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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



2016 TRI-VALLEY HEROES

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Searching for our 2016 heroes

We're putting out a call once again for nominations and sponsorships for the annual Tri-Valley Heroes awards, our salute to community members dedicated to bettering the Tri-Valley and the lives of its residents.

The awards are given each year by Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division, which includes the Pleasanton Weekly and the PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com online editions, with this year's event on Monday, Oct. 17 at the Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton.

Individuals who live or work in Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Alamo or Livermore are eligible, as are organizations and businesses headquartered in these six communities. If you know a person, organization or group deserving of recognition, complete the nomination form and send it to us by 5 p.m. Sept. 5.

Our panel of "hero" judges will bestow honors in seven categories: **Arts and Culture:** For acknowledgment/recognition of achievements or contributions within the area of arts and culture.

Community Spirit: For selfless, tireless and largely unacknowledged actions that have enriched or improved the quality of life for the local community.

Courage: For an act of bravery or for determination and strength of character to triumph over adversity.

Innovation: For a person, group or business who applies innovative ideas or programs to enhance the community.

Rising Star: An individual between 10 and 18 whose services directly benefit Tri-Valley citizens through outstanding volunteer work, serving as a community role model and mentor or demonstrating random acts of kindness.

Role Model: For displaying common sense, compassion and wisdom while teaching, coaching and mentoring others with a vision for people to strive to be the best they can be.

Lifetime Achievement: Recognizes an individual or group for contributions, leadership, enthusiasm and tireless efforts on behalf of his or her community and neighbors.

Candidates for consideration should stand out because of their actions, integrity or honor, whether that hero is a firefighter who rescues a child from a burning house, the girl who is courageously battling leukemia, the business that allows its employees to mentor teens or the neighborhood group that cleans up the creek.

Here's the criteria for award consideration:

- For the individual component, nominees for the awards must be a resident of the six communities named above or working or volunteering in them. Their contribution must have made a significant impact to a cause, a person or a group in that market. Nominees must be at least 16 years of age during the active program year, except for the Rising Star award.

- Organizations, groups or businesses that are nominated must be based in the six eligible communities and serve the residents in them. They must have made their contribution during the 12 months prior to nomination.

- Nominators may remain anonymous to their nominee, but they must provide their contact information to Embarcadero Media for verification purposes.

A committee of staff and community members will select recipients for each award category based on the criteria mentioned above. Where applicable, individual nominations will be evaluated in respect to other individual nominations within a category and organizations/groups/businesses will be evaluated in respect to other similar nominations within a category.

For more information, send an email to GChannell@embarcadero-mediagroup.com. ■

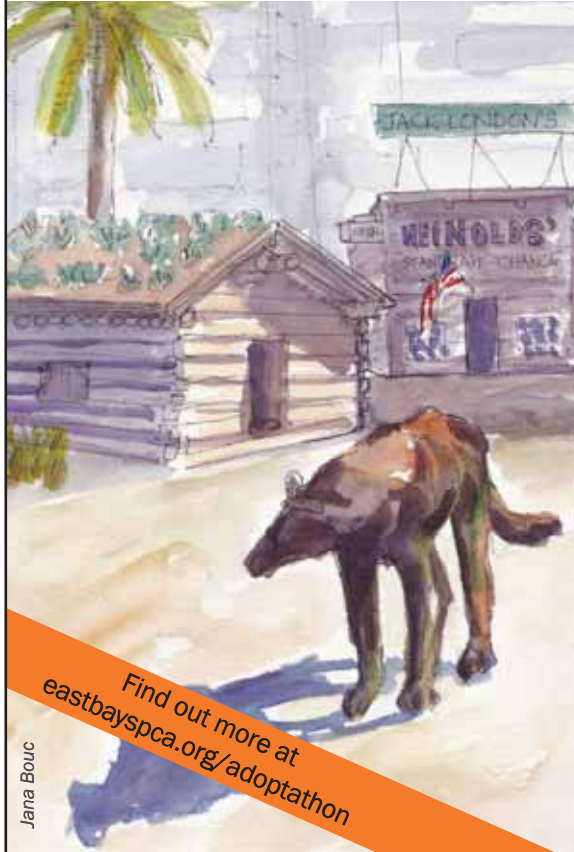
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The Amador Valley Dons start their 2016 football season tonight at De La Salle while the Foothill Falcons travel to San Leandro to open their regular season. Shown in 2015 game action (clockwise from top left): Johnny French returns as a linebacker for the Falcons, Bruce Taylor is again handling kicking duties for the Dons, Foothill's Dylan Walsh is blocking for quarterback Ben Wooldridge and Tore Wiley is another two-way starter for Amador Valley. Foothill photos by Paula Walsh. Amador Valley photos courtesy of AVHS Football. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What type(s) of people do you tend to gravitate toward?



Zach Stine
Business owner

I own a sports bar, so I tend to gravitate toward sports enthusiasts because we always have plenty to talk about, especially during the Olympics. Plus, they tend to be good for business.



Lisa Imran
Foreign language teacher

I gravitate toward people who are not judgmental, and who are happy to accept me for who I am as a person in terms of my actions, as well as the thoughts in my head and the feelings in my heart. I prefer these people to those who care about whether I'm wearing a cute outfit or am having a good hair day.



Roger Catanzaro
Graphic artist

I tend to gravitate toward people I have things in common with, like other artists and people who derive satisfaction from creating something new and different. These are great people to collaborate with and bounce ideas off of. I believe they probably feel the same way about me. We have a certain kinship.



Martha Egan Physical therapist

I like to surround myself with positive people who are grateful for what they have and like to focus on all that is good in their lives. I find few things more exhausting than being around negative people who spend all of their time griping about one thing or another. That kind of vibe just totally saps all of my energy.



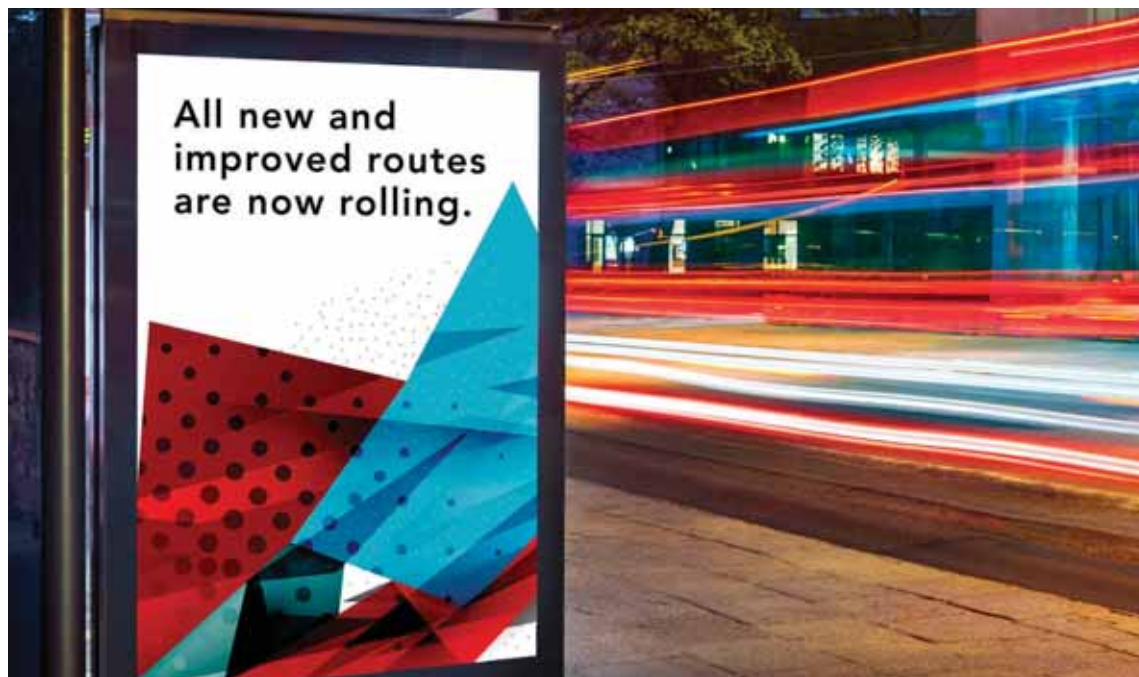
Amanda Major
Insurance agent

I'd have to say I gravitate toward people whose moods are consistent because I find comfort in knowing what to expect from someone when I interact with them. Even if they are cranky all the time, I'm fine with that because it is what I'm expecting. I'm not one for surprises.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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New Life Store

Nonprofit Shepherd's Gate is set to celebrate the grand opening of its newly relocated New Life Store next Thursday at 9 a.m. in Livermore.

The thrift store, which was moved from its former site on Railroad Avenue to 4014 East Ave., offers gently used items for purchase with proceeds going to support the shelter for homeless or abused women and their children on Portola Avenue in Livermore.

The store will be open Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donated goods can be dropped off Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The drop-off location is behind the store in the rear parking lot.

Shepherd's Gate is a Christian nonprofit that aims to free women and children from the destructive cycles of homelessness, addiction and abuse. For more information, visit www.shepherdsate.org.

ESL classes

Residents 19 and older can register through next week for adult English as a second language (ESL) courses offered through the Pleasanton Unified School District's adult education program.

The classes, which are free and will be offered at a variety of locations, will meet twice a week through December. The lessons are most beneficial for people if they attend every class, district officials said.

The district's Pleasanton Adult and Career Education (PACE) department was brought back last spring after a three-year absence when state funding was renewed and classes have increased for two to seven since last spring due to demand.

Future offerings from PACE will include high school equivalency tests as well as classes for adults with disabilities and parent education, officials said. For more information, visit www.pleasantonusd.net.

Fife and drum fun

The Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps of Pleasanton is accepting applications from new students 8-17 years old interested in joining the group's 2016-17 season.

With registration ongoing for another several weeks, the group will kick off the season with its annual daylong Fife and Drum Band Camp tomorrow. The event will include professionally led music instruction and marching, a bit of Revolutionary War-era history, leadership skills lessons, and a dinner and pool party at the end.

For more information, visit www.YoungAmericanPatriots.com and email director Jason Giaimo at YAPs1776@aol.com. ■

Mayoral candidate Julie Testa files suit after ballot statement rejected

City clerk says Testa's statement for printing with sample ballot submitted after deadline

By JEB BING

Pleasanton mayoral candidate Julie Testa is going to court to compel city clerk Karen Diaz to file Testa's candidate statement for the Nov. 8 sample election ballot that will be sent to voters Oct. 10.

Testa's required nomination papers were accepted just before the filing deadline on Aug. 12. However, the electronic filing of her candidate's statement for the sample ballot, which was emailed at 4:30 p.m. that day, was not accepted by the city clerk.

Diaz first turned away Testa from qualifying as a candidate at all because she did not file the required financial disclosure Form 700

"Statement of Economic Interests." Diaz relented after Testa and her attorney, Matt Morrison, showed that they had filed Form 700 directly with the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

However, the candidate's statement, a crucial part of information about candidates that is printed with the sample ballot, was not accepted via email, though it was sent before the 5 p.m. deadline. The hard copy of the statement required by the clerk was filed after the deadline and not accepted.

"Diaz turning Testa away for the missing Form (700) cost valuable time when the candidate discovered her candidate statement had been

left behind at (my) office when Testa visited there to electronically file the Form 700," Morrison said. "Diaz refused to accept a copy of Testa's statement sent via email before the Aug. 12 deadline expired."

"The law is clear," Morrison added. "There is nothing in the Political Reform Act that requires a Form 700 to be filed prior to a candidate's nomination papers."

After returning to the city clerk's office, Testa said she had barely five minutes to submit her paperwork when the discovery was made that her printed candidate statement was missing.

Even though Morrison had emailed Diaz a copy of Testa's candidate state-

ment well ahead of the 5 p.m. Aug. 12 deadline, Diaz informed Testa that candidate statements are required to be printed out and that she was not permitted to print a copy of the email for filing, nor accept the email itself as Testa's candidate statement.

Morrison said the issue is one of substantial compliance.

"Filing practices of municipalities vary," he said. "Where a candidate



Julie Testa

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Coalition seeks Costco-city records

'Trust in city hall shaken,' says ex-Councilman Sullivan

A coalition called Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth on Monday requested records for correspondence between city officials and representatives of efforts to build a Costco membership store on Johnson Drive.

Former City Councilman Matt Sullivan, a spokesman for the organization, said the group has sent a California Public Information Act request to Pleasanton City Attorney Daniel Sodergren requesting records for correspondence between city officials and Costco representatives "regarding the development of a massive new retail center on Johnson Drive, a Costco-anchored project."

"On July 19, Mayor Jerry Thorne embarrassed the city and himself by disclosing that he owned a significant number of Costco stock shares," Sullivan stated in a press release. "For at least two years, Thorne has championed this project in Pleasanton while owning Costco stock."

The Public Information Act request further states:

"As residents and business owners of the city of Pleasanton, we are deeply disturbed by the lack of transparency and failed commitment to open public participation by Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne recently regarding his ownership of Costco stock while the city considers a massive development that would insert a new Costco store on Johnson Drive.

"We wish to make this point clear: It appears that Mayor Thorne decided to recuse himself only after he learned that members of the

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GOODGUYS

Classic cars like these will be on display at Goodguys show today through Sunday at the Fairgrounds.

Goodguys show opens today at fairgrounds

West Coast Nationals here through Sunday

The Goodguys will open the 30th West Coast Nationals show today for a three-day weekend run at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

One of the longest running events on the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association schedule, the West Coast Nationals features cool cars despite the heat and more than 10,000 people from around the Bay head to the show.

Presented by Flowmaster, the show features more than 3,000 hot rods, street rods, customs, muscle cars and trucks through 1972 from 20 states and a few other countries, including England and Australia.

The fairgrounds features acres of American-made-and-powered cars, some glistening with candy

colors, allowing many show-goers to take steps back in time to when they owned and drove some of these classics.

A highlight of the event is the crowning of the Goodguys 2016 Flowmaster "America's Most Beautiful Street Rod." This prestigious award, part of the Top 12 awards for 2016, will be selected Saturday morning in the Builder's Choice area. To be eligible for this award, the vehicle must have been built or restored before 1949 and, most of all, "be beautiful," said Goodguys spokeswoman Betsy Bennett.

For car enthusiasts who need to do some shopping for a project, the fairgrounds' midway features multimillion-dollar custom big-rig tractor trailers filled with high-

performance parts and accessories for budding hot rodders and do-it-yourselfers.

There are also three buildings of indoor commercial vendors, offering fans a chance to interact directly with manufacturers. Throw in a giant used car parts swap meet and car corral (a used-car gathering), and Goodguys has created a virtual auto-utopia.

Funny car champion and drag racing legend John Force will make a guest appearance from 10-11:30 a.m. and again from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, talking and signing autographs at the PPG booth. With 143 career wins under his belt, he is the leader and patriarch of John Force Racing. In addition, two of his cars will be on display.

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First Responders Sunday

Local firefighters and police officers were recently honored by Lighthouse Baptist Church of Pleasanton at the church's annual First Responders Sunday. The congregation recognized personnel from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department; Dublin, Pleasanton and San Ramon police departments, and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. Special recognition was given to Fire Capt. Fernando Carranza, the department's Firefighter of the Year, who was awarded a certificate of appreciation and a Bible engraved with his name.



CAROL BRYSON

PPIE hires new executive director

Steve McCoy-Thompson picked to lead education nonprofit

By JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation has brought on experienced nonprofit leader Steve McCoy-Thompson to serve as its new executive director, the local nonprofit announced last Friday.

A Pleasanton resident for two decades, McCoy-Thompson has over 25 years of leadership and development experience with various nonprofit, corporate and government entities.

"I am excited and honored to

serve PPIE and the entire Pleasanton community," McCoy-Thompson said in a statement Friday.

"PPIE has a strong history of supporting local schools, teachers and students," he added. "I look forward to expanding our impact, collaborating with an increasingly diverse community, and building connections with our key stakeholders to create the kind of environment where our children will thrive."

McCoy-Thompson succeeds former PPIE executive director Susan Hayes, whose contract was not re-

newed this summer after three years leading the nonprofit organization.

McCoy-Thompson previously served in senior positions with Deloitte Consulting and Bechtel Corporation and has nonprofit experience from having been the executive director of Urban Solutions. His career has taken him and his wife Meri and children Matthias and Marie abroad to live in China and India in years past.

McCoy-Thompson is a past PPIE volunteer who has also been involved in the community as a youth

basketball coach, Cub Scouts leader and founder of the local nonprofit Community to People. He is also the author of four books.

PPIE board president Stephen Hilton said the nonprofit felt fortunate to bring McCoy-Thompson on.

"His experience and demonstrated success align perfectly with PPIE's goals to increase fundraising, enhance stakeholder outreach, and further define our strategic plan," Hilton said in a statement Friday. "Steve's involvement and familiarity with both corporate and nonprofit settings will serve PPIE well."

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, PPIE supports local public schools by raising funds for student programs and projects. ■

'I look forward to expanding our impact, collaborating with an increasingly diverse community and building connections with our key stakeholders.'

Steve McCoy-Thompson,
PPIE executive director

How to find long-term relief from muscle pain

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Getting an accurate diagnosis (instead of just temporary relief from medication) is essential for developing a long-term solution for the problem, but it is extremely difficult to get an accurate diagnosis. With innumerable responsibilities requiring more urgent attention than just "muscle pain", many clinics just aren't set

up to find out what is really wrong. The typical tests, if you're given any at all, just don't pick up the problem that's causing the muscle pain. And in those cases all you're left with is weak advice like "you're just not stretching enough" or "maybe we can try some stronger medication".

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Pleasanton students score higher in 2nd year of new state testing

Superintendent calls results 'an incredible accomplishment for our PUSD staff and students'

By JULIA REIS

Pleasanton students overall performed better in the second year of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), as did children across the state according to test results released Wednesday.

A total of 81% of Pleasanton Unified School District students met or exceeded English language arts and literacy standards, while 76% met or exceeded mathematics standards. That's an improvement of 1% and 3% over last year, respectively.

"This is an incredible accomplishment for our PUSD staff and students," superintendent Rick Rubino said in a statement. "Analyzing the

CAASPP results will provide us with the information which guides our focus on the specific needs of our students, to improve performance, close achievement gaps, and support teachers and schools in their continued efforts to increase student learning."

Pleasanton's results were attributed to the work and collaboration between parents, students and staff. However, the district statement pointed out that there is still work to be done, as evidenced by the 5% decrease in eighth-graders meeting or exceeding the English language arts standard over last year.

California made progress as a whole, with 49% of students meeting

or exceeding the English language arts standards and 37% doing so for math. That's an increase of 5% and 4% over last year, respectively.

The percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards rose at every grade and in every student group, according to the California Department of Education.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said in the release that more familiarity with taking an online test, an extra year of teaching the Common Core standards and the use of interim tests may have contributed to the rise in scores.

"The higher test scores show that the dedication, hard work and

patience of California's teachers, parents, school employees and administrators are paying off," Torlakson said. "Together we are making progress towards upgrading our education system to prepare all students for careers and college in the 21st century."

Neighboring school districts saw similar CAASPP results. In Dublin, 79% of students met or exceeded the English standards while 73% did so for math. A total of 82% of San Ramon Valley students met or exceeded English standards, and 76% met or exceeded math standards.

In Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District the scores were lower, with 60% of students meeting or exceeding English standards and 47%

meeting or exceeding math standards.

The CAASPP replaced Standardized Testing and Reporting examinations two years ago. It is an online test given in grades three through eight and 11th grade that incorporates new Common Core standards. Students are asked to write clearly, use critical thinking and solve complex problems.

The test consists of two parts — a computer adaptive assessment that bases follow-up questions on the correctness of the answer given, and a task that requires them to apply their skills to a real-world issue.

Parents will receive individual student scores in the mail. For more information, visit <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov>. ■

'CAASPP results will provide us with information which guides our focus on the specific needs of our students.'

Rick Rubino, Superintendent

COALITION

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public were about to reveal his conflict of interest at the July 19 council hearing on the related ballot initiative.

"Mayor Thorne has owned Costco stock for at least two years and could have recused himself at any time before now. Had citizens not been poised to expose this conflict of interest Mayor Thorne would almost

certainly be managing this process still today."

"Our trust in city hall is shaken. For at least two years Jerry Thorne misled residents about his motivations.

"This raises a number of questions: How much influence does Costco have on this process? What was Jerry Thorne's role in rallying other council members to Costco's cause? Have other members of the council been misled or gulled into supporting Costco by Thorne? How has this influenced the ongoing secret negotia-

tions between the city and Costco for taxpayer funded incentives, loans, tax breaks or other subsidies?"

"Jerry Thorne opened up a can of worms with two years of his dishonesty. These questions require answers to restore a transparent and functioning democracy in Pleasanton."

Sullivan said the Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth "is in no way affiliated with Citizens for Planned Growth, Bill Wheeler, or Black Tie Transportation."

This request is invoked under the

California Public Records Act, which compels a local government to provide copies of requested correspondence to the public upon request.

"The California State Legislature has determined that best practices for this type of public information for this request should be completed within 10 calendar days," the press releases states.

"It is clear that Pleasanton officials deserve greater scrutiny on this issue," Sullivan said. "What is not clear is if this incident signals that

city hall is just asleep at the switch or if our process has been altogether willfully compromised."

"Either way," he added, "city hall has breached trust with its constituencies. That needs to be rectified."

Sullivan said that Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth is a group of residents and businesses concerned with the impact of a big-box store on Johnson Drive and is dedicated to a transparent and functioning democracy. ■

—Jeb Bing

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Watchdog group OKs Measure B, BB expenditures

Committee: Tax dollars spent in accordance with intent of two voter-approved measures

By JEB BING

An independent watchdog committee (IWC) reported Tuesday that tax dollars from Measure B and Measure BB transportation funds were spent in accordance with the intent of the two voter-approved measures.

The report by a committee assigned by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) also provided an update on the delivery of programs and projects funded by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, and those funded by Measure BB, which augmented the half-cent sales tax to one cent and extended the tax through 2045.

Tess Lengyel, deputy executive director of Planning and Policy for the Alameda CTC, said that each year the IWC reviews and analyzes Alameda CTC's Measure B and Measure BB expenditures to help ensure that funds are spent in accordance with these measures.

For the 14th year in a row, the Alameda CTC received a clean, unmodified opinion from the agency's independent auditors.

In fiscal year 2014-15, Alameda CTC received \$132.5 million in Measure B revenue and expended \$195.2 million, which includes the expenditure of sales tax revenues received in prior years, as follows:

- \$116.8 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$33.5 million for highway and street capital projects.
- \$34.6 million for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- \$5.6 million for debt service.
- \$3.6 million for general administration services.
- \$1.1 million for direct program and project management and oversight.

Alameda CTC issued \$137.1 million of Measure B sales tax revenue bonds in March 2014 to bridge a short-term funding gap that existed while many large capital projects in the 2000 Measure B expenditure plan were closed out. The bonds incurred \$5.6 million of costs related to debt service in 2014-15 and mature in March 2022.

Collections of the new Measure BB sales tax began in April 2015, so 2014-15 included only three

months of revenue collections for the period of April 1 through June 30 in the amount of \$27.7 million.

The IWC is a continuation of the Citizens Watchdog Committee created in 2002 after re-authorization of the local sales tax measure in 2000. The 2014 transportation expenditure plan, which guides the expenditures of Measure BB (approved by Alameda County voters in November 2014), requires the IWC to review all Measure BB expenditures for compliance with the transportation expenditure plan.

'For the 14th year in a row, the Alameda CTC received a clean, unmodified opinion from the agency's independent auditors.'

The committee reports directly to the public on the agency's Measure B and Measure BB expenditures.

The 14th annual report and audits of each agency receiving Measure B and Measure BB funds are available to the public on the Alameda CTC website, www.alamedactc.org.

Hard copies of the Annual Report are available by request via email to hbarber@alamedactc.org, via mail to Alameda CTC offices at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94607, or via telephone to (510) 208-7439.

Alameda CTC plans, funds and delivers transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility in Alameda County. It coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers the expenditure plan for the Measure B sales tax approved by 81.5% of county voters who voted on the measure in 2000 and the expenditure plan for Measure BB, approved by more than 70% of those voting in November 2014.

The IWC is made up of 17 members, all of whom must be residents of Alameda County. Members are not elected officials at any level of government, nor individuals in a position to benefit personally in any way from the sales tax.

IWC members are appointed for a two-year term — one per district, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and one per district, appointed by the Mayor's Conference.

Also appointed are one per representing organization specified in the expenditure plan, which are: Alameda County Economic Development Alliance for Business, Alameda County Labor Council, Alameda County Taxpayers' Association, Alameda County Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee, Bike East Bay, League of Women Voters and Sierra Club. ■

Board talks updating governance handbook

By JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton school board will consider approving revisions to its handbook detailing its procedures, practices and responsibilities at its next meeting after discussing the document in a workshop Tuesday night.

The workshop, held at the end of the regularly scheduled board meeting, focused on updating the board's governance handbook, which was last revised in 2014. The handbook outlines the board's roles and responsibilities as well as protocols for various situations, including handling concerns from the public and school visits.

Along with superintendent Rick Rubino, the board went through the document page by page and recommended changes ranging from fixing typos and outdated information to synthesizing listed protocol.

For example, the board discussed deleting some of its listed governance norms because members saw them as obvious points as to how they should behave. It also touched on language regarding meetings, like how to respond to complaints from the public and the presentation of staff reports.

Before the workshop, the board approved a resolution regarding emergency repairs that took place at Pleasanton Middle School in January. On Jan. 15, a water pipe unexpectedly burst and caused significant water damage in the 700 Building. Classes were relocated while the building was restored.

Because Pleasanton school district administrators deemed this an emergency, the district immediately contracted with American Technologies Inc. to repair the water damage at a cost of \$162,000. A claim was filed with the district's insurance carrier as well.

The repairs exceeded a state-set threshold that dictates that construction contracts over \$15,000 be publicly bid. However, a section of California Public Contract Code states that a school board can make a contract without inviting bids in an emergency situation.

By approving the resolution, the board verified the events and affirmed that the district's actions were permissible.

The board also considered nominating members to the California School Boards Association, which is seeking Asian, Pacific Islander and Hispanic individuals to fill director-at-large positions. It chose not to nominate anyone.

At the start of the meeting, the board recognized PUSD classified staff who helped prepare for the opening of schools. It also presented district office administrative assistant Roseane Pryor with a card and orchid in acknowledgment of her hard work preparing for the new school year and a new superintendent.

The school board also announced a \$9,000 district settlement for attorney's fees that was approved in closed session. No further details about the settlement were provided.

The next scheduled school board meeting is Sept. 13. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Some mom-daughter bonding: This year's Amador Valley High competition cheer team spent last weekend in Twain Harte on a mother-daughter bonding trip. After time at the lake, they enjoyed games, activities and meals with each other and stayed in cabins at the lake. Every cheerleader and their mom was able to attend the event, which was organized by coach Danielle Butler.

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.

TESTA

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does not technically comply with local practice, a candidate who is in actual compliance with state law should be held to have complied."

In filing a petition for writ of mandate with the Alameda County Superior Court, Morrison pointed to the Elections Code for statements submitted in writing that, according to the code, "... includes any form of recorded message capable of comprehension by ordinary visual means."

Morrison argues that definition fits the email that Testa confirmed to Diaz was Testa's statement and Diaz acknowledged receiving prior to the deadline.

In a follow-up email to Testa, Diaz insisted she had no discretion in the matter, and pointed to a court ruling on election deadlines that "hard and fast enforcement ... was the most reliable way to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and equally."

"The City Clerk left us with no choice but to turn to the courts," said Morrison.

Testa, as required by California

Rules of Court, has informed the city clerk and the county registrar of voters of her intention to seek an order to shorten the time the court will take to conduct a hearing on her petition.

Testa hopes the matter can be heard quickly. If the court cannot decide until after the voter pamphlets have gone to press, then any decision on the merits of Testa's argument is moot.

If that happens, Morrison said, "The real losers would be Pleasanton voters who may never learn more about Testa as an alternative to Pleasanton's incumbent mayor, Jerry Thorne." ■

GOODGUYS

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Dave Kindig, a custom car builder from Utah and star of the TV show "Bitchin' Rides", is on-site all weekend to meet and greet fans and sign autographs. From hot rods, such as the show's "Tribute '32 Giveaway Car" to big bodied customs and cruisers, Kindig's vision and design have made him an international star.

The Goodguys show also features an indoor Cushman display, plus tether car racing, model racing cars that run on an internal combustion engine and are tethered to a pole.

Unlike R/C cars, the driver has no remote control over speed or steering.

Also, drag-racing enthusiasts young and old can enjoy the "cackle" of the Nitro Thunderfest as it returns to this weekend's show. Watch as four front-motored, nitro-burning, vintage top fuel dragsters and funny cars fire up and roar to life.

Dragsters include the Ewell-Bell-Stecker-Olson front engine top fuel dragster, Roger Lee's "Master-Richter" front engine top fuel dragster, and the Goodguys "Speed Sport Special" top fuel roadster. Nitro Thunderfest times are 1 p.m. today and at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday

at the Clock Tower.

There are fun things for the kids, too. A model car "make n' take" program sponsored by Revell sends youths home with their very own model kit. Plus, PPG is

sponsoring a coloring contest, an arts-and-crafts booth and other games and activities.

Gates open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. General ad-

mission is \$20, and \$6 for children 7-12. Alameda County Fairgrounds parking is \$10. Retired or active military with their military ID card will receive \$5 off the admission price. ■

—Jeb Bing

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POLICE BULLETIN

Ex-Foothill student arrested for sexual battery on campus

Pleasanton police arrested a former Foothill High School student for allegedly groping a current student in the school's parking lot Monday afternoon.

Dong-Hoo Lee, 20, of Pleasanton was booked into the Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of sexual battery, possession of a knife on campus and providing false information to a police officer.

The arrest stemmed from an incident that took place around 12:45 p.m. Monday when a female student reported to the office that an adult male had confronted her in the student parking lot, grabbing her buttocks and tearing her shorts, according to Pleasanton police Lt. Brian Laurence.

The on-duty school resource officer, school staff and Pleasanton police officers responded to the student parking lot, but the man had already fled, Laurence said.

Further investigation led to police identifying Lee as their prime suspect, according to Laurence.

Lee allegedly returned to Foothill at about 3:15 p.m. and was located near the student parking lot by the

school resource officer.

Lee initially provided a false name but was eventually arrested without incident, according to Laurence, who said a search of Lee uncovered the knife but there is no indication that he attempted to use the weapon against the female student.

The student was not injured during the incident, and it does not appear any other students were targeted, according to Laurence. Detectives aren't sure what the motive was, Laurence added.

In other news

- The FBI is seeking the public's help in identifying a man accused of committing at least three Bay Area bank robberies, including one in Pleasanton this June.

The man is dubbed the "Audi Bandit" because he was seen leaving the banks in two different Audi cars, according to an FBI press release issued last week.

Two of robberies occurred in the Tri-Valley on June 3 — one at the Fremont Bank on Holmes Street in Livermore, the other at the Wells Fargo Bank on Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. The third took place on May 27 at a Wells Fargo Bank in Burlingame.

In all three incidents, the robber gave the bank teller a note demanding money and stole an undisclosed amount of money.

On May 27, he was seen leaving in a late-model Audi A7, and on June 3 he was driving a late model Audi Allroad. Both are silver or gray vehicles that had car dealer license plates, tags or inserts, according to the FBI.

After the Pleasanton robbery, the man was witnessed driving the wrong way down part of Bernal Avenue, police reported at the time. Once he re-entered the correct lane, officers began pursuing him but he continued to drive erratically, leading officers to end their pursuit out of safety concerns.

The FBI describes the man as a 5-foot-7 or 5-foot-8 Hispanic male in his early to mid-20s with a skinny to medium build. In the robberies, he wore a white mask made out of an article of clothing, a white sweater, a dark-colored hoodie, jeans and dark sunglasses.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect's identity is asked to contact the FBI's San Francisco office, 415-553-7400. All calls are confidential. Tips can also be submitted online at tips.fbi.gov.

- A 30-year-old Tracy resident was arrested last Friday morning on suspicion of stealing car parts from a Pleasanton business.

At about 12:30 a.m. security for CarMax, located at 2750 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton, notified the Pleasanton Police Department of a suspicious person they saw

through its camera system prowling on the property.

Pleasanton police officers responded, established a perimeter and began searching the area. With help from a Livermore Police Department canine unit, they searched the property for an hour but could not find any suspects. However, officers found an unoccupied van without license plates that contained five sets of taillights for newer model Ford Mustangs. Several Ford Mustangs were found on the property with missing taillights.

Officers recovered information from the van and worked with Pleasanton police dispatch personnel to identify a possible suspect. Pleasanton police detectives then responded to the suspect's residence in Tracy. With assistance from the Tracy Police Department, they located and arrested Pardais Azad without incident.

Azad has been booked into Santa Rita Jail and charged with grand theft. The value of the recovered parts is estimated at over \$2,500.

Detectives believe Azad may be responsible for similar thefts in the area. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has additional information is encouraged to contact the Pleasanton Police Department, 931-5100. ■

—Julia Reis

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 20

Theft

- 9:32 a.m., 3100 block of Cranwood Court; auto theft

- 9:47 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; commercial burglary

Graffiti

- 11:46 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

Drug violation

- 3:27 p.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives

Alcohol violation

- 5:26 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Foothill Road

Aug. 19

Missing person report

- 10:44 a.m. on Amaral Circle

Theft

- 12:34 a.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

Graffiti

- 10:56 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

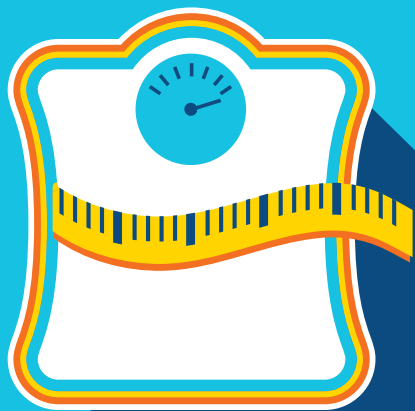
Alcohol violations

- 11:38 a.m. on the 5600 block of Sunol Boulevard

- 7:48 p.m. on the 6000 block of Acadia Court

Drug violation

- 7:05 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road



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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Let the campaigns begin

With all candidates in place for the Pleasanton municipal and school board elections on Nov. 8, the campaigns are underway to win voters at the ballot box.

The term "ballot box" has waning significance with a majority of voters expected to favor mailing in their ballots long before Election Day.

Sample ballots will be mailed to registered voters starting Oct. 10. Those who have also registered for mail-in ballots can start voting that day. Those who have not yet registered to vote must do so by Oct. 24.

Although the presidential race is dominating the headlines and airwaves, Pleasanton voters also have choices locally.

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, a Republican, is being challenged by Democrat and former Pleasanton Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio in the 16th State Assembly race. State Senator Steve Glazer, a Democrat, is being challenged by businessman Joseph Rubay, a Republican, in the 7th State Senate race. Both districts represent Pleasanton.

More heated is the race for mayor of Pleasanton, where Mayor Jerry Thorne is being challenged by Julie Testa. Thorne was first elected to the City Council in a special election June 7, 2005, and then re-elected by wide margins in November 2006 and again in 2010. A retired executive from Hewlett Packard, he was elected mayor in 2012 and now is seeking his third term in office.

Testa, a former member of the city's Human Services Commission and a longtime advocate of measures to reduce school overcrowding, has worked with students at Las Positas College, the board of NAMI Tri-Valley (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and on local nonprofit boards, including the board of directors for Tri-Valley REACH (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing).

The race for the two seats available this fall on the Pleasanton City Council also is grabbing voters' attention, with Herb Ritter, a businessman and the city's Planning Commission chairman, campaigning vigorously to unseat one of two incumbents, Karla Brown or Jerry Pentin, who are seeking re-election.

With four candidates seeking election to three available seats on the Pleasanton school board, this may be one of the most substantive and consequential races in recent history.

Two incumbents, Valerie Arkin and Jamie Hintzke, are seeking re-election. A third incumbent, Christ Grant, dropped out of the race a few days before the filing deadline, with Kathleen Ruegsegger and Steve Maher choosing to enter the race.

Ruegsegger is a former school board member and for years worked as an executive assistant for former superintendents in Pleasanton and Palo Alto school districts. Maher was Pleasanton's longest-serving principal when he retired at Hart Middle School and had both taught and served as principal at more schools than anyone else in the district — ever. During the six years since his retirement, he continued to serve as an interim-principal in four schools in the district.

Pleasanton voters also will face two measures on their local ballot.

Measure MM, if approved, would ban big-box stores such as Costco from locating within a proposed Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone. The Pleasanton school board has placed a \$270 million bond measure on the ballot that, if approved, would pay for multiple projects the district said it needs, including rebuilding Lydik-

sen Elementary School and possibly building a ninth elementary school during the 30-year life of the bond. It would cost property owners a tax of \$49 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

There is a lot at stake in both local elections, and with the presidential race on the ballot, there is great hope that more voters than ever will tune in to these local races and cast informed ballots. At a time of angst and conflicting community sentiment about the direction we are headed as a city and a school district, we are hopeful that by Election Day the candidates are offering voters clear choices on both policy matters and leadership style. ■

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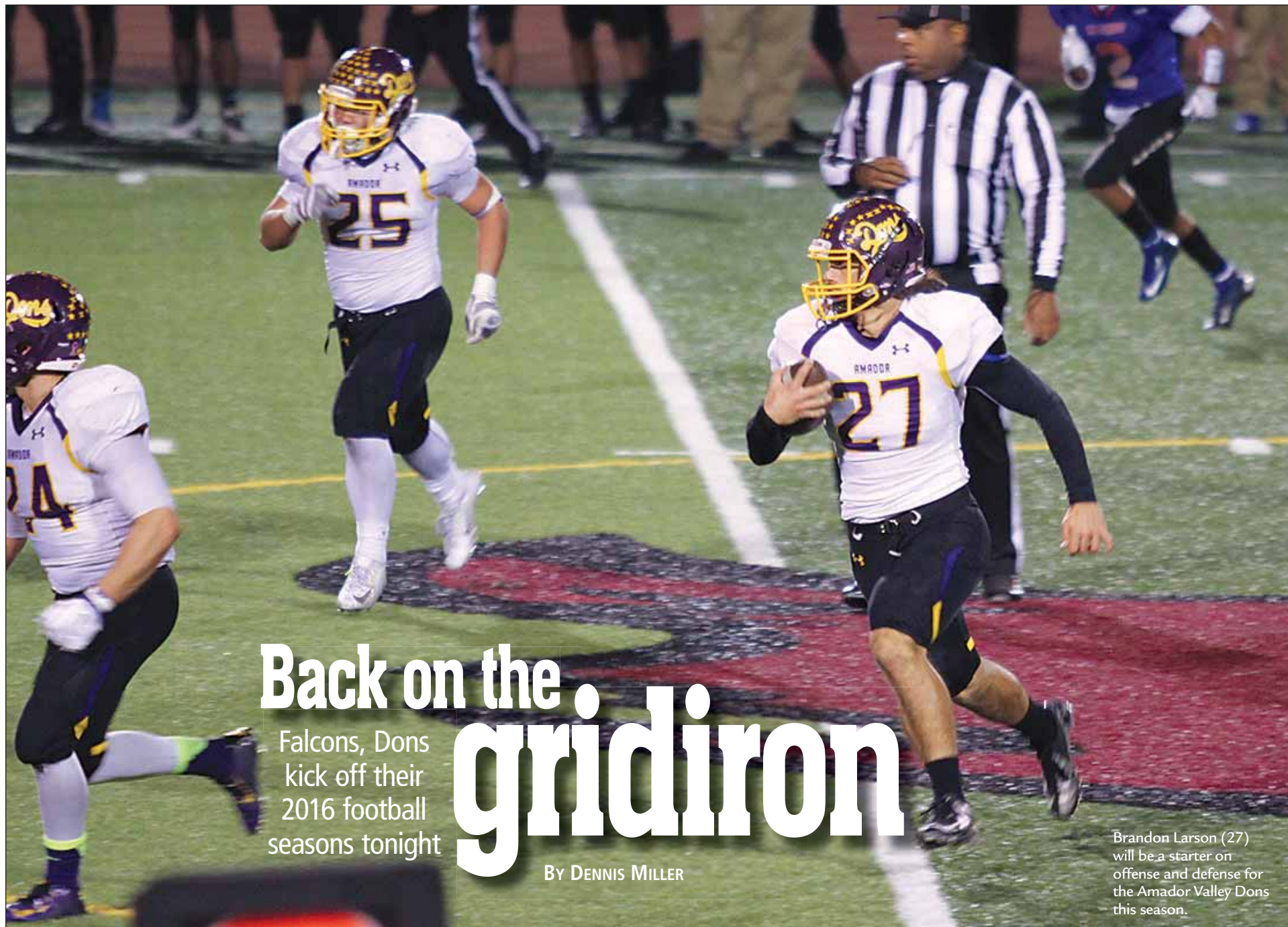
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This Weekend in Livermore!



Back on the gridiron

Falcons, Dons kick off their 2016 football seasons tonight

BY DENNIS MILLER

Brandon Larson (27) will be a starter on offense and defense for the Amador Valley Dons this season.

COURTESY OF AVHS FOOTBALL

It is interesting to see the dynamics of the football programs at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools.

At Amador, first-year coach Danny Jones is busy trying to build his program, while coach Matt Sweeney over at Foothill is trying to keep it business as usual.

While both have their own way of doing things, the goal is the same — win as many games as possible. The hard work throughout the summer and in to the fall will be on display tonight as the 2016 season kicks off.

Jones and his Dons travel to Concord to play De La Salle at 7:30 p.m., while the Falcons and Sweeney head over the hill to take on San Leandro in a 7 p.m. contest.

With Dublin and Dougherty Valley coming into the East Bay Athletic League this year, the teams will have just one non-league game as there are now nine EBAL games.

Jones, who replaced longtime coach Rick Sira after Sira stepped down following last season, is trying to make the Amador team his own, something that can be tough to accomplish in the first year for a new coach.

“We are just trying to make a cultural change,” Jones said of his biggest challenge thus far. “We are trying to instill accountability in

these kids. You can’t have one kid get off the bus. They all have to be in it together.”

Sweeney on the other side of town wants the players of the present to learn from the past.

“We just need to go out and play like Foothill teams have played for the last 29 years,” Sweeney said. “It’s about being extremely disciplined, extremely unselfish and playing extremely hard.”

Amador Valley Dons

Jones has a big foundation in his offensive line to build the team around.

“Best position group on the team,” said Jones of the O-line.

The senior group of Max Moore, Alex Crepeau, Mason Bartolo and Amir Farsi will be joined by sophomore Jordan Urquhart to form the nucleus of the offense. Joining that group is another senior, Brandon Larson at tight end. Larson is a standout on offense (he will also see time at fullback) and defense where he is an outside linebacker.

The backfield is set with the duo of David White and Tore Wiley set to do much of the work. The receiving spots have been a revolving competition with Nate Lau and Jacob Rios looking strong so far.

Jones will have to find a re-



COURTESY OF AVHS FOOTBALL

Danny Jones’ first regular season as Amador Valley head coach gets underway tonight when his Dons travel to De La Salle.

placement for his little brother at quarterback, as Ronnie Jones spent three years running the Amador attack before graduating in June. The competition is between senior Adam Ashley and junior Jordan Griffin.

Bryce Taylor is back to handle the kicking and punting responsibilities for the Dons.

The defensive front will have a similar look as the offensive line because most will play on offense and defense. Bartolo and Crepeau are on the inside, with Moore, Urquhart being joined by Jeremy Mast on the ends.

Jason Severance, who Jones describes as a “sideline-to-sideline player that brings the wow factor,”

is one of the inside linebackers and will be joined by Wiley. Larson is set at one outside spot, and White is ready to go at the other.

The defensive backfield is yet to be set, but Ashley will play either corner or safety and has looked strong through the early workouts.

With only one non-league game and opening the season at De La Salle, Jones knows what a task lays ahead in his rookie campaign. Keeping that in mind, Jones and his staff are diligently prepping the team.

“We know it’s a gauntlet,” Jones said of the schedule. “What we are really working hard is to put the kids in situations you will see in a game so when Friday nights roll around, you have been there before.”

Foothill Falcons

Much the same as the Dons, the Falcons come into the season with a strong, veteran group on the offensive line.

Dylan Walsh, Patrick Mackle and Brennen Gallagher are all seniors, with Gallagher and Dylan Walsh in their third year as a starter. Junior Zach Walsh played on the varsity as a sophomore last season, giving Sweeney four returners.

“That’s a pretty good nucleus of guys and they all got touches as soph-



PAULA WALSH

Foothill's Ben Wooldridge is poised to be one of the top quarterbacks in the area as only a junior.

omores and juniors," Sweeney said.

Also back is junior quarterback Ben Wooldridge. As a sophomore starter last season, Wooldridge helped lead the Falcons to the EBAL title and a spot in the North Coast Section championship game.

"Ben is very coachable and is a very special athlete," Sweeney said.

While the line and quarterback spot are as solid as any team in the league, the Falcons are looking for answers everywhere else. You can't lose skill position players like Ruben Mercado, Isaiah Floyd, Matt Gates, Josh Merryman and Cash Connolly and not take a hit.

"We need game experience in a hurry," Sweeney said. "Having (Wooldridge and the line) is huge, but we have a lack of experience across the board on defense and at the skill spots."

Jayden Gonzaga, Jake Simons and Jake Jackson should all see time carrying the ball, with players like Michael Smith (a junior in his second year on varsity), Noah Burke, Jackson and Jamal Cornwell

in the mix to be on the receiving end of Wooldridge's passes.

On defense, the Falcons return only two starters, both on the defensive line. Walsh and Mackle will be joined by Derek Rodriguez on the line. Gallagher leads a linebacker group that will look for good play out of Gonzaga, Simons and Johnny French.

In the defensive backfield, Michael Easter joins Jackson at the corners, with Smith and Elijah Mack at the safety spots.

The cupboard is hardly empty for Foothill, but there is a lot of work to be done at key spots in the brutally tough EBAL. After the San Leandro opener, the Falcons run into three very solid teams in California, Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley. Foothill beat all three last season on the way to the league title.

"We'll get the game experience as the season goes on," Sweeney said. "But we start with such a daunting task with the schedule. Those teams are going to be looking to hang one on us after the last couple of years." ■

Amador Valley

Tonight at De La Salle, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 2 at Deer Valley, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 9 vs. Dougherty Valley, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 16 at California, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 23 vs. Granada, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 30 vs. San Ramon Valley, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 7 at Livermore, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 14 vs. Dublin, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 21 at Monte Vista, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 28 BYE
 Nov. 4 vs. Foothill, 7 p.m.

Foothill

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 Sept. 2 vs. California, 7 p.m.
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 Sept. 16 vs. San Ramon Valley, 7 p.m.
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 Oct. 28 at Livermore, 7 p.m.
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PAULA WALSH

Johnny French (52), Dylan Walsh (55) and Brennen Gallagher (53) will be vital players for Foothill on offense and defense this season.

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission – Special Meeting

Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
 Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• **P16-1386, TRACT 8259, and P16-1385, Ponderosa Homes**
 Work Session to review and receive comments on an application to amend the General Plan Land Use designation from Public and Institutional to Medium Density Residential to allow for the demolition of the existing religious building and development of up to 37 homes on the approximately 9-acre site located at 6900 Valley Trails Drive.

• **P16-1418, Zoning Code Update**
 Work session to consider an amendment to the Pleasanton Municipal Code to: update and simplify the list of permitted and conditionally permitted land uses; establish a Minor Conditional Use Permit process for routine uses; reflect current practices, modify review procedures, replace out-of-date references, and undertake other changes to make the Code more user-friendly.

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES RECRUITMENT

The City Council is accepting applications for the following:

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee

1 Member

Civic Arts Commission

1 Member, 1 Alternate

Economic Vitality Committee

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Commercial Real Estate Development

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1 Member

1 Youth Member

Library Commission

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Youth Commission

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 123 Main Street, Pleasanton

TASK FORCE RECRUITMENT

The City Council is recruiting three at-large members of the community for the Downtown Specific Plan Task Force. The Downtown Specific Plan serves as a guide for the future development and preservation of the Downtown area and address issues such as land use, transportation, parking, historic preservation, design and beautification, and economic vitality. The key objective for the DSP update is to complete a comprehensive update of the plan to better reflect community priorities. The Task Force is expected to meet monthly for a period of 18-24 months. No specific membership requirements are necessary, but past experience on major land use and design skills is desired.

To apply online at <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/clerk/boards/default.asp> by September 2, 2016.

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JOINING THE CIRCUS

BASKETBALL PLAYER ENJOYS BEING PART OF 'GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH'

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Evan Wiley, 26, thought he might have a career in basketball when he played point guard at Las Positas College and Chabot after graduating in 2008 from Amador Valley High School.

"I've played basketball since I was about 2-3 years old, ever since I can remember," Wiley said. "I was on nationally ranked teams."

But when a run-in on the court resulted in a broken clavicle and torn rotator cuff and tendons, Wiley had to find another occupation.

He didn't have to look far. He had family members earning a living on unicycles with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus, headquartered in Florida, and he thought that looked like fun — as well as a challenge.

"I never rode a unicycle before, ever," Wiley said. "But knowing myself, I wanted to see if I could do it."

He still laughs at videos of his first awkward attempts and was told it might take a year to master the new skill.

"But I learned in two weeks," Wiley said.

His cousin put him in touch with Ringling Bros., and soon Wiley was learning to combine cycling with basketball — and clowning around.

For three months, Wiley went through the circus initiation, a grueling process.

"It's like the Army, where they drill you, practicing eight to 10 hours a day," he said. "If you get

through that, you're really good."

Now Wiley is part of Ringling Bros.' King Charles Troupe, which plays a wacky game of one-wheeled basketball for five minutes as the performance unfolds. The newest show, dubbed "Out of This World," follows an interplanetary search for the greatest circus performers, while battling evil on a quest for intergalactic circus domination.

The King Charles act is fast and funny, and the clowning comes naturally to Wiley.

"In my everyday life, I'm funny," he said with a laugh. "They call me charismatic."

So he clowns around while riding a unicycle and playing basketball — but that's not all.

"The whole concept is on ice — we ride our unicycles on ice," Wiley said, explaining that the tires have embedded screws to grip the slippery surface.

"When we first come out, people go crazy," he added.

Audiences are appreciative of their entertaining efforts, he said, and understand if a performer falls, which he did once.

"You slide about 10 feet when you fall," he said. "We have ice skaters around us, and motorcycles on ice, and floats as well. There's a lot of action going on."

"Out of This World" is not billed as an ice show. Rather, the production combines ice, air and dry floor to alter the landscape as the travelers navigate the universe. That, along with amazing lighting effects, makes for a dazzling show, Wiley said.

The action begins with tight-rope walkers dressed as astronauts, who perform on a rotating wheel. Then come ice skaters and

acrobats. A nine-piece band plays more than 200 pieces of music, with 300 sound effects.

The journey includes a planet of big cats, with lions and tigers, Cossack Rider stunts on horseback, motorcycle daredevils, trapeze artists and clowns as well as the unicycle antics by the King Charles Troupe.

"It's an act we practice over and over," Wiley said. "There are guys up there who have been riding unicycles all their lives. You have to be one with the unicycle and to do tricks. We are on our bikes all day."

Ringling Bros. and Barnum &

'When we first come out, people go crazy.'

Evan Wiley

Bailey is part of Feld Entertainment, which specializes in traveling shows, including Disney on Ice and Marvel Universe LIVE!

Wiley lives on the train with about 150 of the 220 or so members of his circus family as they cross the nation, stopping to present their show at major cities. They played in Oakland last week and are at the SAP Center in San Jose from now through Sept. 5. Tickets, which start at \$20, are available through ticketmaster.com, by calling (800) 745-3000, or at the venue's box office.

Wiley notes that the performers have no age limit.

"I've met a lot of people who have been in the circus their whole life," he said. "It pays really well. It's a life."

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FELD ENTERTAINMENT
Amador Valley grad Evan Wiley performs with Ringling Bros. circus in a wacky one-wheeled basketball game on unicycles.

Auction fundraiser for Camp Arroyo

The Taylor Family Foundation also supports music therapy program

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The hills will be alive Sunday as three-time Grammy Award-winning blues musician Keb Mo performs at Camp Arroyo for the Taylor Family Foundation's 26th annual Day in the Park auction fundraiser.

Local celebrities will also attend, including news personality ABC7/KGO TV's Cheryl Jennings and KCBS food and wine editor Narsai David.

The foundation supports families in the community who are in medical crisis through grants that provide children with clothing, payment for medical devices or for



funeral expenses. Camp Arroyo, in the hills near Del Valle Regional Wilderness, was built specifically for children with life-threatening and chronic illnesses and developmental disabilities to explore, learn and grow in an ideal outdoor setting.

The Taylor Family Foundation also runs a mobile music therapy program in partnership with Wells

Fargo and the Forever Young Foundation, bringing music to children attending Camp Arroyo and those who are home-bound or patients in hospitals in Northern California.

Sunday's auction fundraiser will include gourmet food and wine from top Bay Area restaurants and wineries. Auction items include private chef dinner and sports packages, private air accommodation to red carpet events and luxurious vacations. A drawing will offer the chance to win a 2016 Fiat 500X Pop all-wheel-drive.

Tickets for the event are \$200; visit www.tfff.org or call 455-5118. ■

Seeking seasoned singers

Chorale holding auditions for new exciting concerts

The Valley Concert Chorale is holding auditions next month for experienced singers who can sight-read and who enjoy exciting and challenging music. The chorale performs music that ranges from classical to contemporary and folk to jazz.

The group's 53rd concert season

will feature the following performances and events:

- December — Traditional Carols with a Twist
- March — March Madness with the Masters
- May — Eriks Esenvalds Choral Festival: Eriks Esenvalds, Artist in Residence

Auditions are being held Mondays, Sept. 12, 19 and 26. For an appointment, call 736-9731. Auditions and rehearsals are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth St.

The all-volunteer, nonprofit chorale receives financial support from grants, ticket sales, membership dues, fundraisers and donations. For more information, visit www.valley-concertchorale.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Cabaret singer kicks off Firehouse season

An evening with jazz and cabaret singer Ariana Savalas at 8 p.m. Sept. 3 kicks off the seventh season of the Firehouse Arts Center. Savalas is billed as a seductive chanteuse with a quick wit and a naughty sense of humor. She will be joined by special guest two-time Grammy Award-winning jazz violinist Mads Tolling. Tickets are \$17-\$27. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848 or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

CIRCUS

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Wiley is also musical, writing songs he described as rap-like combined with hip hop and pop. He noted that

he keeps his lyrics clean, bearing in mind his two little girls, who are 4 years old and 9 months old. Wiley's parents both have internet careers — his mom was hired by Steve Jobs, and his dad is at Salesforce.com — but

his family also has a musical vein. Brother Francois Wiley manages musicians, including rising Oakland rap star Kamaiyah.

"I've been blessed with a lot of good things," Evan Wiley said, including

being adopted within his own family, and performing with three of his cousins in the circus.

At one time, ESPN predicted that Wiley was on his way to the NBA. At ESPN.com, the analyst stated that

Wiley has "solid speed and quickness to get by most defenders ... He is not a true point guard as he looks to score too often."

And score he has — with Ringling Bros. circus. ■

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Soccer tradition returning to downtown Pleasanton

2,000+ youth soccer players ready for season-opening parade Sept. 10

In just a couple of weeks, one of the longest-tenured youth sports events in Pleasanton will take place, as the downtown area will be taken over by kids in soccer uniforms and costumes.

The 45th annual soccer parade will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10, starting at 7:30 a.m. The two local soccer clubs — Ballistic United (boys) and the Pleasanton Rage (girls) — alternate years for organizing the festivities. This year, over 2,000 players are expected to march down Main Street to officially kick off the season.

I was there for the first parade and have throughout the years marched as a player and a coach or watched from the side as a parent. I also spent several years helping organizing the parade, even showing up in the dark to put placement cards on the street, letting teams know where to stand.

It does seem really early to get up on a Saturday, but when you look

at how excited the kids are, it is all worthwhile. Part of the fun is the theme teams adopt throughout the years, dressing in costume relating to the name of their teams.

It was always amazing to me to see the creativity that went in to some of these teams. In the early years of the parade, the event snaked through Main Street, ending at the Alameda County Fairgrounds and the amphitheater where the teams and players filed in for a spirited and colorful opening ceremony.

The Pleasanton Police Department has always been wonderful as well, reinforcing the community theme and helping out along the way, leading the parade and helping the volunteers with traffic control.

In short: It was a tremendous beginning to the season and a real community builder.

The fairgrounds ending came to an end when a decision was made

to charge a fee to use the facility.

It took a part of the fun away, but the spirit lives on through the parade. This year, Ballistic wanted to add some festivities to the end, putting together a carnival-type atmosphere to be held at the Lions Wayside Park.

“We really wanted to have a fun-center type of place,” said Ballistic executive director Kevin Crow, a former Ballistic player. “You have the families all together and the kids are all dressed up; why not do something fun? We could have a dunk tank and the kids could take some shots at their coaches.”

Once again, the plan was derailed, this time because of apprehension of having all those kids so close to the busy First Street. Probably a realistic concern, but one that would have been manageable with volunteers.

So what happens now? Nothing extra this year, and the 2,000 kids



COURTESY OF BALLISTIC UNITED

The Bears march through downtown Pleasanton during a previous season-opening parade. This year's festivities are set for Sept. 10.

will parade down the street and disperse at the end. Moving forward, hopefully something can be worked out to increase the events of the day.

There seem to be viable options and hopefully something can be organized to allow the families and communities to come together and celebrate the start of another season.

At a time when there are beginning signs of fragmentation in the community, there is that much more importance in working on something that keeps the glory of the past celebrated and mixed in with the present.

High school sports starting

It is that time of year for prep sports to get going for the teams from Amador Valley and Foothill, and we want to make sure we get all the scores and highlights from your games.

Please make sure to have a team representative email in your weekly results by each Sunday to me at acesmag@aol.com. If you have any pictures from the week's events, send those as well. We just ask you provide identification of the picture along with a credit for who took the photo. ■

Tri-Valley 14-year-olds win World Series

Back-to-back Babe Ruth national titles for most players on team

BY JEREMY WALSH

A group of Tri-Valley teen baseball all-stars were crowned 14-year-old Babe Ruth World Series champions last week after a six-run, sixth-inning rally catapulted them to victory in the title game in Massachusetts.

For 11 of the boys, it marked their second Babe Ruth World Series championship in as many years, following their win last year in the 13-year-old tournament in New York.

“They wore ‘Mission 2 Massachusetts’ practice jerseys all summer as their one collective goal was to return to the World Series,” manager

David Grant said. “Winning at 14 to go back-to-back is beyond special because it's only been done once before in Babe Ruth history.”

The boys from Pleasanton, Danville and San Ramon swept through the postseason at 15-0, a record that included perfect runs in the Northern California qualifier, Pacific Southwest regional tournament and the World Series played Aug. 11-18 in Westfield, Mass.

Grant praised the 14 players for their ability to bond with and compete for each other, even though they play on different club and

high school teams.

“They train and work very hard at their game, and they understand their roles. Thus, they're prepared to play close games and understand that it just takes one pitch, one hit or one play to turn things around,” he said. “They are mature beyond their years.”

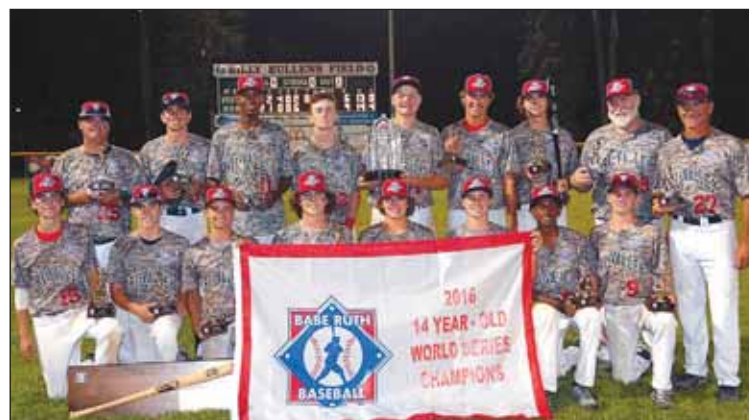
Tri-Valley opened the World Series by winning all five games in pool play: 2-0 over Sarasota, Fla.; 18-3 over Tri County, Maine; 10-0 over Atlantic Shores, N.J.; 13-1 over Pittsfield, Mass.; and 18-3 over Arlington, Mass.

The perfect record gave Tri-Valley the No. 1 seed in the single-elimination bracket, where they went on to beat the Maine team again — this time, a 9-3 victory in the semifinal.

In the championship game, Tri-Valley mounted a come-from-behind win against Bismarck, N.D. on Aug. 18 at a packed Billy Bullens Field.

The local boys trailed 6-3 in the bottom of the sixth inning and were down to their final five outs at the plate before they scored six times to flip the script and take a 9-6 lead entering the last inning. They retired North Dakota in four batters in the top of the seventh to secure the championship.

San Ramon Valley High left fielder Michael O'Hara earned the tournament's Most Outstanding Player and Most Outstanding Hitter honors. His Wolves teammate



DAN MINICUCCI

Teen baseball all-stars from Pleasanton, Danville and San Ramon celebrate after winning the 14-year-old Babe Ruth World Series in Massachusetts.

Jack Grant joined O'Hara on the All World Series Team.

Joey Battilega of Amador Valley High and Tommy Gavello of Monte Vista High won Gold Glove awards.

Other team members were Jaden Sheppard (P/1B), Demetre Aaron (OF), Trevor Jackson (C/Util), Troy Nassar (P) and Luke Palfalvi (OF) from Amador Valley, Josh Anderson (P/1B), Max Masajlo (P/OF) and Cory Steinhauer (C/Util) from Foothill, Evan Chevalier (P) from San Ramon Valley and Asher Golden (3B/P) from California.

In addition to Grant, the coaching staff included Dons coach Tony Battilega, Mike O'Hara and Mark Palfalvi.

Looking back on the title run, Grant said, “It's also very gratifying to hear Babe Ruth officials, parents and players from around the U.S. speak so fondly of our players, not just about their advanced abilities but their po-

litiness and sportsmanship as well.”

He also noted that Tri-Valley is the only Babe Ruth league in the U.S. that plays on active military installation, Camp Parks in Dublin — formally, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area. “We truly ingrain what dedication and commitment mean to the league and our players,” he added.

The local boys and their families did take in some sights during their Massachusetts trip. With the World Series venue located a couple hours outside of Boston, the group toured Fenway Park, the Freedom Trail and other historic landmarks.

This year's group also continued the Tri-Valley's recent record of strong performances in the 14-year-old Babe Ruth World Series. Last summer's 14-year-old Tri-Valley all-stars lost to New Jersey 8-7 in the World Series championship game in Pine Bluff, Ark. ■

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Talks & Lectures

AMADOR VALLEY TOASTMASTERS Learn how to give speeches, gain feedback, lead teams, and guide others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere at 7 a.m. every Thursday at Black Bear Diner, 5100 Hopyard Road. Breakfast is available to order from menu. Go to www.facebook.com/AmadorValleyToastmasters/.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS Virtually Speaking Toastmasters club meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 415. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

CHRONIC PAIN AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS Join clinical psychologist Dr. Joy Bodzioch for an encouraging discussion of perspectives and skills that can help you overcome the challenges of pain while finding hope, fulfillment, and greater well-being, and making the most of every day. The talk will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at the Pleasanton Library. Call 400-5744.

PATANJALI'S YOGA SUTRAS Patti Kopish will present free meditation with special guest Mrs. Prabha Duneja, from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at the Pleasanton Library. Prabha Duneja is a Vedic scholar; the founder and President of Geeta Society, Author of many books as well as The Legacy of Yoga in Bhagawad Geeta and Hinduism, she will beautifully explain Patanjali's Yoga Sutras.

Health & Wellness

PLEASANTON SOLE MATES Join this weekly walking group at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday mornings departing from the Pleasanton Senior Center. Participants must be able to walk 2.5-3 miles and keep a moderate pace with the group. Stop by the Center to pick a monthly walk schedule or call 925-931-5365 for more information.

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.

Religion & Spirituality

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY Join the Sunday service with Reverend Micah Murdock, minister, at 10 a.m. every week at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Call 829-2733 or go to www.unityoftrivalley.org/.

UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY CELEBRATES 23RD ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Unity of Tri-Valley will host a prayer service for the 23rd Annual World Day of Prayer at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4 at their center located at 7567 Amador Valley Blvd.,

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Seniors

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the

handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Go to www.pleasantonpeddlershoppe.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.

Community Groups

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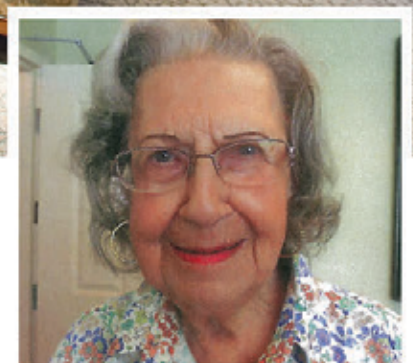
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 520675
The following person(s) doing business as: ADDICTION TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES, LLC., 4000 PIMILICO DRIVE SUITE #119, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Addiction Treatment Alternatives, LLC., 4000 Pimlico Drive Suite #119, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun

to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Michael Kellam, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 07/20/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26; 2016)

A GOOD LENDER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 520845

The following person(s) doing business as: A GOOD LENDER, 1319 STONY BROOK LANE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rodney Lee Roloff, 1319 Stony Brook Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 07/21/2006. Signature of Registrant: Rodney Lee Roloff. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 07/26/2016.

EAST BAY LOYALTY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 521065

The following person(s) doing business as: EAST BAY LOYALTY, 7310 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bruce A. Hunt, 7310 Clubhouse Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Bruce A. Hunt. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 08/02/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26; 2016)

XALISCO PRODUCE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT File No.: 520853
The following person(s) doing business as: XALISCO PRODUCE, 2401 TRIPALDI WAY, HAYWARD, CA 94545, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Xalisco Food Service, Inc., 2401 Tripaldi Way, Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 08/07/2006. Signature of Registrant: Rosendo Ruiz, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 07/26/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 12, 19, 26, Sept. 2; 2016)

DEEPTI PT SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 521527

The following person(s) doing business as: DEEPTI PT SERVICES, 2828 DAYLILY CT., PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Deepti Nagalla, 2828 Daylily Ct., CA, 94588 This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Deepti Nagalla. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 08/16/16. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2, 9; 2016)

SIDEWINDER SPIRITS COMPANY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 521290

The following person(s) doing business as: SIDEWINDER SPIRITS COMPANY, 2405 RESEARCH DRIVE, LIVERMORE, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kinney Family Vintners LLC, 2245 South Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: John Kinney, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 08/08/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 16; 2016)

TERAS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 521293

The following person(s) doing business as: TERAS, 3393 MUSCAT COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rajani Suryanarayan, 3393 Muscat Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Rajani Suryanarayan. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 08/08/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 16; 2016)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: IRENE OLIVE NOLAN aka IRENE NOLAN aka IRENE O. NOLAN
Case No.: RP16824652 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of IRENE OLIVE NOLAN also known as IRENE NOLAN also known as IRENE O. NOLAN. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MARCENE MARTIN in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: MARCENE MARTIN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for

examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on AUGUST 31, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: /s/ Marcene Martin, 614 E. New Mexico 267, Portales, NM, 88130 (925)699-0014 (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 12, 19, 26; 2016)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: TAMAS BERGHAMMER
Case No.: RP16827343 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TAMAS BERGHAMMER. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ZSUZSANNA DAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: ZSUZSANNA DAVIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA, 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ Eric G. Dzibur 21550 Foothill Blvd., #3, Hayward, CA 94541 (510)582-2588 (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2; 2016)

Realtor associations announce upcoming mergers

Bay East to combine with NorCal Commercial, Alameda associations

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton-based Bay East Association of Realtors announced Tuesday it will be merging in the coming months with the Northern California Association of Realtors (NCCAR) and the Alameda Association of Realtors (AAOR).

Representatives see the move as a way to multiply services available for residential and commercial real estate professionals throughout the Bay Area, as well as provide new opportunities for Bay East members.

"Combining three associations into one enables us to focus resources on additional services, help us better promote home ownership and protect private property rights, and provide better access for all of our members," Kim Ott, 2016 Bay East president, said in a statement Tuesday.

The NCCAR merger with Bay East will take effect Oct. 1, and the AAOR merger with Bay East will be effective Jan. 1.

Bay East will retain its name and maintain its offices at 7021 Koll Center Pkwy. in Pleasanton, and current NCCAR and AAOR staff will join the Bay East team, according to David C. Stark, Bay East public affairs director.

The NCCAR-Bay East merger will give commercial real estate professionals a brick-and-mortar location for education and networking events, Stark said. All Bay East Realtor members will have access to the commercial listings database (CPIX), commercial marketing groups and

broker exchanges, referral programs, transaction documents and risk mitigation resources.

"The combination of NCCAR's experience in commercial real estate, coupled with the outstanding Bay East commitment to member success, means members of all three associations will be well served," said Dennis Byron, 2016 NCCAR president.

As part of the changes, Bay East will open a North County Service Center in Alameda accessible to all Bay East members, according to Stark.

The North County Service Center will offer continuing education; legal, technology and professional development classes; MLS training; lockbox and key service; networking and marketing events and a Realtor store.

"As the Alameda Chapter of Bay East Association of Realtors, we will continue to offer premium services locally to our members and clients but with highly expanded resources that will benefit both," said Steve Sorensen, 2016 AAOR president. "I'm looking forward to the next chapter in our association's long and storied local tradition here in the city of Alameda."

The mergers will give Bay East an expanded membership of more than 5,400 Realtors and 400 affiliate members.

"Joining forces with the Alameda and Commercial Realtor associations is consistent with the Bay East core values of collaboration, innovation, vision and leadership," Ott said. ■

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The Terraces at Dublin Ranch Villages



3360 Maguire Way #314, Dublin

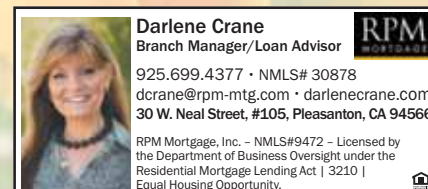
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Well.. it's been quite a run. Sellers in the Tri-Valley and Pleasanton real estate market have enjoyed the fruits of a low inventory, high demand market. Multiple offers and "as is" sales were almost expected during the last few years. But the market has shifted. Sure, some of the data still shows remnants of this seller bonanza, but it will soon begin to reflect the new reality - The market has returned to a normal state. Don't get me wrong; there are still a handful of homes that will see multiple offers. But even in those cases, we are not seeing the wild over-bidding that was so characteristic of the boom market as recently as this past Spring.



So what does this mean for sellers?

Expectations. It is best not to enter the home sale process expecting multiple offers and an over asking sales price. You will most likely be disappointed. Instead, be thankful for the huge run up in prices you've enjoyed over the past few years and try to be realistic in your expectations. Remember, you don't control the value of your home. Neither does your Realtor. It is the market (i.e., buyers) that determines what your home is worth.

Repairs. When it is an out of balance Seller's market, buyers are forced by market conditions to be very forgiving and accept responsibility for many of the repairs needed. As the market shifts, be prepared for more demanding buyers who will want you to fix many or even all of the items uncovered during inspections. This may come as an unpleasant surprise to sellers used to getting their way. Sure, you don't have to agree to do repairs. But the buyer does not have to buy the house either. Before you blow up a deal by refusing to do repairs, you better be sure there is another buyer out there who will be more forgiving or pay a better price. Be careful ... **Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.**

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