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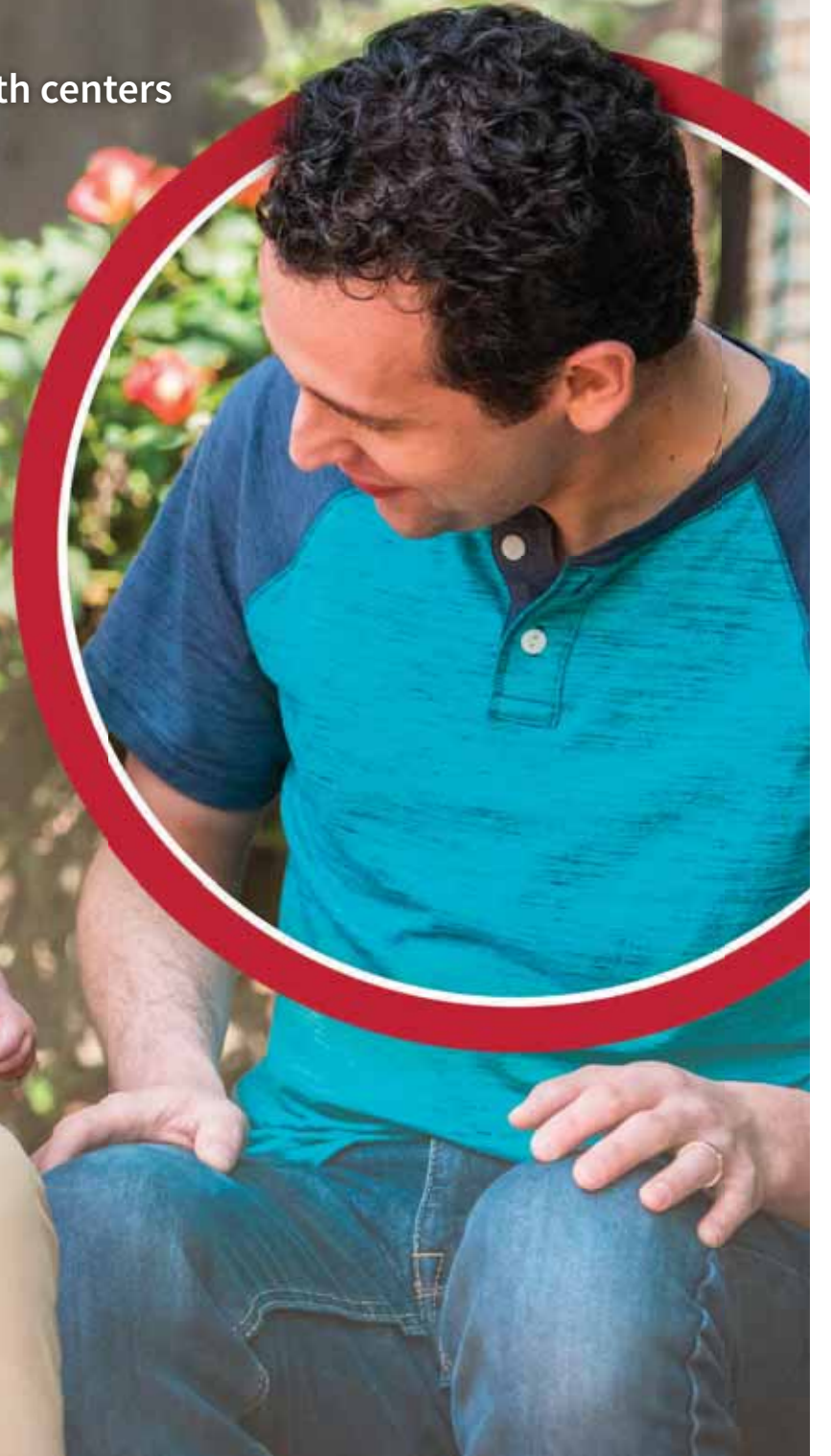
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TIM TALK



BY TIM HUNT

The Spotorno land saga drags on

The seemingly endless saga of the Spotorno Ranch continued earlier this spring when the Pleasanton Planning Commission reviewed the latest plans.

The family has owned the parcel in the Happy Valley area off Alisal Road for more than 150 years. The Spotornos have run cattle and sheep for decades and have been striving to develop a portion of it for nearly 20 years.

I have known the family since our days in the 4-H program together many years ago when Sycamore Road was known as "Chicken Alley" and families in the semi-rural area routinely raised livestock and chickens. There are still some lots where that lifestyle continues, but there also are plenty of custom homes on large, landscaped lots. That's particularly true on Sycamore, a mish-mash of relatively new construction with older homes.

The current proposal by Tim Lewis Communities would develop 31 acres on the flat portion of the Spotorno site near the access road to the Callippe Preserve Golf Course and dedicate the remaining 123 acres as permanent open space. The Happy Valley Specific Plan identified as many as 97 homes if all of the developable land were used. The specific plan was approved in 1998 and since has been modified by Measure PP (the hillside initiative).

That predated the city's building of the Callippe Preserve and surrounding trail and open space and building sites. Developers gave the land to the city in exchange for the entitled lots that surround it as well as city water and sewer services.

A key part of that plan was developing the Spotorno property so a north-south bypass road could be constructed connecting the golf course and its homes with a new east-west road (now Sycamore Creek Way serving the Bridle Creek neighborhood and Sycamore Heights) so the rural traffic patterns on Happy Valley, Alisal and Sycamore could be maintained.

At that time, Greenbriar Homes had submitted a plan to develop the Spotorno parcel. Various plans, calling for 75 to 79 homes, have been submitted since 1999. Greenbriar subsequently withdrew its application.

After the golf course opened, the city organized a committee of

stakeholders to consider the bypass road, and it recommended relocating the route from the hills to along the flat portion of the ranch.

Lewis has proposed two key changes in its plan:

1. Eliminating the bypass road.
2. Increasing the density in the specific plan from 0.67 units per acre to 1.25 per acre for the flat portion.

In the study session, planning commissioners seemed inclined to eliminate the bypass road. The golf course traffic, which has been routed north on Alisal to Sycamore since the course opened, has not been a burden.

And residents living along the golf course have worked with county Supervisor Nate Miley and the city to lift the no-left-turn restriction onto Happy Valley Road during morning commute hours. It was crazy to go back north into traffic if residents were headed south on I-680 or wanted to drop their kids at Foothill High. The original plan would have closed Westbridge to all traffic other than emergency vehicles.

The second key request, which city staff members opposed, also was met with skepticism from commissioners who seemed to prefer the 22-lot option. Just what the potential loss of 17 units would mean is what the developer now is considering.

Given the hodge-podge of housing along Alisal, the new neighborhood would be a sharp contrast — just like the golf course homes are to the south and Bridle Creek and the mixture of homes along Sycamore are to the north.

The initial plans call for homes to range from 3,350 to 4,000 square feet on lots that range from one-half acre to two-thirds of an acre, so it certainly would be upscale housing. Reducing the number of sites likely would transform the development from stick-built homes to custom lots to make it pencil out.

Stay tuned and think good thoughts about the long-suffering Spotorno family who have been hung out to dry way too long. They are the antithesis of real estate speculators — they're looking for some payoffs for land they have stewarded for 150 years. ■

Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years. His "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.

About the Cover

Entrants in the Collections and Place-Setting competitions are among those on display in exhibition halls at this year's Alameda County Fair, which opens today and runs through July 9 at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Photos by Daniel Kim. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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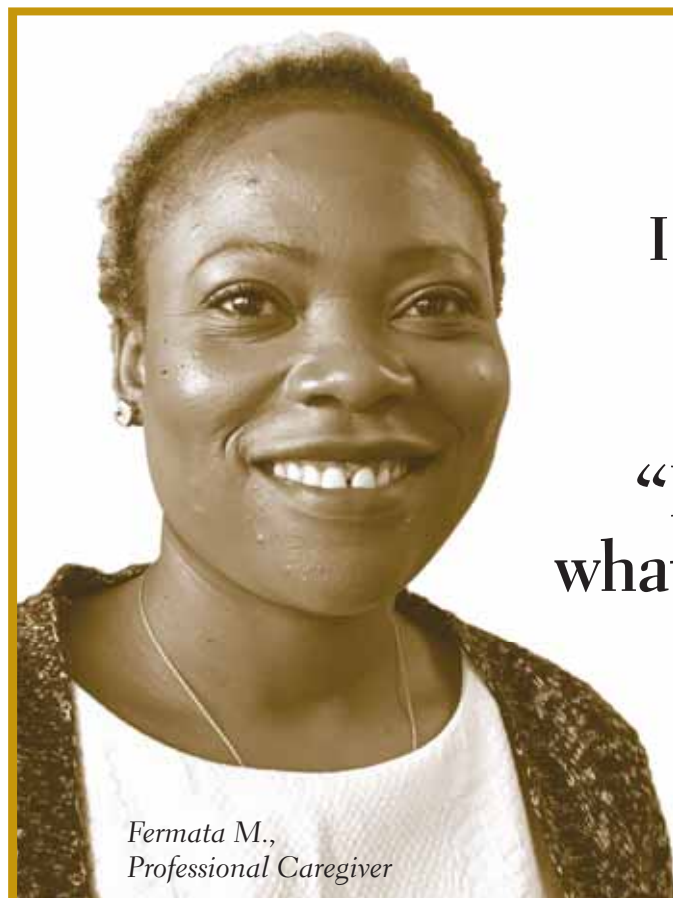
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What are you most looking forward to this year at the Alameda County Fair?



Victoria Lorrekovich-Miller
Wine tasting room associate

I am excited about some of the musical acts, like Wynonna Judd and Night Ranger. We already have tickets for them and will make a great evening out of it.



Kaitlin Miller
Middle school student

I am so excited to go this year because it will be the first year ever that I'm allowed to walk around with just my friends, without our parents hovering over us every second. I like knowing my mom will be close by, but I am looking forward to the independence of her not holding my hand the whole time.



Tom Gamier
Chemist

For me, it's all about the carnival rides. Going on all of those crazy rides with my kids makes me feel like a kid again myself — kind of like playing in the mud and climbing trees. The older I get, the more I crave the sensation of feeling like a care-free kid again.



Karina Birch
Teacher

I am most looking forward to seeing all of the different, exotic breeds of animals, such as the chickens, rabbits, parrots and alligators that I only see exhibited at the fair. I know they are treated humanely because I read about that on the fair's website. If that were not the case, I would not be interested.



Glenn Beamer
Account executive

People-watching. People from all over the Bay Area come to Pleasanton's Alameda County Fair. I hate to admit it, but I enjoy keeping track of how many tattoos, piercings, ear gauges and butt cracks I see during just the few hours I spend at the fair. I keep track of the more attractive things I see, as well.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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New Donlon principal

The school board Tuesday hired local vice principal Janet Gates as the new principal of Donlon Elementary School.

Gates will start her new job July 1 after three years as vice principal of Lydiksen Elementary. She has 16 years of classroom experience, including 11 in Pleasanton teaching AVID, health and life and earth science at Harvest Park Middle School.

"I am so excited to serve the members of my own Pleasanton neighborhood," Gates said. "Thank you to the Donlon community for being willing to walk with me this year as we get to know each other."

Gates replaces Sebastian Bull, who was named last month as the new principal of Foothill High.

She lives in Pleasanton with her husband and their dog Snickers. They have three grown daughters. She earned a bachelor's degree in biological sciences and teaching credential from UC Davis and a master's in teaching leadership from St. Mary's College.

Rotary Spirit Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton's 24th annual Father's Day Spirit Run is set to start Sunday morning under the Pleasanton Arch in downtown.

More than 1,500 runners and walkers are expected to participate in the popular event that serves as a fundraiser for college scholarships and community and international projects of the club.

This Father's Day tradition has continued to grow as runners, their children and families participate in a 10K run or 5K walk or run, as well as three Kid's Challenge races.

For registration and other information, visit www.spirit-run.com.

Family Days

The Museum on Main is bringing back its Family Days on the third Saturday of the month from June to September, giving children, parents and grandparents the chance to take part in free hands-on demonstrations, crafts and activities related to each month's theme.

The fun kicks off this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the downtown museum for the "County Fair" Family Day. Participants will learn about exhibition booths and animal judging and try their hand at making quilt squares, winning at carnival games and picking the winning horses.

For more details, visit www.museumonmain.org. ■

School board hires David Haglund as district's next superintendent

29-year educator from Southern California takes helm at PUSD on July 1

By JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton school board Tuesday night unanimously approved a three-year employment contract between PUSD and Santa Ana schools administrator David Haglund as the district's next superintendent.

Haglund, a 29-year educator who most recently worked as deputy superintendent of educational services and chief academic officer for Santa Ana Unified School District, was appointed to the position by a unanimous board vote in closed session Tuesday. He will start July 1.

"Dr. Haglund has been involved

for years, both in Santa Ana and in Riverside, in working to break barriers for all students and to help create innovative programs to serve them, whether for typically underserved or typically high-achieving ones," school board president Joan Laursen said. "Dr. Haglund may not learn the names of all 15,000 of our students in his first year, but I guarantee that our students will get to know him and he will be personally involved in their success."

Added trustee Valerie Arkin, "We did a very exhaustive process and we really reached out to many many people, as well as looking at Santa Ana

Unified and what kind of district that is and what great things they've done for kids ... I am very confident we have a great individual, a very qualified individual, that will lead us."

Haglund will be PUSD's fifth leader since spring 2015. Deputy superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa has been serving as interim superintendent since January, when the board fired Rick Rubino after six months in the position.

In comments to the board, PUSD administrators and community members at Tuesday's meeting, Haglund said he was "thrilled" about becoming superintendent.

"Thank you so much for your confidence and your support," he said. "Most importantly, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve this community, and that's the way I see the role of the superintendent."

"I'm the chief servant of the district," he continued. "I'm not the guy that tells everybody what to do — that's really not where my heart's at ... What I can do best is to be a guy that can come in and figure out how to remove obstacles from the path. It's not about giving direction, it's about facilitating motion, so I look forward to that opportunity."

In a brief interview Tuesday evening, Haglund said he is "very impressed" with the Pleasanton community.

"In the process that superintendents go through, search firms typically interview lots of folks and they identify the priorities of the community," he said.

"When I read the findings from the Pleasanton report, there was a whole

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JULIA REIS

David Haglund (left), newly appointed as PUSD superintendent, speaks with school board president Joan Laursen and Amador Valley High student board member Nicole Zhang during a break at Tuesday's meeting.

DSRSD debates sewer rate increase

Hike wouldn't impact Pleasanton ratepayers

By JULIA REIS

The Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors on Tuesday is scheduled to consider a proposed five-year wastewater rate increase that would take effect July 1 for customers in Dublin and south San Ramon.

Pleasanton ratepayers would not be impacted by a rate increase, local officials said. DSRSD provides wastewater treatment to the city by contract.

The board will hold a public hearing on the proposed rates at 6 p.m. in the DSRSD boardroom at 7051 Dublin Blvd. before voting on the matter.

Affected residents who live in single-family homes and townhouses would see their bills go up \$15 in 2017-18, or 3.9% over the current rate, according to the agency. Condo owners would see an increase of roughly \$11 next fiscal year, while owners of multi-family properties would pay nearly \$10 more for wastewater services.

Annual rates would increase every year through 2021-22, with single-family and townhouse owners ultimately paying \$474.14,

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Costco and the city's CIP

Council talks allocating \$6.4M for Stoneridge/I-680 project

By JEREMY WALSH

As the Pleasanton City Council studied the staff-recommended capital improvement program (CIP) for the next four years, some of the discussion last week focused on a long-planned freeway project likely needed sooner if Costco comes to Johnson Drive as proposed.

The CIP plan proposes more than \$80 million in expenditures from 2017-18 to 2020-21 for 89 improvement projects, falling into categories such as streets, facilities, parks, water and sewer.

One recommendation from city staff is to allocate \$6.4 million in traffic impact fee reserves, collected from developers over the years, toward the Stoneridge Drive and

Interstate 680 northbound widening project in 2018-19.

Disbursing those funds within two years, according to city staff, depends on the council's future decision on the proposed Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (EDZ) — a plan that could pave the way for a Costco on part of the 40-acre vacant land on Johnson Drive parallel to I-680 just past the Stoneridge exit.

"The reason we're reserving the \$6.4 million: (Stoneridge/I-680 north) is a council priority," City Manager Nelson Fialho told the council during its June 6 meeting. "We wanted to be conservative and park that money in the event that we're ready to spend it on that project."

The Stoneridge/I-680 north widening is identified in the General Plan as a necessary project to accommodate full build-out for all residential and commercial development contemplated in the General Plan, according to city finance director Tina Olson.

New developments across Pleasanton have paid fees to the city to offset their impacts on the city's transportation system, but those funds can only be spent on specific projects identified in the General Plan, Olson said.

"It's very limited what you can spend it on," she said. "We could not use that development impact

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Rising pension costs dominate City Council's budget review

Final budget adoption scheduled for next week

By JEREMY WALSH

The city of Pleasanton remains in sound fiscal condition with general fund revenues projected to keep rising during the next two fiscal years, but more than \$15 million worth of new pension costs due in the years ahead could impact that stability going forward, according to the city's latest budget report.

The City Council last week spent just under an hour reviewing the staff-recommended city budget for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 fiscal years, which estimates more than \$115 million in revenues and more than \$107 million in expenditures from the city's general fund each year and leaves the city with operating reserves of around 20% of expenses.

But the public conversation focused primarily on how the city, already familiar with the problem of unfunded pension liabilities, is bracing for the latest financial curveball from the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

"It's hitting all cities. Obviously it's not just Pleasanton; everybody is struggling with how are they going to address it," Tina Olson, city's finance director, told the council members during their June 6 meeting at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

The CalPERS board late last year voted to lower its discount rate, or assumed rate of return on its investments, from 7.5% to 7% — meaning cities, schools, state agencies and other employers will have to contribute more to CalPERS to help make up the revenue difference.

These higher costs, on top of the regular employer contributions, will be spread out from 2018-19 to 2022-23, increasing steadily each year.

In Pleasanton, early estimates forecast more than \$15 million in additional pension costs over the five years, starting at almost \$700,000 for 2018-19 up to more than \$5.6 million for 2022-23. For comparison, next year has budgeted about \$13.8 million in regular CalPERS-related expenditures from the general fund.

"I think we all understand the tsunami is coming, and that we must be very aggressive in early- and pre-payment," Councilwoman Karla Brown said last week, later adding, "We've got to be fiscally careful."

City officials are working to develop strategies to address the latest new pension costs, but they aren't ready to present recommendations, waiting on a CalPERS actuarial report due in the next month or

so that will provide more accurate projections, City Manager Nelson Fialho said.

Options could include pre-funding the pension liabilities, like the city has done in the past, and looking toward investment options to raise additional capital. Cost-cutting moves and fewer infrastructure improvements would also be on the table.

After analyzing the new CalPERS data and potential strategies, city staff anticipates bringing forward a formal proposal to the council in the summer or fall.

"We just want to be absolutely accurate with our strategy, and that's why we need just a little bit more time before we come to you with a recommendation," Fialho said.

Brown urged her council colleagues, while weighing approval of the new two-year budget, to act as soon as possible on addressing the upcoming pension cost hikes.

"Pre-funding that debt will save us a lot of money," Brown said. "I just want to make sure we're paying everything we can. We don't have to wait for the bill due to say where in this budget am I going make some significant payment, like the \$15 million ... or some similar large payment against our PERS."

The council is scheduled to weigh final adoption of the two-year budget during Tuesday's regular meeting, along with final approval of the associated four-year capital improvement program (CIP) outlining various city projects for 2017-18 through 2020-21.

Other budget takeaways

The recommended budget estimates \$115.2 million in general fund revenues for 2017-18 and \$117.2 million in 2018-19, compared to expenditures of \$107.9 million and \$110.4 million, respectively. The general fund accounts for 62% of the city's operating budget.

About 84% of general fund revenues come from taxes, while 10% come from department revenues such as service fees and the remaining 6% from other revenue sources.

City officials estimate sales tax will grow each of the next two years, by 2.1% and 3%, respectively. They also anticipate secured property tax growth, at 3.6% next year and 1.2% in 2018-19.

City sales tax revenues, projected to reach a 20-year high of \$23.7 million in 2018-19, are slowing though due to regional shopping competition and online consumer

sales, according to Fialho.

General fund expenditures are broken down by 73.7% for personnel, 19.3% for materials and supplies, 5.4% for transportation and training, 1.1% for repairs and maintenance, and 0.4% for capital outlay.

The largest costs in the personnel category are salaries including overtime (59%), pensions (17%) and medical benefits and leave (12%). Personnel expenditures are expected to rise by 4.9% and 3.3%, respectively, in the next two years.

The budget recommends adding two new, full-time police officers.

City officials estimate an operating surplus of just over \$6 million next year, with almost \$5.2 million going toward the CIP and the remaining \$832,664 into operating reserves. In 2018-19, the operating surplus is estimated at \$5.6 million, with \$5.1 million toward CIP and the rest into reserves. Contributing \$5 million to the CIP is common practice for the city, Fialho said.

In all, the city expects to end 2017-18 with almost \$21.6 million in general fund reserves and 2018-19 with just over \$22 million in operating reserves — or about 20% of expenses, the minimum reserve level under city policy. ■

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Ex-employee files racial discrimination suit against Pleasanton firm

'No one should be treated this way in America in the year 2017,' plaintiff says

A former project manager for a Pleasanton construction company filed a lawsuit against the company and its owners last week accusing them of racial discrimination and harassment and subjecting her to unwanted racial commentary and differential treatment.

Filed in Alameda County Superior Court on behalf of Tishay Wright, a black woman, by San Francisco attorney Christopher Dolan, the suit alleges that Southland Construction Management Inc. and its owners, Kenneth and Anita Hayden, decorated their office with photographs of President Donald Trump and Confederate flags saying, "The Southland shall rise again."

Dolan said in a statement that the Haydens appeared to be "proud of their handiwork" and had photographs taken of themselves in front of the Confederate flag, which he said is "the offensive symbol of slavery," with Kenneth dressed as Donald Trump and Anita appearing to be a Trump supporter with a Confederate

flag purse strung over her shoulder.

Dolan said Kenneth Hayden later gave the purse to Wright as a Christmas gift at the company Christmas Party with the offensive photos of him and his wife inside.

Wright said in the statement that she filed the suit "because no one should be treated this way in America in the year 2017."

"This is not Alabama in the 1940's. This country is going backwards and it has to stop," Wright said.

Her attorney Dolan said, "This is just a sign of how people feel empowered by our current president, and his racist and sexist statements about women and minorities, to blatantly harass and discriminate against others."

"The message couldn't be any clearer: I stand with Trump and I'm racist. If you don't like it then get out of my business and out of my country," Dolan said.

The suit also accuses Kenneth

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Health officials warn of salmonella risks linked to backyard poultry

The California Department of Public Health has issued a warning to residents about the risk of salmonella infection from contact with live poultry.

Many outbreaks in recent years have been linked to people keeping backyard flocks of chickens and ducks, state health officials said.

Live poultry, particularly baby chicks and ducklings, may have salmonella in their feces and on their bodies even when they appear healthy and clean, according to state health officials.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least 372 people in 47 states nationwide since the start of the year have been infected with various salmonella strains linked to live poultry contact, with 36% of the cases involving children under 5 years old.

Those numbers include 21 California residents. Nationwide, 71 people have been hospitalized from the infections but

no deaths have been reported, state health officials said.

Salmonella symptoms include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps that usually begin 12 to 72 hours after infection. Most people recover within a week without treatment but some people, including young children, elderly adults and those with weakened immune systems, are at higher risk for more severe illness.

The Department of Public Health encourages people who have contact with live poultry to always wash their hands with soap and water after handling the animals, their eggs or anything in the area where they live and roam.

People should also prevent live chickens, ducks and geese from coming into their homes and should not allow children under 5 to handle live poultry or eggs without supervision and subsequent hand washing, health officials said. ■

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lot of it that really resonated with me in terms of the things I'm passionate about — 21st century learning, as an example, creating new opportunities for more innovative educational programs — those are things I've done for a long time in other districts," he said. "To see a community that's really ready to take a step in that direction was very attractive to me."

He added his initial plans are "to listen and to learn about the community."

Haglund will earn an annual base salary of \$265,000 and health benefits over 220 workdays. He will get 18 days of sick leave annually and 27 vacation days plus holidays.

Haglund will also receive \$10,000 for one-time moving expenses, a nearly \$3,000 stipend for possession of master's and doctoral degrees, and a coach for professional support for one year.

By comparison, Rubino — who was fired as superintendent by the board without cause in January — received an annual base salary of \$256,000.

The contract states that the board

can terminate the superintendent's contract for cause or without. If the board were to find cause to nullify the agreement, they would have to notify the superintendent in writing within five days of the decision.

If the board didn't have cause, they would need to notify him in writing two months before terminating the contract and pay up to nine months' salary. That nine-month maximum would increase to a year should he receive a satisfactory evaluation after the first year of service.

If the board finds Haglund's performance satisfactory after his first year, they will consider extending his contract by an additional year. They will also consider a salary adjustment when he is evaluated and could increase his pay "at any time during any school year," according to the agreement.

There were no public comments on Haglund's contract.

Haglund has held positions as a principal, district administrator and



David Haglund

classroom teacher over his career. He has a doctorate of education from University of Southern California.

He rose to the top during the PUSD's nearly four-month hiring search led by consulting firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates.

The firm received over 50 applications and interviewed around 20 candidates. Consultants brought seven to the board for their consideration, and six of them were part of the board's initial interviews in early May.

Trustees then selected three finalists who were interviewed by a panel of community members, then again individually by the board.

The board announced their selection of Haglund as the superintendent finalist late last month. On June 2 and 5, trustees, district administrators and union representatives interviewed residents and colleagues about Haglund in private meetings in Santa Ana.

"They spent a lot of time and talked to a lot of folks that I've worked with for years before they made their decision, and I have a great deal of respect for them taking that time to do that work — I know this is an important decision for them," Haglund said. ■

SEWER

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condo owners \$327.03, and multi-family property owners \$276.96, according to DSRSD.

Wastewater rates did not change this fiscal year.

Commercial customers, meanwhile, would be charged under a new structure where rates would no longer be based on customer categories like car wash and grocery store, but on wastewater strength levels and volume of wastewater treated.

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customers could expect a rate decrease next fiscal year, all commercial rates would increase the following four fiscal years based on the annual change in the consumer price index.

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In other business

At its meeting earlier this month, DSRSD's board adopted operating and capital improvement budgets for the next two fiscal years, along with a 10-year plan to guide spending on infrastructure, for the agency that also provides water service to Dublin and parts of San Ramon.

DSRSD expects total revenues to amount to roughly \$99 million in 2017-18 and \$110 million the following year — increases of 22.5% and 11.1%, respectfully, general manager Dan McIntyre wrote in a letter to the board. That growth, he said, is primarily due to growth in the customer base from new development, as well as anticipated

post-drought increases in water use.

"The pace of development continues to strengthen the district's financial position, with the benefit that the addition of new resources will have only a modest impact on utility rates over the next five years," McIntyre said.

DSRSD will use some of that added revenue to create eight new staff positions next fiscal year that are largely focused on operations, deferred maintenance, and preventative maintenance of treatment systems. The additions will bring the number of total full-time positions up from 113 to 121 and are meant to address a large amount of staff turnover from retirements over the last two years, McIntyre said.

Dublin trunk sewer line rehabilitation, the expansion of the water recycling plant in Pleasanton and the replacement of a drinking water reservoir serving central Dublin are among the agency's major capital improvement projects planned over the next two years. ■

CAPITAL

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fee for general fund purposes. It has to be for those specific projects."

One qualifying project is the Stoneridge/I-680 north widening, which would need to be completed sooner if Costco and other large businesses such as hotels come to the Johnson Drive site, according to city staff.

For those developments to advance, the council would have to approve the Johnson Drive EDZ outlining how redevelopment would occur at the vacant industrial-zoned land, once home to a now-demolished Clorox research center. A council hearing on the EDZ proposal is expected no earlier than the fall.

If the Johnson Drive EDZ is not approved, the Stoneridge/I-680 project would not necessarily move forward in 2018-19, in which case the \$6.4 million would return to the traffic impact fee fund to be reprogrammed for other eligible projects, according to Fialho.

The freeway project is just one of the overall transportation improvements, estimated at \$21.4 million, needed to accommodate the Johnson Drive EDZ, Fialho said. How to pay for those remaining costs is subject to ongoing negotiations with the developers and ultimately City Council direction.

"Two-thirds of the expenses associated with (EDZ) are impacts caused by the development, and the expectation is the development would pay for those costs," Fialho said. "And the city would pay for its share of the improvements that tie back to what's in the General Plan."

The other roadway projects include Johnson Drive widening, Stoneridge Drive widening

and traffic signal changes. Unlike Stoneridge/I-680, those projects could not be funded with traffic impact fee reserves, according to Olson.

Councilwoman Karla Brown responded later by saying, "If the negotiations come back and more funding is needed to expand the infrastructure for Costco and two hotels, which is what's being discussed ... you're going to have to find that money somewhere else, like the general fund."

To cover the city's share, officials are considering borrowing internally, taking out a bank loan or a sales tax sharing agreement with Costco to pay back the retailer for fronting the city's portion of the infrastructure projects.

City officials have been negotiating with representatives of Costco and developer Nearon Enterprises for a proposed agreement about how much each will pay for necessary infrastructure improvements — a deal that would require the council's approval in open session.

"It is true that we are still in negotiations with them. There is no firm proposal," Fialho said June 6. "There are days where I think we'll be able to have this discussion with the council pretty rapidly, and there are days like today where I'm pessimistic about the project even moving forward."

"When we're ready to have a funding proposal ready to share with you, we're committed to having that openly and transparently and take as much time as possible with the community and council and Planning Commission to understanding the financing," he added.

The council did not take a vote on the \$6.4 million allocation for the Stoneridge/I-680 project nor any other part of the CIP proposal as last week's meeting was for discussion only. Final CIP adoption is scheduled for next Tuesday's meeting. ■

SUIT

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Hayden of assault and battery, saying that on one occasion he threw a cellphone at Wright, which then ricocheted off of her desk and hit her in the arm.

The suit alleges Wright witnessed Kenneth and Anita Hayden making "racist comments" about other employees of different ethnicities at Southland, including Hispanic and Sikh employees.

The suit, which says Wright worked at the company from June 22, 2015, until March 9 of this year, seeks unspecified general and punitive damages.

Kenneth and Anita Hayden couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The company, which was founded in 2000 and has its headquarters on Valley Avenue, says on its website that, "Integrity and service are key for Southland Construction."

The company says its mission is "to serve the construction needs of commercial, retail, and industrial businesses with integrity, quality and accountability, while meeting budgets and timelines in order to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and restore honesty to the marketplace."

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- Consider introduction of an ordinance to add to the Pleasanton Municipal Code a new Chapter 9.26 Restrictions on Smoking in Multifamily Rental Apartments and a unifying amendment to §9.24.060

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County fair: A Pleasanton tradition

The Alameda County Fair opens today for an extended 20-day run. That's good news for the hundreds of thousands of fair-goers and horse-racing fans expected to be here this year and for Pleasanton businesses and nonprofits and even city taxpayers who benefit from this annual event.

The fair and the fairgrounds are celebrated amenities for our local community and a great regional draw that brings people to Pleasanton.

The county fair itself, which started in 1912, is engrained in the fabric of our community in the same way that our historic downtown is reflective of our community identity. "It celebrates the past, but also brings residents and visitors alike to celebrate Pleasanton's diverse offerings of leisure, great food and entertainment," City Manager Nelson Fialho said.

Both the fair and the fairgrounds are also good for taxpayers. Tina Olson, the city's director of finance, reports that in calendar year 2016, Pleasanton received \$786,068 in tax revenues from sales generated in the fairgrounds. The third quarter of the year, when most of the county fair took place, generated \$235,350.

The fairgrounds also generates other, less direct economic impacts to the city such as hotel and sales taxes associated with fairgrounds visitors who stay in Pleasanton hotels, eat in Pleasanton restaurants, shop in Pleasanton and buy gas in Pleasanton — who would otherwise not do so if they weren't visiting the fairgrounds.

There's also a cost. The fair creates more work for the Pleasanton Police Department. Chief Dave Spiller says calls for service increase and community activity associated with the county fair impacts law enforcement operations, particularly traffic management and the off-property parking of fair-goers. But police work effectively in partnership with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office to support fair operations and lessen impacts to Pleasanton residents and businesses.

The fair is operated by the nonprofit Fair Association without any tax funding from the government. It is ranked one of the top 50 North American fairs and the seventh largest fair in California. The fairgrounds also is home to the oldest one-mile race track in America.

A lot has changed since the first Pleasanton fair 105 years ago. Horse racing was already here. The idea for holding a county fair on that property came from the businessman who had purchased the Bernal family racetrack.

The "modern fair" began in 1939, according to "Celebrating Family Fun at the County Fair," written by Pat and Bob Lane to celebrate the 90th birthday of the fair in 2002. That year the fair included a carnival, with four rides, 20 games and concessions.

Today, the abundance of rides includes games and food booths all along the midway, with a variety of other attractions in the air-conditioned exhibit centers. Kids can ride sheep bareback or zoom down a waterslide. There are free concerts nightly with a fireworks show starting at nightfall on July 4, featuring the Oakland East Bay Symphony.

Still, some things stay the same. Horse racing continues as a big draw, with races starting next Thursday. Other features of the first fair also live on, such as the judging of farm stock. There's even a return to the old days with a live cattle drive this morning down Main Street, featuring a team of 60 riders and 150 steers. Then it's off to the fair, which opens at 11 a.m. ■

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Falcons win NCS softball crown

Young Foothill squad overcomes early deficit to earn 6-2 victory in finals

Entering the season, it's hard to imagine a team as young as the Foothill softball team rising to the top of the North Coast Section, but that's just what happened with the Falcons this spring.

Foothill wrapped up an incredible run through the NCS playoffs by dispatching James Logan 6-2 in the finals on June 3.

"You hear rumors that you have some great players coming in, but you don't know for sure because you've never seen them play," said Foothill coach Matt Sweeney, who saw his team finish 26-4.

"Then you worry about their work ethic and if they will be coachable," he added. "All these kids were very good and unbelievably coachable. Some kids today act like they know everything, but that wasn't what these kids were like."

The core group of power for the Falcons came from freshmen, pitcher Nicole May and catcher Courtney Beaudin. Throw in sophomore Hope Alley at shortstop and there was bound to be some adversity over the course of the season as the team learned to play. In fact, the Falcons had only five players — two of which were starters — returning.

"I don't think we knew as a team how good we could be early in the season," Sweeney said. "We stumbled a bit (during the season), but they got back on a run again. By game 20, the girls were not freshmen anymore — they needed to realize and play like that. One of the keys this year was there was no pettiness from any player on the team."

If the young players on the team embrace the adversity and grow from it along the way, good things can happen by the end of the season. Such was the case in the finals.

James Logan, the No. 8 seed, had advanced to the finals by beating top-seeded Amador Valley 3-0 in the second round and then No. 4 Freedom 1-0 in the semifinals. So, when the Colts jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, you had to wonder how the youngsters on Foothill would react.

The answer? Like the champions they became.

"I actually called time out after (Logan's) home run and told them it was my fault for the pitch I called," Sweeney said. "I also told them we were going to have to



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The Foothill Falcons celebrate clinching the NCS championship with a 6-2 win over eighth-seeded James Logan in the finale.

score to win the game anyway, so let's go get it."

The Falcons drew even right away, with Alley scoring the first run after racing around the bases on some Logan miscues and Beaudin delivering the first of a pair of big hits, singling home Nicole Craven to make it 2-2.

In the third, the Foothill catcher came through again, this time drilling a two-run home run to make

it 4-2. The Falcons added a pair of runs on a single in the fifth from junior Lauren Hermes.

After the early problems, May settled down and finished the complete game, striking out six along the way.

"Those two — May and Beaudin — are PAC-12 or SEC type of players, as is Hope," Sweeney said. "I don't think there is a guy at Foothill with an arm as strong as Courtney's."

This could be the beginning of a Foothill run as the Falcons lose only three seniors. But true to his personality, Sweeney was quick to play off any thoughts of a repeat.

"We told the girls before the semifinals and then again before the finals that there is no guarantee that we get to this level," he said. "Teams have gotten this far with freshmen and not gone back. You have to enjoy it when you get there because you never know if you will get back." ■

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Residents show off interesting talents, hobbies in county fair displays

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Niche submissions, such as this Howdy Doody display, show an inside look of the wide array of collections that are showcased at the Alameda County Fair.



DANIEL KIM

Entrants in the Collections Contest include this Mr. Potato Head display.

The Alameda County Fair is opening in Pleasanton today, offering its familiar array of carnival rides, horse races, fireworks and concerts.

But in addition to these well-known attractions and amusements, the fair hosts a multitude of intriguing annual contests that span diverse interests, unusual hobbies and extraordinary talents.

There are contests that children and adults alike can enter and that provide an opportunity to not only compete for ribbons, but perhaps more importantly, to share passions, hobbies, talents and interests with the entire community.

Each competition is judged by fair-appointed experts, and the judges' decisions are final. Winning entrants, along with other submissions, from each competition are displayed in exhibition halls during the fair, which runs until July 9 at the Pleasanton fairgrounds.

Here's just a taste of the dozens of competitions at this year's fair:

Home Brew Contest

A primary contender every year in this category is Jack Weldon, a certified building, home and welding inspector. He's also president of the Northern California Draught Board Homebrew Club and an award-winning brewer who has received multiple ribbons over the course of several years.

This year, Weldon won Blue Ribbons in the categories of Sweet Stout and English Cider — like many of the other contests, the official judging of the Sweet Stout and English Cider occurred immediately prior to opening day.

Weldon said he developed an interest in craft brews in his 20s.

"I was poor but had expensive taste in beer," he recalled. "My boss gave me a \$100 bill in my Christmas card (in 1990) and I found a home brewing supply store in Pismo Beach where a guy told me I could make my favorite style of beer for about \$35 for five gallons rather than \$15 for a single bottle."

Weldon said he soon began brewing a few different kinds of beers each year. Over time, he has developed his hobby to the

point where he creates close to 30 batches of craft beers each year.

When making his home brew, Weldon said he enjoys experimenting with "all kinds of weird ingredients," such as green tea, breakfast cereals, orange peel and ginger. One of his primary reasons for entering the Home Brew Contest each year is to encourage other members of the Draught Board Homebrew Club to participate, and thereby get the club's name "out there."

Poetry Contest

Pleasanton's Rob Campbell is a professional geologist who owns an environmental, geological and hydrogeological consulting firm that specializes in bio-remediation of toxic substances in soil and groundwater.

He enjoys writing poetry in his free time and submitted several of his original poems into the fair's Poetry Contest this year.

Campbell, who has a lifelong stuttering condition, said that by writing poetry, he can "communicate freely and easily, without any obstacles." So, he finds writing to be not only enjoyable, but "very liberating, therapeutic, and cathartic as well."



Pleasanton's Nancy Lewis submitted an "eLife" out of her SuperBall collection, with



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Jack Weldon, a frequent winner in the fair's Home Brew Contest, shows off his award ribbons from over the years.

It was in 2010 that Campbell began submitting his work to the fair in Pleasanton. Almost every year, he has placed among the top competitors. He keeps his Blue Ribbons on display in his office along with his many professional awards and acknowledgments.

Collections Contest

A popular draw for the exhibition halls each year, the Collections Contest offers a range of displays featuring anything and everything from the world of collectibles, such as Howdy Doody merchandise, Christmas ornaments, Samuel Adams beers, Mr. Potato Heads and even small Eastman Brownie cameras from the early 1900s.

Pleasanton's Nancy Lewis, a partner in a law firm that specializes in commercial insurance coverage litigation, is showing off her elaborate display of SuperBalls, which she's been collecting since

she was a child.

As a child, her collection was about the SuperBalls themselves, but now as an adult, the balls are all about the memories associated with them, according to Lewis.

"Regardless of how sophisticated technology becomes, there will never be an app that can replace the ability to keenly preserve cherished memories of a person, event or experience, than by having a tactile, tangible connection to them," said Lewis, who also prepares the Weekly's Streetwise column with her daughter Jenny Lyness.

For Lewis, the SuperBalls were an excellent educational tool for her children when they were young because as they played with the SuperBalls, they developed hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills as well as learned basic concepts such as colors, counting, sorting and sequences.

"I remember getting a call from

my oldest daughter Kate's preschool teacher many years ago, wanting to know why she was so insistent that a piece of blue construction paper was 'Cewuwian' — cerulean, an obscure shade of blue," she recalled with a laugh.

Photography Contest

Doug Weiss, a Livermore resident who works in security, pursues photography as a hobby he picked up on a whim during what he describes as a "bit of a dark time" when he needed something to keep him distracted, and to allow him to "get away from all of the chaos of our society and find peace."

He said the camera he bought during that time reignited his passion to travel the world, and to photograph it for others to see.

Weiss said his favorite things to photograph are, "without a doubt natural landscapes as well as astrophotography." He has traveled to Peru with his camera and hopes to continue venturing off to his other "bucket list" locations such as Denmark, Sweden, Estonia, Finland, Norway, Russia and Iceland.

Weiss, who maintains he is not competitive by nature, entered the fair this year, as well as over the past several years, "as a personal challenge more than anything else" — and he enjoys seeing whether he can "best" his own personal best results.

Place-Setting Contest

Joyce Senechal, a professional chef, is also someone who has been competing in county fair contests for several years.

Competing this year in the Place-Setting Contest, Senechal said she believes an ornate, beautifully set table is part of the experience of fine dining, and she enjoys creating a warm and inviting dining environment for her clients, as well as for her own family and friends.

She added that a major reason she enters contests each year is to learn about all of the other categories that people compete in.

When people enter the contests, it is because they are passionate about the subject matter of their category, according to Senechal. She finds that anything people are excited about and want to share with others, is by its very nature, absolutely fascinating.

For Senechal, entering the fair competitions is not really about trying to win a Blue Ribbon, but instead, is about developing an understanding of and appreciation for, "what makes other people tick."

To see what makes all the competitors tick, check out all the displays at this year's Alameda County Fair. For a list of every contest, visit the fair website at <http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com>. ■



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elaborate display for the Collections Contest by building a multi-dimensional "Tree of Memories" where each ball in her exhibit associated with a particular memory from her life.




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touched the hearts
of many

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



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Cabo, a longtime canine volunteer in the Tri-Valley, rests on the mosaic bench in Kottinger Park. After the photo was taken, his owners saw that he had the wings of an angel.



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Students release balloons for Cabo at a celebration of his life at the elementary school he visited for seven years until he died last month.

As the purple balloons lifted slowly into the sky at Smith Elementary School in Livermore last week, the children called out.

"Bye, Cabo!"
"Bye, Cabo!"

It was a celebration of life for recently departed Cabo Hewitt, a handsome yellow Labrador retriever who faithfully visited Michelle Holbrook's classroom from noon to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday for the last seven years under the auspices of Valley Humane Society's therapy dog program.

"The kids fell in love with him, and he loved the whole school thing," owner Frances Hewitt said. "He even stood in line with the kids every year to get his picture taken."

After the school visit, Hewitt and Cabo would visit Quail Garden Assisted Living in downtown Livermore.

"In one day, he would touch the lives of young kids and then the lives of the elderly," Hewitt noted.

Cabo also was happy to let students share books with him in reading programs at libraries in Pleasanton and Livermore; and he would don a red, white and blue bandana to welcome home military members. And he participated two years in Valley Humane Society's Critter Camps for youngsters.

Frances and Don Hewitt moved to Pleasanton in 1998 with their black lab Bosco, who soon became a popular dog about town as he accompanied Frances on many of her duties with Pleasanton Downtown Association.

Seven years later, when Bosco was 9, the Hewitts returned to his birthplace, Three Sisters Labradors, in Oregon — an AKC Breeder of Merit — to adopt Cabo, who is Bosco's great-nephew. They called their new dog after their favorite vacation spot, Cabo San Lucas, where they have been going since 1995, although his registered name is Ebonstar's Cabo del Sol.

Both of the dogs did therapy work,

Hewitt said, with Bosco's mostly in Pleasanton before he died in 2009, and Cabo reaching out to Livermore as well.

She recalled Cabo working at Donlon Elementary years ago with special needs children.

"There was a little boy named Dylan who was so adorable," she recalled. "He didn't speak but he could hear. He was in a wheelchair. Every time we walked in the room his eyes would light up. He wanted to pretend Cabo was his dog so I gave him Cabo's leash."

They would just sit there together, Dylan happy to hold the leash and Cabo apparently pleased to be by his side.

Another young boy named Brandon was terrified of dogs.

"But after a month Cabo was his buddy," Hewitt said. "He called him 'Wobble,' and they would walk out to the field and back."

The Hewitts own two special cars — a 1917 Model T and a 1967 Ford Mustang — so the city of Pleasanton calls each year when it wants a classic ride for the mayor in the Veterans Day Parade on Main Street. While the mayor sat in the back seat to wave at the parade-goers, Don drove and Cabo would ride shotgun.

Cabo was also a hit with men from the Veterans Affairs hospital in Livermore he met at monthly luncheons at the Livermore Pleasanton Elks Lodge, where Hewitt is a member.

"Cabo earned enough hours (a minimum of 500) through Valley Humane

Society that he was nationally recognized as a Distinguished Dog for the American Kennel Club," Hewitt said. "He has a certificate, a medal, some patches."

He had two different vests to wear to his volunteer jobs — a purple one for Valley Humane Society and a red American Kennel Club vest.

"When I would put his therapy vest on him, he knew it was all about me and human interaction would be involved. He would ignore Don," Frances Hewitt said.

But he became Don's dog when it was time to go pheasant hunting in Rio Vista.

"He was a different dog," Frances Hewitt said. "When Don first took him out, he became stiff as a board and his right paw would come up. Cabo was a 'pointing lab.'"

She said the breeder produces championship hunting dogs that also become amazing therapy dogs with "incredible dispositions."

Last year, Cabo was diagnosed with a heart disease, then in February a cough turned out to be cancer in his left lung. Although he curtailed many of his activities, he still jumped up when Hewitt brought out the vest he wore to visit the school.

"He would still play ball with the kids," Hewitt recalled.

But Cabo continued to decline and stopped eating. He died May 21 at the age of 12-1/2.

"I had more flowers and cards in my house — he really touched this community," Hewitt said.

The celebration of life at Smith Elementary was good closure for the students, she added. Even without Cabo, she plans to continue visiting the school and the assisted living residents.

Now she is working on a scrapbook for Cabo and remembering all his special ways.

He really touched this community," she said. "There were so many heartfelt moments when I would watch him with a kid."

For more pictures and information, visit Cabo's website at www.cabohewitt.com. ■



Firehouse offers Summer Show Series

From a cappella in drag to opera to folk rock

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Next weekend the Firehouse Arts Center kicks off its 2017 Summer Show Series, with a variety of mood-lifting, toe-tapping concerts and productions.

The opener is a musical drag/comedy show, *The Kinsey Sicks: "Dragapella!"* at 8 p.m. next Saturday (June 24). The troupe has performed its sharp satire and a cappella singing in over-the-top drag together for more than 20 years, including Off-Broadway, in Vegas, in two feature films and recording two concert DVDs and nine albums.

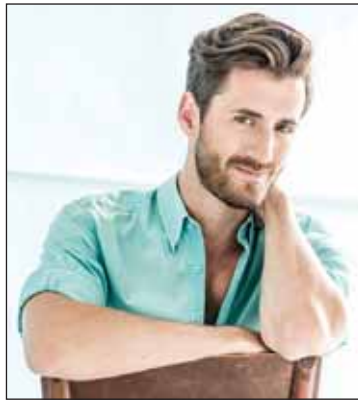


The summer series also includes:

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America's favorite Dragapella Beauty Shop Quartet kicks off the Firehouse Arts Center summer season next weekend.



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Hadleigh Adams will be onstage July 23 performing "leading man" songs from classic Broadway shows.

energy musical revue will again feature San Francisco Chanteuse Wiggy Darlington.

- "Classical" with Julia Reddy, Sunday, Aug. 6 — details to follow at www.firehousearts.org

- "The Music of Simon & Garfunkel." AJ Swearingen and Jayne Kelli capture the music and spirit of the beloved folk-rock duo, at 8 p.m. Aug. 12 and at 2 p.m. Aug. 13.

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Market Update - Continued Strong Demand

Heat came early to the Pleasanton real estate market in the form of strong demand and insufficient inventory. The supply of homes for sale fell 26% from April, while closed sales were up 27%, leaving less than a month of inventory on the market. Good properties sold quickly in May, with the average time on the market at only 14 days. The median sales price came down a little from April's all time high but was equal to May 2016's previous high. Homes priced under \$2 million sold the fastest and for 102% of their list price.

A 0.8 month supply was on the market at the end of May, compared to 1.2 months at the end of April, as well as a year earlier. Inventory fell from 90 homes at the end of April to 67 at the end of May, which was also 19 fewer units than a year ago. Pending sales increased 9%, from 77 in April to 84 in May. May's sales were 14% higher than a year ago. Closed sales jumped 27% in May, from 59 in April to 75. 69 sales closed in May 2016.

The average sale in May took 14 days, the same as in April and one day longer than in May 2016. Homes sold in May for 100% of their list price, on average, down slightly from 101% in both April of this year and May of last.

May's median sales price was \$1.15 million, down 2% from \$1.175 mil...

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Pleasanton Market At A Glance May 2017

AVAILABLE HOMES FOR SALE 67	MEDIAN SALES PRICE \$1,150,000
AVERAGE PRICE PER SQ FT \$539	AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET 14
SALES PRICE TO LIST PRICE 100%	MONTHS OF INVENTORY 0.8



COMING SOON



West Side Gem

Remodeled 3 BR, 2 BTH home across from park with hardwood floors and sparkling pool!
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5943 Corte Arboles

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OPEN SUN



2109 Black Oak Ct

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IN-LAW UNIT



8046 Rockford Place

Fabulous home with 6 BR + office & bonus, 5 1/2 BTHs on .41 Acre private lot with pool
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**278 BIRCH CREEK DRIVE,
PLEASANTON**

Just Listed! Lovely 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath end unit townhouse in Birch Creek community. Unique location w/ seldom available corner lot. This home features 2 master suites, plus 1 additional half bath. Home also features fresh paint, carpet in bedrooms, granite counters in kitchen, and skylights that provide lots of natural light. Private rear yard w/ patio, recently upgraded landscaping, and extended w/ pavers offering ample space. Walking distance to Pleasanton's downtown area, schools and parks.

Listed at \$624,000

Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in the Jensen/Amador neighborhood. Spacious updated kitchen with a breakfast bar. Kitchen opens to the dining area and family room. Wood floors throughout w/ carpet in bedrooms. Spacious rear yard w/ side yard access. Walking distance to Pleasanton's downtown area, parks, schools, shopping, and easy commute access.

Listed at \$795,000



**4009 CID WAY,
PLEASANTON**



**8062 ROCKFORD PLACE,
PLEASANTON**

An Urban Oasis awaits your family in Oak Tree Farms for this 5,541 sq. ft. home with 6 Bedrooms and 5.5 Baths, nestled on a half-acre lot. The main level offers a grand staircase and the formal dining room just off the entry. Also a guest room with attached full bath. Plus an attached guest suite with a full bath, walk-in closet, kitchenette and separate entrance. This guest suite is currently set up as a media room with a built-in, drop-down screen, projector, media closet and light darkening draperies, along with access to the rear yard. The upper level offers a secondary staircase to the additional bedrooms, an office with French door entry, a loft area and its master suite with a fireplace, retreat area and generous master bath. The home's rear yard offers a peaceful private setting with a pool/waterfall and hot tub, a covered patio area with a built-in BBQ, fire pit, and horseshoe pit – all to entertain and enjoy.

Listed at \$2,460,000



**6877 RIDGE CT,
LIVERMORE**

This 5 bedroom/3 bath home was built in 1998 and offers 2,140 sqft. The two story home has been updated from inside to outside with designer touches. The master bath offers new dual sink vanity, a soaking tub and separate shower with a spacious walk in closet. One bedroom suite is on the main level with a full bath. The custom designed salt water pool offers a waterfall and nestled in just the right location.

**Listed at \$900,000
Sold for \$914,000**



**3134 PASEO ROBLES,
PLEASANTON**

This 4 bedroom home offers 2.5 baths, refinished wood floors on the main level, with new carpet throughout. Granite counters in the update kitchen that opens to the family room. The large bonus room with French doors opens to a balcony overlooking the homes pool. Located on an interior street and in the heart of Pleasanton, offering ease for parks, shopping and commute.

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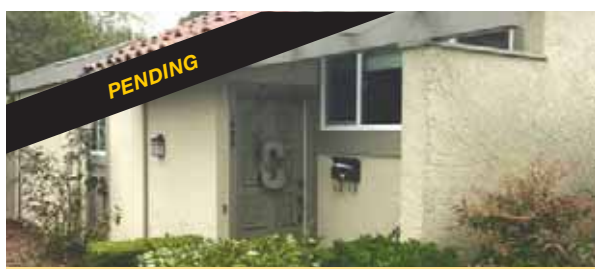
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OPEN SATURDAY 1-3



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