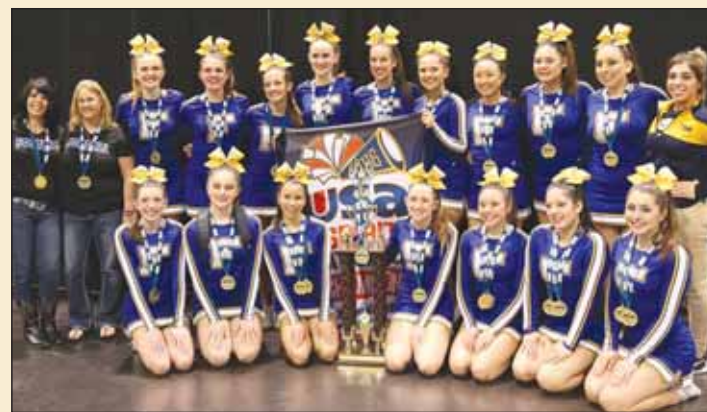
The two have many things in common and spent a lot of time the past few years talking football almost every week. It is the com-



mon bond of having played for Sira that brought it all together. They started playing for the purple and gold, and now they will be roaming the sidelines in the EBAL, running their own programs.

"It is something that is really special," Partridge said. "I think it is something that speaks highly of Rick Sira." ■

Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit local high school sports scores and game highlights for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at acesmag@aol.com.



DANETTE ONDI

The Foothill varsity cheer team was one of three Falcon squads to win a USA Spirit Nationals championship two weekends ago in Anaheim.

Foothill wins three cheer national titles

Amador Valley varsity takes third, stunt earns second in Anaheim

By JEREMY WALSH

Foothill cheerleaders completed a clean sweep at the United Spirit Association (USA) Spirit Nationals in Anaheim two weekends ago, with the varsity, stunt and junior varsity teams each winning a national championship.

It marked the third time in the past five years that all three Falcons' squads brought home national crowns.

"Winning all three titles is a huge accomplishment," said Kim DeJoy, who coaches Foothill's varsity and stunt teams. "Not many schools have done this. The feeling for all of the coaches and athletes was overwhelming and sheer joy."

The championships provided the perfect culmination of 10 months of hard work for the teams, according to DeJoy, who is in her 16th year at Foothill.

"They supported one another on and off the mat," she added. "I knew from the beginning that this was a group of incredibly special young women that I, along with the other coaches, were privileged to coach. I knew

that they could hit a perfect routine. It would just be up to the judges and how they scored us."

Foothill varsity topped 23 other teams in the medium varsity show cheer novice category March 18-20 at the Anaheim Convention Center — its first time competing in the division after years in small show cheer intermediate.

The stunt team won against 41 other top teams, and the junior varsity bested 13 other groups.

"They were just amazing. I can't gush enough about them," DeJoy said. "I couldn't be more proud of these teams. They represented themselves, Foothill and Pleasanton with great pride."

Crosstown Amador Valley varsity cheerleaders also earned a high finish at the USA Spirit Nationals, placing third out of 22 schools in the small show cheer intermediate category.

The Dons used a strong performance in the final round to jump from fifth place at the end of Day 1 up to third overall.

The Amador Valley stunt team took second place behind Foothill in its division. ■



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Auditions

TRI-VALLEY REPERTORY THEATRE

AUDITIONS 'IN THE HEIGHTS' Audition for "In the Heights," a universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday and Monday, April 10-11 at the TVRT rehearsal space, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101. Prepare 16-32 bars of an up-tempo pop or Broadway song with sheet music in your key. Accompanist provided. Add all conflicts from Aug. 8-Nov. 6 and bring them with a copy of your resume and current headshot. Rehearsals begin mid-August. Performance dates are Oct. 22-Nov. 6. Download and print an audition form at www.trivalleyrep.org.

Civic Meetings

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.

Classes

FREE COUNSELING JOB SEARCH

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

PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER DAILY PC TUTORING Get one-on-one PC tutoring between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Monday-Friday at the Pleasanton Senior Center. If you have your own laptop, you can bring it. PCs are available in Windows 7/8/10. Get help on using the internet, email, photo editing and attachments. Cost is \$2-\$2.50. Call 931-5365.

Clubs

GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING

Love to shop? Join Girls Night Out Networking for their annual GNON Business Expo from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, April 4 at Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate Office, 4725 First St., Suite 150. Over 12 booths to visit. Bring a friend; the more the merrier. Cost is \$10-\$15. Contact 487-4748 or gnoners@gmail.com. Go to www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html.

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.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS PATRICK LOFFT

L-AGS will present Patrick Lofft at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Patrick will present an interactive tour of features of the L-AGS website, including membership application, useful genealogy internet links, places to find genealogical data, and more. Contact Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs, at program@L-AGS.org.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY

TOASTMASTERS: GUESTS WELCOME Learn more about public speaking in a fun-filled and supporting environment at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday

at the Highland Oaks Recreation Center, 4530 Sandalwood Drive. Enjoy improving your leadership skills, building confidence and meeting new friends. Call Laurie Erceg, VP of Public Relations, at (510) 305-5111 or go to pleasantontoastmasters.com.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB Open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley, members include retirees, working families, business owners, married, single, empty nesters, of all ages and from all over the world. Activities include monthly coffees and lunches, day trips, games, book club, wine club, shared interest groups, community service, outdoor activities such as hiking, walking, and golf. New events and activities are planned throughout the year. Meet your Tri-Valley neighbors, have fun, and learn more about our beautiful community. Contact 215-8405 or pnewcomers@gmail.com. Go to www.PleasantonNewcomers.com.

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. Go to branch34.sirinc2.org.

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED PRESENTS JOSEPH

BROCATO TVRWF will present Joseph Brocato, speaking on "Unsung Heroes: The Extraordinary Contributions of Women in the Defense of Liberty and Freedom," at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14. This presentation highlights some of the uncommon contributions of the civilian workforce and military support units. Cost is \$30 for members, \$34 for non-members. RSVP by April 12. Contact Linda Krikorian at 426-1474 or krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com.

PET OF THE WEEK

TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

Jersey Boy foolin' around

This young adult pit mix is athletic, loves to run, plays ball and just gets so overjoyed with happiness. Jersey Boy was even willing to dress up as the Easter bunny last weekend in the hopes of finding his forever home. He is still working on his basic obedience, but he appears to be good around other dogs. Jersey Boy is available for adoption at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. For more information, call 803-7040.



Concerts

BROADWAY CHORUS AND BROADWAY CHORUS KIDS 'MORE OF YOUR FAVORITES' Broadway Chorus and Broadway Chorus Kids present "More of Your Favorites" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15-17 at Livermore High School, 600 Maple St., Livermore. Audiences cast their votes during the last concert for their favorite Broadway musicals to create a show completely comprised of audience and chorus favorites. Call 462-2121 or go to [www.trivalleyrep.org/tickets\\$individual-tickets](http://www.trivalleyrep.org/tickets$individual-tickets).

COMMUNITY BAND SPRING CONCERT Enjoy a varied program of solos and unusual music works that will entertain and surprise at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 10 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Call 846-5897 or go to pleasantonband.org.

HEART BY HEART Original HEART band members and Rock N Roll Hall of Famers Steve Fossen and Mike Derosier will perform as HEART by

HEART, a HEART tribute group, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 8-9 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Lead vocals by Somar Macek, Randy Hansen on guitar, and Lizzy Daymont on guitar, keyboard, and vocals. Tickets are \$36-\$46. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

JAYME STONE'S LOMAX PROJECT Multiple award-winning Canadian banjoist, composer, and producer Jayme Stone brings together some of North America's most distinctive and creative roots musicians to revive, recycle and re-imagine traditional music at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 15 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Focusing on songs collected by folklorist and field recording pioneer Alan Lomax. Tickets are \$17-\$27. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

Events

CFA ALLBREED CAT SHOW See 200 cats and kittens on display and competing for Best in Show on Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Rescue groups will have loving cats for adoption. Shop for all things feline. Door prizes. Proceeds to health research. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children under ten, \$10 parking. Go to www.crowcanyoncatclub.org. Alameda Co.

FREE TOUR: WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND WATER RECYCLING PLANTS Learn how 10 million gallons of Tri-Valley wastewater is treated every day, either purified and recycled to irrigate Tri-Valley green spaces or cleaned and pumped into the San Francisco Bay. Take the tour from 1-2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at DSRSD Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7399 Johnson Drive. Reservations required, please complete form on website. Go to www.drsrd.com/.

JOHNSON DRIVE DEVELOPMENT JOINT WORKSHOP Pleasanton City Council and Planning Commission members will hold a joint workshop to discuss the potential Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Go to www.cityof-pleasantonca.gov to review the Economic Impact Analysis and other documents.



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Thrills continue at Firehouse

The Pleasanton movie night series "Thrill Rides" continues with a romantic thriller, "The One I Love," at 7:30 p.m. April 13 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Mark Duplass and Elisabeth Moss star as a couple struggling to save their marriage who go away for a weekend to a house recommended by their therapist (Ted Danson). Rated R so IDs will be checked. General admission is \$10 at the door, which includes free popcorn. Soda and snacks available to purchase. To buy tickets in advance, go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848 or visit the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

MUSEUM ON MAIN READING TIME Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and families are invited for books and crafts. The In the Garden theme begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at Museum on Main. Admission is free; no reservations required. Call 462-2766 or go to www.museumonmain.org.

TRI-VALLEY HEALTH FAIR The Tri-Valley Health Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 at the Firehouse Arts Center. The Health Fair will include vendors, dental and vision screenings, physical examinations, entertainment and other health related resources.

Exhibits

'REMNANTS OF THE PAST' VINTAGE AND ANTIQUES SHOW "Remnants of the Past" is a juried vintage and antiques show featuring vendors artfully displaying unique items from around the world. The show will be held from 1-7 p.m. on Friday, April 15, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$15. Go to www.remnantsofthepast.com/.

Fundraisers

'BLING IT ON' JEWELRY EVENT The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop Pleasanton invites you to their semi-annual jewelry event "Bling it On" Friday-Sunday, April 15-17. Featuring fine jewelry, vintage and costume jewelry and a wide selection of rings, earrings, brooches, bracelets, pearls and watches. Proceeds

benefit American Cancer Society's programs of research, education and service. For more information or to donate, contact Kelley Jewell Meno, Manager, at 462-7374.

BEER TASTING AND SUDSY SUPPER Sample local and regional beer, sup on tasty pub food, hop to live music, and bid on awesome Silent Auction items from 5:30-9 p.m. on Sunday, April 10 at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Featuring the Queen of Hearts Combo and the Mellotones Combo Jazz Band. Tickets are \$30, \$15 for youth, \$8 for children. Go to saintbartslivermore.com.

EXPLORING NEW HORIZONS OUTDOOR SCHOOLS SPRING FUNDRAISER

Join Exploring New Horizons staff for a special gathering from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 at Eddie Papa's, 4889 Hopyard Road. With music, great food, a silent auction of items hand crafted by naturalists, and family fun to benefit Exploring New Horizons Outdoor Schools. Bring a voucher, available at <http://exploringnewhorizons.org/newsletter/click-on-the-link-below-to-print-voucher>. RSVP to heid@exploringnewhorizons.org by March 31.

PACE FOR PEACE 5K 10K WALK/RUN Join for Tri-Valley Haven's 5 and 10 K Walk Run that winds through Livermore's wine country, from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23. Race day registration at 7:30 a.m., race at 8 a.m. Proceeds benefit prevention programs of Tri-Valley Haven. Cost is \$35-\$45. Contact Lisa at 449-5845 or lisa@trivalleyhaven.org. Go to trivalleyhaven.org.

THE HIKE FOR HOPE 2016 The Hike for Hope Memorial and Fundraiser celebrates the joy our loved ones brought us, and raises funds for Hope Hospice. All of the hike's net proceeds are used to care for the more than 2,000 area residents we serve each year. The Hike for Hope will be from 8:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 30 at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. Cost is \$35 per hiker through April 15, \$45 after. Call 829-8770 or go to thehikeforhope.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

ASTRO TELLER, GOOGLE X Astro Teller, leader of GoogleX, is an entrepreneur, scientist, author, and expert in Intelligent Technology. GoogleX is Google's "factory" for building ideas that can be brought to reality through science and technology, including Google Glass and self-driving cars. Join him at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$30, \$15 for students. Call 373-6800 or go to livermoreperformingarts.org.

MEDITATION WORKSHOP Come to a free meditation workshop from 3-5 p.m. on Friday, April 8 at the Pleasanton Library. Unwind your mind, attain inner peace and mental well being, expand your levels of conscious awareness, decrease stress, regulate your emotions and increase your quality of life. Hosted by Patti Kopish.

NAMI TRI-VALLEY GENERAL MEETING NAMI Tri-Valley will meet from 7:15-9 p.m. on Monday, April 4 at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. The guest speaker will be Lynn Gardner from Horizons Family Counseling, speaking on "Video Game and Internet Addiction." Call 487-8766.

On Stage

AN AFTERNOON WITH GROUCHO STARRING FRANK FERRANTE Award-winning actor Frank Ferrante recreates his PBS, New York and London acclaimed portrayal of legendary comedian Groucho Marx from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$20-\$30. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

AN EVENING WITH UNCLE TOISAN Renowned writer, story teller, musician and historian William "Charlie" Chin will be back to portray a Chinese-American character called Uncle Toisan, whose life spans the time from the Chinese Exclusion Act to the post-civil rights era and the emergence of Asian-American consciousness, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 at Museum on Main. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for seniors and students, \$5 for museum members. Call 462-2766 or go to museumonmain.org.

Seniors

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER FOUNDATION MEETING The Dublin Senior Center Foundation meets at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511.

KNITTING Learn to knit, refresh your skills, pick up some new tips, and share techniques you've learned from 9-11:30 a.m. every Friday at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Get help with that pesky "UFO" or just sit, knit, and plan to laugh a lot. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

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.

PLEASANTON PEDALERS If you love cycling, this group is for you. Join at 9 a.m. every Thursday. Rides will be at an easy pace from 15 to 25 miles, with no rider left behind. A signed waiver is required for all riders. Go to meetup.com/PleasantonPedalers.

PLEASANTON SOLE MATES Join this weekly walking group at 8:45 a.m. every Wednesday starting at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Trek to local venues while enjoying the great outdoors. Participants must be able to walk 2.5-3 miles. All walkers must sign a waiver. Call 931-5365.

Spiritual

AN OPEN DOOR FOR RETURNING CATHOLICS Are you a non-practicing Catholic who is considering a return to the church? The Returning Catholics program offers a supportive atmosphere to explore questions and concerns about returning, from 7-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday, April 13-May 18, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Contact Kimberley at 846-0892 or CCOPReturningCatholics@gmail.com. Go to www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/returning-catholics.html.

CRYSTAL SINGING BOWL CONCERT Come to a sound-healing concert, played by Shala, from noon-1:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Everyone's experience will be unique and suited to their own specific needs. \$10 suggested love offering. Call 829-2733 or go to unityoftrivalley.org.

MOM2MOM MEETINGS Moms and Grandmothers of all ages are welcome to join the Mom2mom group based on the Titus 2 women where the older moms are mentoring the younger moms. Parenting tips, guest speakers, crafts and practical life applications. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. Contact Valerie Fleming at 484-2482 ext. 121 or valerie@harvestvalley.org.

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sundays, with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. They will offer a third worship gathering on Sundays called "Come As You Are" at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy music, fellowship, and spiritual connection. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221 or office@lynnewood.org. Go to www.lynnewood.org.

Sports

FREE CRICKET BOOT CAMP Cricket for Cubs invites all cricket enthusiasts to our annual Spring Cricket Festival from 1-5 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday from March 12-April 3. The Festival will be held at Monarch Park in San Ramon on Saturdays and at Emerald Glen Park on Sundays. Free boot camps/cricket clinics to youth will be conducted. Register your child by contacting cricketforcubs@cubs.com.

Support Groups

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP Tri-Valley Haven offers a support group for survivors of domestic violence at 1 p.m. every Friday in Downtown Pleasanton. This is a closed group, which means all attendees must sign up in advance. No drop-ins. Call 667-2718 or go to www.trivalleyhaven.org.

HAPPINESS AND GREAT RELATIONSHIPS Learn how to have more fulfilling relationships with your partner, spouse and children; how to be more effective at work; and how to replace anger with peace and confidence at this group, held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd. #108, Dublin. Suggested \$5 donation. Go to meetup.com/Tri-Valley-Real-Love-Group/.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS This 12-step support group for people with eating behavior problems meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore; and at 7:30 a.m. Saturdays in the Middle School Room at The Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Free with donations accepted toward room rent. No weigh-ins. Call Nora at 337-9118.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more: pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT GROUP Tri-Valley Haven offers a support group for survivors of sexual assault from 5:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in Livermore. This is a closed group, which means all attendees must sign up in advance. No drop-ins. Please call Amanda at 667-2797 or go to www.trivalleyhaven.org.

Volunteering

VOLUNTEER FOR THE TRI-VALLEY HEALTH FAIR Volunteer for the Tri-Valley Health Fair, held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 at the Firehouse Arts Center. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Valerie Pavlakis at 931-5353 or vpavlakis@cityofpleasanton.ca.gov.

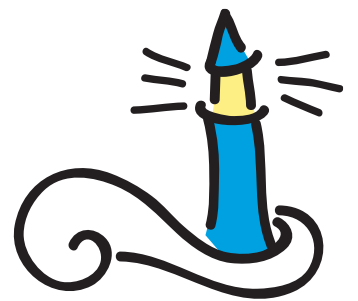
TAKE US ALONG



Come sail away: Charlotte and Patrick Lofft of Pleasanton enjoyed sailing with the Pleasanton Weekly for six days aboard Schooner Lewis R. French on Penobscot Bay in the Gulf of Maine. Joining them on the trip were daughter Paula and granddaughter Megan, of Hanover, Md. The schooner was launched April 28, 1871 and has been designated a National Historic Landmark.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to 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.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: HG16803439 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ANURADHA BAJAJ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANURADHA BAJAJ to ANU BAJAJ. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: June 9, 2016, 1:30 p.m., Dept.: 503 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: Feb. 10, 2016 /s/ Morris D. Jacobson, Presiding Judge, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Pleasanton Weekly, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: HG16806367 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ERNEST EMANUEL QUINTANA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ERNEST EMANUEL QUINTANA to ERNEST JAMES GENBERG. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: July 14, 2016, 1:30 p.m., Dept.: 503 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: March 4, 2016 /s/ Morris D. Jacobson, Presiding Judge, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Pleasanton Weekly, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2016)

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California home sales up 2.6% in February

Bay Area only region where homes are selling above original list prices

By JEB BING

Moderating home price appreciation and improving housing inventory combined to spur California's housing market in February as existing-home sales increased from both the previous month and year.

The California Association of Realtors (CAR) reported that closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 393,360 units in February.

According to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtors' associations and MLSs statewide, the statewide sales figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 2016 if sales maintained the February pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The February figure was up 2.6% from the revised 383,480 level in January and up 6.4% compared with home sales in February 2015 of a revised 369,630. February's sales level was below the 400,000 level for the second straight month.

"While it's encouraging that home sales were higher from both the previous month and year, it's important to remember that sales were unusually low in the first quarter of 2015 when the housing market got off to a slow start," said CAR president Pat "Ziggy" Zicarelli.

"Market activity continues to be dampened by low housing inventory as baby boomers

stay in their homes longer and new home construction, while improving, falls below needed supplies," Zicarelli explained.

After accelerating for five straight months, the median price of an existing, single-family detached California home fell 4.7% in February to \$446,460 from \$468,330 in January. February's median price was 3.8% higher than the revised \$429,930 recorded in February 2015.

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

"February's home price increase was the slowest rate of growth in six months, reflecting a shift in sales toward lower-priced, inland areas as buyers feeling the affordability crunch and tight supplies move away from urban cores to find affordable housing," said Leslie Appleton-Young, CAR's vice president and chief economist.

"Home buyers in the Bay Area are seeking to buy in Contra Costa, Solano, or Sonoma counties, rather than San Francisco, and Southern California home buyers are moving inland to Riverside, San Bernardino, or Central Valley areas, where housing inventory is more abundant and affordable," she added.

Other key points from CAR's February 2016 resale housing report include:

- The number of active listings increased for the second consecutive month after declining for five straight months. Active listings



increased 4.1% from January on a statewide basis. At the regional level, total active listings in February increased from the previous month in Southern California (2.7%) and the Bay Area (27.7%) but dipped slightly in the Central Valley (0.4%).

- CAR's Unsold Inventory Index rose to 4.6 months in February from 4.3 months in January, primarily due to slower sales and an increase in active listings. The index stood at 4.9 months in February 2015.
- The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home declined in February to 41.6 days, compared with 44.5 days in January and 44.1 days in February 2015.
- According to CAR's sales-to-list price ratio, properties are generally selling below the list price, except in the San Francisco Bay Area, where a lack of homes for sale is pushing sales prices higher than original asking prices.

The statewide measure suggests that homes sold at a median of 98.2% of the list price in February, up slightly from 97.9% at the same time last year.

The Bay Area is the only region where homes are selling above original list prices due to constrained supply with a ratio of 101.6% in February, essentially unchanged from 101.5% a year ago.

- The average price per square foot for an existing, single-family home was \$222 in February 2016, down from \$227 in January and up from \$219 in February 2015.
- San Francisco continued to have the highest price per square foot in February at \$810/sq. ft., followed by San Mateo (\$768/sq. ft.), and Santa Clara (\$567/sq. ft.). The three counties with the lowest price per square foot in February were Siskiyou (\$109/sq. ft.), Madera (\$116/sq. ft.) and Yuba (\$117/sq. ft.).
- Mortgage rates dropped in February, with the 30-year, fixed-mortgage interest rate averaging 3.66%, down from 3.87% in January and 3.71% in February 2015, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable-mortgage interest rates also declined, averaging 2.83% in February, down from 2.98% in January and 2.97% in February 2015. ■

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 29-March 10

Pleasanton (Feb. 29-March 2)

Total sales reported: 4

Lowest sale reported: \$400,000

Highest sale reported: \$685,000

Average sales reported: \$567,625

Dublin (Feb. 29-March 2)

Total sales reported: 1

Lowest sale reported: \$1,052,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,052,000

Average sales reported: \$1,052,000

Livermore (Feb. 29-March 2)

Total sales reported: 9

Lowest sale reported: \$471,500

Highest sale reported: \$1,399,000

Average sales reported: \$813,833

San Ramon (March 7-10)

Total sales reported: 12

Lowest sale reported: \$440,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,450,000

Average sales reported: \$888,583

Sunol (Feb. 29-March 2)

Total sales reported: 1

Lowest sale reported: \$500,000

Highest sale reported: \$500,000

Average sales reported: \$500,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 29-March 10

Pleasanton

405 Ewing Drive Fitzpatrick Trust to Keenan Trust for \$400,000

4445 Seminole Way Bascom Trust to S. Karupiah for \$525,500

517 St. John Street Luders Trust to K. & J. Bansal for \$660,000

4356 Valley Avenue #D6 Britto Trust to M. Jacobs for \$685,000

Dublin

11958 Glaskin Place Pulte Home to A. Santos for \$1,052,000

Livermore

5434 Betty Circle R. & D. Salvatore to D. & E. Prusso for \$471,500

476 Beverly Street M. & T. Tarte to D. Moylan for \$879,000

2491 Cowan Way A. & B. Teixeira to M. Aoto for \$1,399,000

915 El Rancho Drive L. & D. Stallings to E. Fabian for \$565,000

5878 Felicia Avenue T. & J. Davis to R. & C. Rapp for \$830,000

525 Maple Street G. Serpa to L. & R. Shartle for \$585,000

388 Misty Circle KB Home to V. Nutralapati for \$765,000

9255 Tesla Road C. & M. Jaegel to A. & K. Fowler for \$1,150,000

5274 Theresa Way M. & M. Boyer to C. & J. Kinlund for \$680,000

San Ramon

3877 Aragon Lane Nevarez Trust to A. Ahlowalia for \$1,000,000

2424 Ascension Drive Langewisch Trust to T. Henderson for \$1,150,000

3860 Ayers Way G. & D. Patrick to Y. & L. Wang for \$1,005,000

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3056 Hastings Way Hyyp Trust to V. Putrevu for \$1,450,500

204 Norris Canyon Place #D J. Legaspi to Weckstein Trust for \$550,000

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315 South Overlook Drive Datta Trust to L. Sudha for \$550,000

3045 Tahoe Place Silva Trust to S. Ghaffarian for \$770,000

9667 Tareyton Avenue D. Gil to A. & A. Agrawal for \$970,000

302 Vallado Court Dichappari Trust to M. & L. Boehmer for \$1,140,000

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"it depends". Now I am not a politician, so I am not evading the question. A better answer is "it depends on several things". In my opinion, these are the 6 critical factors that determine the stability, and therefore the long term appreciation, of a given real estate market:

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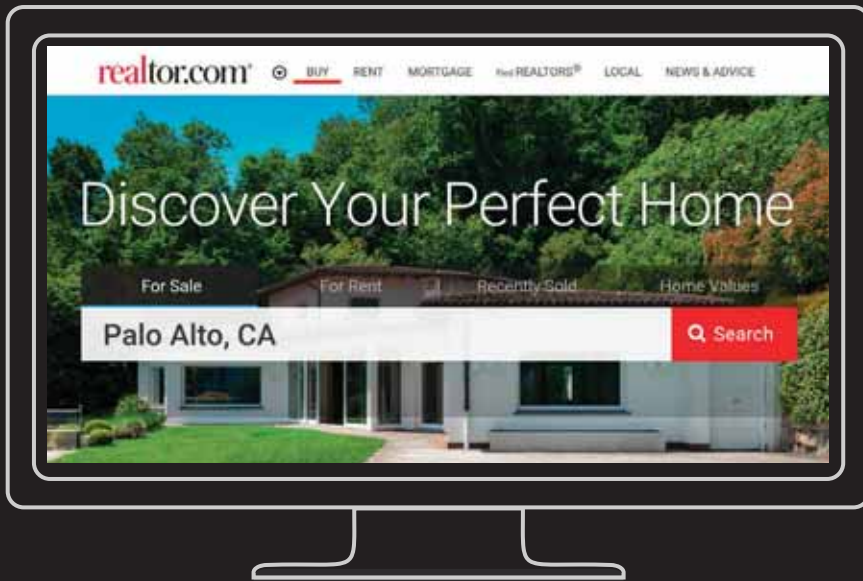
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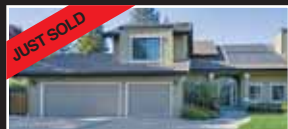
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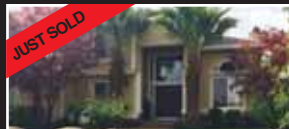
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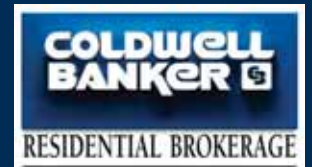
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