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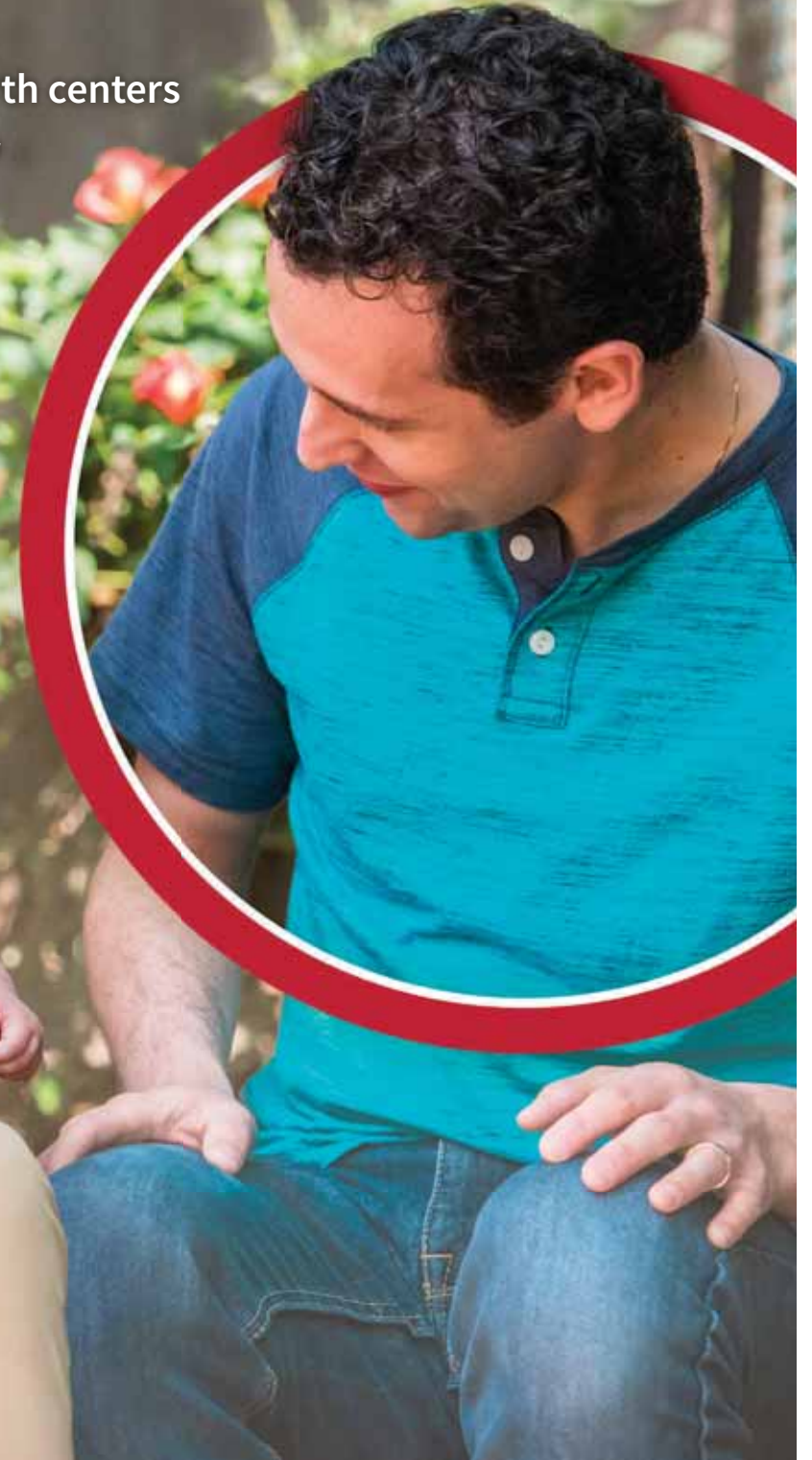
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Need for senior care keeps on growing

There seems to be an abundance of senior housing and special care facilities in the Tri-Valley, but more will be needed. That's the view of Lisa Foster, director of sales for Sunrise of Pleasanton, the newest assisted living and personalized care development that will open in September in Pleasanton.

In remarks to the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Foster, who has worked in senior care for 20 years, said seniors are the fastest growing population in the U.S. In 2012, there were 37 million that were 65 years of age or older. By 2050, there will be 81 million in that age group. And care has become shorter term in many cases and very expensive.

Hospitals provide the highest level of care where Medicare or private insurance usually covers much of the cost. But these hospital stays are overseen by case managers, physicians and insurance officials. Each diagnosis code equals a number of days in the hospital. When previously you would have stayed in the hospital until you recovered, the hospital is now managing acute symptoms and moving other patients out more quickly.

Hospital stay days are on the decline, Foster said. In 2003, the average stay was six days. By 2012, it was only four days, and that number is continuing to shrink. Insurance oversight and Medicare cutbacks are changing the ways care is handled for seniors and Americans in general.

These changes have added partners to the continuum of care. When seniors are discharged from the hospital, there are usually two options: go to a rehabilitation facility or nursing home, or choose to have Home Health, utilizing skilled agencies that can provide care in the home. Both options are usually covered by insurance as a short-term solution.

Foster said about 60% percent of seniors will go to a rehab or nursing facility at some time in their lives. Medicare covers up to 100 days for a specific illness. Home health will provide therapists three times a week, but insurance coverage is usually capped at six weeks a year.

Seniors increasingly are choosing to move into retirement communities that offer independent

living coupled with assisted living, a skilled nursing facility and even specialized memory care in the same complex.

While these communities offer many positives, they are also expensive, with an initial enrollment fee in the tens of thousands of dollars, monthly fees from \$5,000 to \$8,000 per month, and even then with a qualifying health assessment that may disqualify applicants. Foster encourages those considering a full-service retirement community to move in while they are healthy.

Speaking of memory care, Foster said 5.3 million Americans currently suffer from memory loss and that number is going to double by 2050. This specialized care requires specially trained staffing in usually a smaller secured environment, which includes reminders about daily care and encouragement to participate in activities and socialization. This option can range in cost from \$5,000 to \$12,000.

"If there is any memory loss, you should look at a senior community that includes this care option," Foster said. "Although it may not be needed immediately, as a senior with memory loss ages and the disease progresses, there may be a time when the community that does not have memory care may not be able to keep that individual in the complex and you would have to look at other options."

Home care is often everyone's preferred option when a senior needs help. But there are costs — \$18-\$22 per hour — and risks. The homeowner faces liabilities in using a neighbor, friend or even a family member who lacks care skills. She recommends using a registered referral agency to find caregiver names.

"You will have to pay for the caregiver's taxes and a background check," Foster said.

She also recommends increasing homeowners insurance to cover the caregiver's liability.

For more information, contact Foster at Sunrise of Pleasanton at 5700 Pleasanton Hill Road or her email at pleasanton.dos@sunrisese-niorliving.com. ■

Editor's note: Jeb Bing is editor emeritus for the Pleasanton Weekly. His "Around Pleasanton" columns run on the second and fourth Fridays of every month.

Attention LACY!

We are looking for **LACY**, who helped a woman who fell in the CVS parking lot on Santa Rita in the Rose Pavilion Center, Thursday, June 8.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

When you bump into someone you know while out and about, what do you tend to chat about?



Rob Campbell
Professional geologist

Well usually I like to ask them how they are doing and whether they and their family members are healthy and well. Pretty much I just really want them to understand that I'm sincerely and genuinely interested in knowing how they are doing.



Gayatri Deshmukh
IT project manager

When it is so hot like this, I tend to talk about the weather and ask how they are dealing with the heat. I also want to know how their kids are, what summer plans they have and if they are going to be traveling anywhere interesting.



Florin Garcia
X-ray technician

I usually tend to talk about my dog Snowball because he accompanies me pretty much everywhere I go. He is so cute, and so sweet and so friendly, that everyone wants to know all about him.



David Metzger
Police officer

When I meet someone in a store, like right now, I tend to talk about products, previous purchases and make recommendations about what to buy or not buy based upon my own personal experiences.



Stephanie Losee *Content manager*

I like to find out what has most recently happened in their life because everyone's life is a book. So bumping into a friend gives me the opportunity to turn the page and catch up on a missing chapter or two. That is what tends to happen unless one of us brings up politics, in which case we both end up being late to wherever we need to be.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Service for Mr. Thiel

Family, friends and others who loved longtime Pleasanton teacher Eric Thiel will gather to remember him at a memorial service in town Thursday (June 29).

It will be held at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church at 3999 Bernal Ave. Anyone who knew Thiel is welcome to attend.

A science teacher at Amador Valley High School who had been with PUSD since 1985, Thiel died from a medical issue June 3, just a day after retiring from a nearly four-decade career in education.

A GoFundMe continues to raise funds for Thiel's family. More than 500 people had contributed nearly \$36,000 as of Tuesday afternoon.

'Strum & Spirits'

New guitar players can get lessons at two "learn and sip" events at the Firehouse Arts Center, with the first one at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

"Strum & Spirits" is an interactive, social way for beginners to learn to play the guitar, discover some rock 'n' roll history, and experience new wines in a session taught by David Victor, former lead guitarist and vocalist of the band Boston.

Each session is a complete lesson with Victor introducing the fundamental concepts of guitar while sharing his experiences on the road and recording. He noted that no experience is required, and people may even get more out of the evening if they know nothing about playing the guitar beforehand.

The evening will end with a mini-performance by Victor, including Boston hits and a few of his originals. Tickets are \$39, or \$49 with guitar rental. Spectator tickets are \$25. Go to www.firehousearts.org.

Intense heat

Blazing hot temperatures scorched Pleasanton and much of the Bay Area over the past week, including a record-setting high of 106 degrees in Livermore last Sunday — which broke the city's 99-year-old record of 105 degrees for June 18.

The heat wave prompted city officials to activate their public cooling center at the Pleasanton Senior Center from Monday through yesterday to help give residents an air-conditioned place to escape the heat.

The triple-digit weather is forecast to begin cooling today by dipping into the low 90s and then into the 80s over the weekend and consistently into next week. ■

Council eyes new smoking restrictions for apartment complexes next year

Ordinance would ban smoking in units, on balconies, within common areas

By JEREMY WALSH

Apartment complexes around Pleasanton are on track to face more stringent smoking rules after the City Council gave initial support to an ordinance establishing the new restrictions Tuesday.

Chief among the proposed new city regulations, which would take effect at apartment complexes early next year, is banning smoking inside individual units, on balconies and patios, in all indoor and outdoor common areas and within 25 feet of those locations.

"It's exciting that the concern of this community, as well as this council, is to protect people from the public health risk of smoking and secondhand smoking," Councilwoman Karla Brown said Tuesday night at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

Recommended by the Pleasanton Housing Commission and city staff and supported by many apartment complex owners in the city, the proposed

restrictions come as a result of a council priority to address health concerns associated with secondhand smoke for residents and families living in close quarters at rental apartments, according to assistant city attorney Larissa Seto.

In addition to the onsite bans, "No Smoking" signs would need to be posted around the complex, and the smoke-free rules would need to be disclosed in tenant leases.

The property owners would have the option to create a designated smoking area outdoors at least 25 feet from non-smoking areas.

Set for formal adoption later this summer, the new ordinance would apply to all apartment complexes under single ownership and control where at least two units are being rented — but it wouldn't apply to adjoining homes like condos or townhouses where units are individually owned.

"It just seems to me that we're

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Steer spectacle: Cattle drive kicks off county fair

Thousands of residents crowded in and around downtown Pleasanton last Friday morning to watch as dozens of steers were herded down Main Street to mark the start of the Alameda County Fair at the nearby fairgrounds. The cattle drive, a new attraction for the annual fair, saw about 60 wranglers on horseback — plus a few canine helpers — lead the 150 cows and a short parade procession. The fair continues its run in Pleasanton every day through July 9, except for closures this Monday and Tuesday.

Ruby Hill hotel, event center a no-go for commission

Residents also shout down property owner's proposal

By JEREMY WALSH

It appears to be back to the drawing board for a landowner proposing to bring a 42-room lodging facility and a three-story, amenity-filled activity center to their property on Ruby Hill Boulevard.

That after Pleasanton planning commissioners were united last week in saying they wouldn't favor amending the city's General Plan to allow the high-use commercial development on the agricultural-designated site just outside the northern entrance to the gated community.

"No, not unless there's a

compelling business case and strong community support. That would look like 200 letters coming to us, or 300 letters, saying, 'We want it.' Not 300 letters saying 'we don't want it,'" Commissioner Nancy Allen said registering her opposition to the concept that was also heavily criticized by city staff and Ruby Hill residents.

Around 100 people, mostly disapproving Ruby Hill neighbors, filled seats in the council chambers June 14 during the Planning Commission's workshop for early feedback on the application filed by Hakam Misson for 2001 Ruby Hill Blvd.

The project, as described by city staff, would see an existing building on the site renovated and expanded to become a two-story hotel and then a brand-new building added nearby on the property to house a three-story event center, plus a basement level, for a lounge/restaurant, large event space, spa facility, sports bar, art gallery and conference center to accommodate up to 672 guests.

The applicant's team, however, disagreed with the city's characterization of the project, instead

Initial Measure I1 project list approved

Board set to consider first issuance of bonds next week

By JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton school board is slated to consider authorizing the issuance and sale of an estimated \$70 million in Measure I1 bonds at its meeting Tuesday after approving a project list for the first series of bonds last week.

The project list includes the Lydiksen Elementary rebuild at a rough cost of \$30 million; certificates of participation payoff at \$14.3 million; \$11.5 million for modernizations qualifying for state funding; \$9.6 million for infrastructure, safety and security projects; \$3.7 million for staff and student technology; and \$1 million for a new elementary school feasibility study, which was added to the list after a discussion at the board meeting June 14.

Since the passage of the \$270 million school facilities measure in November, school district officials have been taking various necessary steps to prepare to issue bonds. PUSD has formed a citizens' oversight committee, started developing educational and building standards for bond projects and requested estimates from architects for work to create a Measure I1 and facility master plan.

That plan, which would be developed with input from a committee of PUSD stakeholders, would include timelines, budgets and project details

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Pleasanton auto repair shop donates reliable car to local grandmother

PT Cruiser given away as part of new 'Wheels of Prosper' program

By ERIKA ALVERO

Livermore grandmother Donna Kreutzberg said she's excited not to worry about her car breaking down anymore.

Her mind was eased last week when she received the first car donation from California Collision's new "Wheels of Prosper" program — a 2007 PT Cruiser to replace her previous malfunctioning car. This is the inaugural donation from the Pleasanton auto body repair shop, but plans are to continue the program in years to come, according to owner George Osorio.

"The whole Tri-Valley has been very good to small business

owners," he said, adding that it's important to "pay it back."

Osorio said he and his wife Christina were looking for families to adopt over Christmas and reached out to principals at nearby Livermore schools, figuring that would be the best way to find the names of families in need of support.

"I was surprised to find out how many people are in a financial bind," he said.

The principal at Arroyo Seco Elementary led them to Kreutzberg, a recent widow taking care of two of her grandchildren since their mother could not. The Osorios gave

Kreutzberg and her grandchildren — among other families they adopted — gift cards and clothes and told her to let them know if she needed anything else.

"I thought I could make it," Kreutzberg said. But medical difficulties had raised an additional strain, both financially and in terms of transportation, as she had had to travel to and from Palo Alto for complications from a heart transplant.

When her Honda Accord started having problems, Kreutzberg asked Osorio to run a diagnostic on it, thinking that perhaps he could fix the car and she could pay him back



ERIKA ALVERO

California Collision owner George Osorio stands with Donna Kreutzberg and her granddaughter Lisette just before awarding Kreutzberg a used PT Cruiser through the Pleasanton auto repair shop's new Wheels of Prosper program.

in installments. But diagnostic results found that the vehicle repair costs exceeded the value of the car — which led Osorio to nominate her for the Wheels of Prosper program.

The black PT Cruiser used to be a company car, and so California Collision removed the company logo and cleaned it before giving it to Kreutzberg on June 14. ■

School board expected to approve budget, LCAP on Tuesday

Projections show need for \$3.2 million in cuts by 2020

By JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton school board is expected to approve the district's 2017-18 budget at its meeting Tuesday, two weeks after concerns were raised about PUSD's fiscal outlook during the first reading of the budget.

The proposed budget anticipates \$145.4 million in general fund revenue and \$147.3 million in general fund expenditures for the next fiscal year. The district's primary source of revenue — 82% — would come from the state's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which provides grade-span grants to districts based on the number of days students attend school.

PUSD projects personnel

costs would account for 83% of expenditures.

While the district expects to see LCFF revenue increase by \$4.7 million in 2018-19 and another \$4 million the following year, it is also expecting expenses to go up, namely costs for retirement benefits for the California State Teachers' Retirement System and California Public Employees' Retirement System.

"On average, we are projecting an increase of \$2 million every year for our contribution to those two categories," interim superintendent Micaela Ochoa said at the June 13 school board meeting.

She added that, based on current projections, the district would have

to make \$3.2 million in cuts by 2020 in order to have a balanced budget.

School board vice president Mark Miller expressed alarm over the district's financial projections.

"I'm scared, not just because of these numbers but because of potential losses to revenue or increased expenditures in the state as a whole over the next few years depending on what happens nationally," Miller said. "I think we need to be extremely conservative as a school district financially, more so than ever before."

Around this time last year the district adopted a budget that had been adjusted to cover a shortfall in one-time state funds that were not renewed. It set aside one-time dollars across three years for several positions, among them three elementary school vice principals, two middle school counselors and two high school custodians.

Those positions are only funded through June 30, 2019, Ochoa said.

After Tuesday's meeting, district administration plans to update the board on the budget in August as part of the 45-day revise.

The school board will also consider approval of the district's 2017-20 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Tuesday.

A requirement of California's LCFF, the document "is aligned with state and district priorities to ensure that supplemental funds provided to our district supporting targeted students are expended in a manner to facilitate their academic success," staff wrote in the June 13 board packet.

It includes specific goals and planned actions along with affiliated costs. Major LCAP goals include improving student learning by utilizing innovative technologies, ensuring all students are college/career ready upon graduation, and making every student feel safe and respected. ■



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Special art exhibit

"Converging Colour No. 1, 2016" by Angela Johal is among the works of the two artists on display at the Harrington Gallery through July 15 in conjunction with the "Along The Lines" installation. Although the artwork is very different, it is related by the theme of "structure" and geometric expressions, according to gallery director Julie Finegan. The Harrington Gallery is located at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Alameda County unemployment at 3.3%

Most of Bay Area well below statewide rate of 4.7%

Four San Francisco Bay Area counties had unemployment rates below 3% last month and four more had unemployment rates between 3% and 4%, including Alameda County, according to the California Employment Development Department.

San Mateo County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.4% followed by Marin County at 2.6%.

San Francisco and Santa Clara counties had unemployment rates of 2.7% and 2.9%.

Unemployment in Sonoma

County was 3% last month, state employment officials said. Unemployment in Napa County was 3.1%.

In Alameda County 3.3% of labor force was unemployed and in Contra Costa County that number was 3.5%.

State employment officials said Solano County had the highest unemployment rate at 4.3%.

California's unemployment rate on a seasonally adjusted basis was 4.7% last month. County rates are unadjusted for seasonal factors. ■

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission
Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PUD-123, Stoneridge Chrysler, Mathew Zaheri**
Work session to review and receive comments on an application for Planned Unit Development development plan to construct a 201-stall parking lot for displaying vehicles to be shared by Stoneridge Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram and a future dealership located at 2694 Stoneridge Drive

Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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by school. Interim superintendent Micaela Ochoa said last week that a contract for a facilities master plan architect will be brought to the board this coming Tuesday.

But since that plan could take months to complete, district administrators have expressed an interest in proceeding with the issuance and sale of Measure 11 bonds so a few projects could get going.

“By issuing bonds and having your approval June 27, we will have the revenue sometime around August or September so that we can begin some of these projects so we’re in line and can do some bidding in the early part of 2018 with the idea that we start some of the projects in spring and into the summer,” Ochoa said.

During an update on the bond program at a board meeting last month, board vice president Mark Miller raised the idea of dedicating a small amount of money from the first bond issuance toward studying the proposed new elementary school after fellow trustees expressed concerns about not addressing it soon enough.

Ochoa last week asked the board trustees for their direction on that idea.

“We don’t have any planning done yet, we don’t have that (funding) eligibility report yet, and we’re not yet settled on what the land would be,” trustee Valerie Arkin said. “We

need to get some ball rolling on the new school because it takes so long to build, because there are so many hoops we’ve got to jump through.”

While Miller said he was in favor of a study that would look at available properties and potential operating costs, he said last week he was feeling “a lot less interested in the new school” after hearing the district’s budget projections earlier in the meeting. During the first reading of the budget, also last week, Ochoa indicated PUSD will have to make \$3.2 million in cuts by 2020 in order to have a balanced budget, according to current projections.

“I don’t see us being able to afford to pay the principal, the custodians and people like that given our budget situation moving forward,” Miller said. “I think what we can do is maybe spend that money modernizing our existing schools, maybe replacing portables or whatever there, but we’re in a possible crisis situation and I don’t think crisis situations necessarily warrant building new things.”

Trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke added that the district should be examining its own assets in light of its fiscal outlook.

“This board has not had an opportunity to just talk about all this stuff and throw out our different ideas,” she said. “We also need to have that conversation of looking at our current assets, the property we already

Shadow Cliffs welcomes new solar carport system

Project part of East Bay Parks energy-efficiency effort

BY ERIKA ALVERO

The East Bay Regional Park District celebrated a major district-wide energy efficiency project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week for the new solar carport system at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area.

The system in Pleasanton includes solar panels that can generate 1.2 megawatts of energy every year, nearly enough to offset electricity use by the entire district, according to EBRPD officials. The project also brings in three electric-car charging stations, a new recycled water line

and the planting of native trees.

“We’re thrilled to undertake this important project that will save energy, water and money for decades to come,” EBRPD board president Beverly Lane said in a statement.

The project cost approximately \$7.5 million, paid for through the district’s general fund, with Oakland supplier Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. winning the bid to install the panels. Consulting firm Newcomb Anderson McCormick provided energy engineering and program management services.

According to EBRPD officials,

the system will pay for itself through electricity savings in 14 to 17 years, and will provide much-needed shade to the Shadow Cliffs lot.

The ribbon-cutting at Shadow Cliffs on June 13 was attended by members of the public, EBRPD board members and staff, project consultants and local officials, including Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Councilwoman Kathy Narum, City Manager Nelson Fialho and representatives from the offices of Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and State Sen. Steve Glazer. ■

own, what can be done, what can be remodeled, what can be added onto.”

Three residents spoke in public comment during the bond project list discussion, two of whom spoke in favor of a new elementary school.

“At what point do we say that we can’t keep taking from our kids and from our community?” resident Julie Testa said. “We have the need, we have the money, build it.”

Along with the feasibility study,

district administrators and trustees are planning a workshop in August where the board would discuss the district’s surplus property and size of its schools. The date for that meeting has not yet been set.

“The workshop that we end up having in August will really provide a lot more direction, because we’ll have the policy discussion about the size of our schools, which is a discussion we really need to have

as a community,” Ochoa said.

She added that should the board decide after that workshop that the planning of a new school should be sped up, the district could borrow from other funds and reimburse them upon the second issuance of bonds, which is currently slated for 2019.

District administration also expects to receive a report on state funding eligibility for new construction in about six weeks. ■



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MIKE DERBISH

Water, water everywhere

Water filled part of the ADP Pleasanton parking lot off Hopyard Road on Saturday afternoon after a pickup truck struck a hydrant there, causing water to shoot up skyward and flow across the private lot. Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department officials were on the scene for about an hour as crews worked to shut off the water main and repair the damage.

NO SMOKING

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only getting halfway there by just going after the rental market,” Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin said Tuesday. “When we have shared walls, we have shared secondhand smoke and I just don’t think we’re going as far as we need to go.”

“We’re really not attacking the whole problem just doing rental properties,” Mayor Jerry Thorne added.

Seto said officials only met with the rental apartment community in line with the council priority and didn’t check with condo or townhouse groups or homeowner associations for input, plus enforcement might be tougher in those complexes.

Council members directed city staff to solicit community feedback on smoking restrictions for condos and townhouses and then return with a recommendation some time next year after the

apartment rules take effect.

Though focusing on traditional tobacco products, the proposed ordinance also places the same restrictions on e-cigarettes and recreational marijuana smoking. However, qualifying residents could smoke medical marijuana in their apartment with a doctor’s note showing they need marijuana to treat their condition and cannot use marijuana edibles, THC pills or other non-smoking alternatives.

Seto likened the medical marijuana provision to an apartment that doesn’t allow pets making an accommodation for a service or support animal.

Pentin wondered if the ordinance should go a step further to avoid medical marijuana smoking in apartments as best as possible.

“Can we codify that you need more than proof that you need medical marijuana, but that you need to be able to smoke it in your apartment and not join the outside smoking area?” he asked.

“That would be a change I would like to see to this ordinance.”

City Manager Nelson Fialho later pointed out that officials would have to research whether such a rule would be a legal restriction for a medical marijuana user, posing the question of what happens if an apartment complex opts not to have a designated smoking area.

The council asked city staff to examine the medical marijuana component and return with a recommendation.

Council members heard from a handful of speakers from the near-empty chambers Tuesday night, all offering support for the proposal in large part.

Representatives of the Americans for Nonsmokers’ Rights, Alameda County Public Health Department and Tri-Valley Smoke-Free Coalition endorsed the ordinance but urged the council to expand the restrictions to condos and townhouses.

A rep from the Rental Housing Association local branch also voiced support but pushed for including medical marijuana in the ban, arguing it would be unfair to put the burden on property managers to judge a medical need.

As for enforcement, the ordinance puts the onus on owners and property managers to take the lead by informing residents and guests about the rules, documenting complaints, actively seeking compliance through lease terms and only after that point would city staff become involved in addressing continued violations, possibly with a citation and a fine.

An ordinance like this would typically take effect 30 days after adoption, but the proposal calls for holding off for six months to give property managers enough time to implement new procedures and update lease terms as well as allow residents to make housing choices in light of the new rules.

The restrictions are on track to start Feb. 18, 2018, with the council approving the first reading of the ordinance Tuesday night and formal adoption scheduled for July 18.

Some tenants might be able to keep smoking in their unit for almost a year beyond that. The restrictions would be required for new leases and leases renewed after Feb. 18, but landlords could choose to keep the old smoking rules in place for up to a year for tenants who renew their existing lease before Feb. 18.

There’s a chance final ordinance adoption might not take place next month. If city staff returns with a new recommended provision for medical marijuana, the council would have to hold a new first reading and then schedule final approval for a following meeting. ■



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RUBY HILL

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calling it a 42-room bed-and-breakfast and separate hospitality center while also claiming city planners misrepresented some dimensions of the proposal.

Still, city staff and many Ruby Hill neighbors voiced opposition to the project, citing concerns such as size, traffic, noise, parking and land-use compatibility.

"We probably got 350 or 400 emails. Among those, all but one oppose this," city associate planner Jenny Soo told the commission last week.

"We believe it is too big for the size of the site and we believe it is not compatible to surrounding uses. And we urge the applicant to revise the project so that it will fit into the neighborhood," Soo added.

Once home to the temporary Ruby Hill sales office (a building that still remains), the 36-acre property on the south side of Vineyard Avenue next to the signalized entrance to Ruby Hill has a General Plan designation of open space, agriculture and grazing. It is allowed to have non-agricultural development on 2.5 acres of the site — but not near the scale of project Misson proposed, according to city staff.

Architect Mark Stoklosa, who designed the project for Misson, tried to distance the project from

the description outlined by city officials.

"It is not an event center, nor it is not a hotel. The project is a hospitality center with a variety of functions proposed by the owner for the public to enjoy. And the bed-and-breakfast, it is a boutique place to go to and it is accessory to the functions of the hospitality center," he said, drawing snickers from the audience.

Misson's attorney Michael Pecherer also attempted to characterize the project in a different light than described by city staff.

"The staff report dictates and describes this project as a monstrous development, out-of-scale, etc., etc. It's out-of-scale because the numbers for volume, envelope and footprints of the buildings as described in the staff report are simply wrong," Pecherer said, also pointing out that about 30 acres of grapevines would remain onsite after the development.

City officials said they called it a hotel because the project didn't meet the municipal code's definition for a B&B. And later, Commissioner Justin Brown questioned the applicant team's B&B argument by pointing out they described the B&B as a 24/7 operation and "breakfast may be offered."

For their part, the resident speakers Tuesday weren't buying the proponents' efforts to re-characterize the project.

"I know we all feel a lot better we're having a hospitality center, rather than an event center," resident David Perry said, a tongue-in-cheek remark eliciting laughter from the audience.

Other speakers were more direct, saying the proponents' descriptions were examples of their "deceit" to disguise the true nature of the project.

"A hotel would be out of character to the nature of our quiet, suburban neighborhood and would bring unsavory elements and attention from transient elements and unwanted seediness catering to the night life in a suburban, family-friendly neighborhood," Ruby Hill resident Vin Pohray said.

"The current quality of life that is being enjoyed by residents in our community will be severely compromised as a result of this change, and we are very much opposed to it," he added.

Resident Terri Yang said she opposed the project for wanting to rezone open space and agricultural lands for a large commercial use instead.

"If we support this proposal, where do we stop? There's plenty of agriculture or grazing land around Ruby Hill, in Pleasanton all over," Yang added. "I urge you to strongly consider the consequences of setting this precedent. When's the city going to stop it?"

After the public comment,

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Remarkable: Caro Hussey and Kate Gong brought the Pleasanton Weekly along to New Zealand. Here they are near Queenstown where they visited The Remarkables mountain range, where many of the scenes from the "The Lord of the Rings" movies were filmed. To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph and trip details to editor@pleasantonweekly.com.

Sameer Misson from the applicant's team told the commissioners, "I appreciate the comments ... I want to take back the feedback that we received today as well as from the emails and modify our submission."

The debate then returned to the commissioners, where it soon became clear they weren't in favor of a General Plan amendment to allow a hotel or event center — or B&B or hospitality center — at the property, most recommending instead a winery or small tasting room.

"I'm 100% not in favor of doing a General Plan amendment unless there's a big community benefit," Commissioner Herb Ritter said. "I

don't think this location is right for this project."

He also urged Misson and other development applicants around town to engage their neighbors from the outset to gain feedback and support sooner. "I think that will really help because once you get the community behind you, it makes it a lot easier to go through the process," Ritter said.

It's now up to Misson to decide whether to revise the project concept, try moving forward with the current application without apparent city support, come up with a new idea or possibly abandon developing the site altogether. ■

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton woman charged with murder for fatal crash

A Pleasanton woman with a history of drunk driving appeared in court Monday afternoon to face a murder charge for the death of a 73-year-old man in a suspected DUI collision last month.

Jennifer Barbero, 42, did not speak as her formal arraignment was waived during the hearing at the Gale-Schenone Hall of Justice in Pleasanton. She is next scheduled to appear in court for entry of plea July 3 at the new courthouse in Dublin.

Barbero remains in custody at Santa Rita Jail with no bail set.

She was arrested last week in the death of Livermore resident David Nemeroff, who died May 28 from injuries sustained after being struck by Barbero while standing by his car on the side of Highway 84 in Livermore two days earlier, according to police.

Barbero stayed at the scene and attempted a field sobriety test, but she "was unable to perform the divided attention tests and showed an impaired balance," smelled of alcohol and had red and watery eyes, according to a probable cause statement from Livermore police Officer Keith Pini entered into court records.

Police checked Barbero's record and found that her license had been suspended or revoked for a prior DUI, Pini said.

After refusing a breathalyzer and chemical test, Barbero was arrested on suspicion of DUI causing bodily injury and the license infraction. She was later released from custody while the Alameda County District Attorney's Office awaited the results of a blood sample that was taken from her.

Livermore police submitted their case against Barbero to the DA's

office June 14. Prosecutors then charged her with murder and a warrant was issued for her arrest.

Court records indicate Barbero has been convicted of DUI in the past and that she was scheduled to appear in Alameda County Superior Court on Monday morning in a separate active DUI case.

In January 2008, Barbero pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor DUI charge stemming from a March 2006 incident in Alameda County. And in February 2014, she was convicted of reckless driving involving alcohol in Contra Costa County, according to court records.

She is currently facing misdemeanor charges in Alameda County of DUI with prior convictions and driving on a license suspended for prior DUI stemming from October 2015. The DA's office submitted an amended complaint for that case May 30.

In other police news

- A motorcyclist who was killed in a collision on eastbound Interstate 580 in Livermore earlier this month has been identified by the Alameda County coroner's bureau as 54-year-old Douglas Bobbitt of Oakland.

California Highway Patrol Officer Derek Reed said that around 3 p.m. June 10, Bobbitt was traveling in the fast lane on I-580 near the Greenville Road exit at speeds of more than 90 mph when he suddenly went all the way over to the slow lane, lost control, swerved into the No. 4 lane and rear-ended a GMC Sierra.

Reed said Bobbitt's motorcycle then ended up back in the slow lane where it caused another motorcyclist to lose control and crash.

Bobbitt was pronounced dead at the scene and the other motorcyclist was taken to a trauma center with major injuries, Reed said. No other injuries were reported.

The collision resulted in the closure of three of the highway's five eastbound lanes. The lanes were reopened to traffic one-by-one over a period of a few hours.

- Somebody broke into Walgreens at the corner of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue overnight last week, resulting in the store being closed during the next day amid the police investigation.

The commercial burglary was reported to Pleasanton police at 7:36 a.m. June 15. Police declined to release further details about the extent of the break-in or any other details about the case. The investigation is ongoing.

- Contra Costa County's embattled District Attorney Mark Peterson resigned last week and pleaded no contest to a single charge of perjury amid the fallout from a political misconduct scandal that's plagued him for months.

Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge Theresa J. Canepa sentenced Peterson to three years probation, 250 hours of community service and a \$300 fine.

State prosecutors had argued for a slightly more severe sentence when they asked the judge to at least give Peterson a term of home confinement.

"This is a serious offense," said David Bass, a prosecutor with the California Attorney General's Office, which was handling the case against Peterson. "The attorney general wants to ensure that all people are treated the same under the law."

Peterson didn't address the court directly, except to answer some routine questions about his plea agreement, and he left the courtroom without making a statement.

His attorney, Ted Cassman, said that Peterson "made a terrible, terrible, tragic mistake."

"This procedure is a tragedy, Shakespearean in its dimensions," Cassman told the judge prior to Peterson's sentencing.

The case against the now-former district attorney began in December 2016 when the Fair Political Practices Commission fined him \$45,000 for violating the California Political Reform Act by spending \$66,372 on personal expenses.



JULIA REIS

Carrying the torch

Pleasanton Police Department officers (from left) Qais Habib, Ken White, Brad Palmquist and Matt Kroutil took part in a leg of the Special Olympics Northern California Law Enforcement Torch Run as it passed through town Monday. As part of the run, local law enforcement officers joined Special Olympics athletes in carrying the 'flame of hope' to Davis for the Northern California Summer Games beginning today.

Then in May, a civil grand jury sought Peterson's ouster, saying his conduct amounted to "willful or corrupt misconduct in office."

Peterson was due to be arraigned in a rare civil procedure in superior court on the grand jury's accusations June 14 when, just hours before his scheduled court appearance, state prosecutors filed 12 felony counts of perjury and one felony count of grand theft against him.

Peterson agreed to plead guilty to the perjury charge rather than face the possibility of two trials, either one of which could have resulted in his removal from political office. As part of his plea

agreement, the judge dismissed the remaining criminal charges and the grand jury's civil accusations.

Peterson, who first took office in 2010 and won re-election in 2014, admitted to the FPPC that he misappropriated the funds, saying he considered the money to be loans that he was paying back.

Now that the county's top law enforcement job is vacant, it will be up to the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors to appoint a temporary replacement, according to chief assistant district attorney Doug McMaster. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

June 18

- Theft**
- 10:17 a.m., 2100 block of Armstrong Drive; theft from auto
 - 11:49 a.m. on the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive
 - 3:32 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
 - 5:58 p.m., 3200 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; auto theft
 - 7:31 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- Burglary**
- 2:15 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- Vandalism**
- 9:15 a.m. on the 5100 block of Venice Court

June 17

- Robbery**
- 9:06 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- DUI**
- 11:55 p.m. at Main and St. Mary streets
- Theft**
- 8:28 a.m., 5500 block of San Antonio Street; auto theft

- 9:31 a.m., 33700 block of Saratoga Way; theft from auto
 - 10:03 a.m., 3700 block of Saratoga Way; theft from auto
 - 12:52 p.m. on the 900 block of Main Street
 - 3:28 p.m., 3700 block of Marlboro Way; theft from auto
 - 6:13 p.m., 5400 block of San Jose Drive; theft from auto
- Burglary**
- 9:21 a.m. on the 3400 block of Boulder Street
- Domestic battery**
- 10:51 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road
- Warrant arrest**
- 11:23 a.m. on the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

June 16

- Assault/battery**
- 8:31 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- Theft**
- 7:33 a.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; auto theft
 - 7:51 a.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; theft from auto
 - 9:23 a.m. on the 6800 block of Rayland Court

- 6:29 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
 - 7:38 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- Warrant arrest**
- 8:27 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- Drug violation**
- 3:34 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
 - 4:32 p.m. at Koll Center Drive and Bernal Avenue
- DUI**
- 1:53 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

June 15

- Theft**
- 8:44 a.m., 4800 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
 - 9:08 a.m., 4400 block of Roseward Drive; theft from auto
 - 9:20 a.m. on the 4400 block of Hacienda Drive
 - 10:56 a.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
 - 5:59 p.m. on the 6700 block of Koll Center Parkway
- Burglary**
- 7:36 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

- 1:06 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
 - 2:20 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
- Vandalism**
- 12:14 p.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue
- Drug violations**
- 1:21 p.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive
 - 1:32 p.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

June 14

- Weapons violation**
- 9:33 p.m. at Owens Drive and Johnson Drive
- Sex offenses**
- 1:24 p.m. on Railroad Avenue
- Alcohol violation**
- 1:08 p.m. on the 900 block of Main Street
- Graffiti offense**
- 7:51 a.m. on the 2000 block of Eileen Drive
- Theft**
- 7:42 a.m., 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; bicycle theft
 - 7:48 a.m., 2500 block of Glen Isle Avenue; theft from auto

- Drug violation**
- 6:28 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

June 13

- Fraud**
- 5:58 p.m. on the 5900 block of Laurel Creek Drive
- Theft**
- 3:19 a.m., 4300 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft recovery
 - 2:03 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- Graffiti offense**
- 6:20 p.m. on the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard
- Alcohol violation**
- 5:35 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
- Drug violation**
- 11:57 a.m. on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive
- Assault/battery**
- 6:10 a.m. on the 4200 block of Mirador Drive

June 12

- DUI**
- 11:03 p.m. at Owens and Chabot drives



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Readers' Choice

The votes are in!

Meet your 2017 Readers' Choice winners and Hall of Fame honorees

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It's time again to honor the best of the best that Pleasanton has to offer.

The 2017 Pleasanton Weekly Readers' Choice contest was another popular one, garnering thousands of votes — 18,494 confirmed and authenticated votes, to be exact — this spring as our devoted readers revealed which Pleasanton businesses, professionals and places are their favorites for arts and entertainment, food and drink, restaurants, retail and services.

The winners are located all over Pleasanton and their local roots range from brand new to decades-old. Some are familiar names and some are first-time honorees, but all earned the respect and adoration of our readers.

Some interesting storylines developed in this year's balloting.

Fit Style (Best Fitness Center/Gym) and Rosewood Cleaners (Best Dry Cleaners) each won by a nose in two of the closest races we've ever seen.

Rita's Italian Ice took the prize for Best Ice Cream/

Yogurt about a month after it first opened on St. Mary Street. And for the first time ever, a write-in nominee won — Maggie and Me, in the new category of Best Dog Sitter.

We also introduced Best Caterer and Best Specialty Store as new categories, and resurrected former awards for Best Financial Planner, Best Insurance Agent and Best Carpet/Flooring.

Once again, we've honored some of your longstanding favorites in the Readers' Choice Hall of Fame, which recognizes winners who took first place in their categories for five or more consecutive years.

Now, kick back with your Weekly in-hand (or online) and enjoy reading about your 2017 Readers' Choice winners and Hall of Fame class.



Arts & Entertainment

Zakuro Japanese Bistro & Sushi Bar — Best Happy Hour. With wins in two categories this year, Zakuro on Santa Rita Road continues to please customers' palates with its diverse menu of Japanese dishes. Along with its noteworthy sake, Zakuro's fun and relaxing atmosphere made it our readers' favorite Happy Hour location for the second year in a row.

Pleasanton Ridge — Best Kept Secret/Treasure. Overlooking much of the Tri-Valley, the Pleasanton Ridge includes an expansive parkland filled with scenic trails, canyon views and streams, a perfect relaxation spot for hikers, equestrians, bicyclists and all nature-lovers alike. After winning this category for the fifth time, it's clear the Ridge is a popular location for anyone seeking peace, fresh air and recreation in its pastoral environment.

Wente Vineyards — Best Winery. Located in Livermore, Wente Vineyards holds the honor of being the United States' oldest continuously operated family-owned winery.



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The Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton was again our readers' choice for Best Place for Live Entertainment.

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Firehouse Arts Center — Best Place for Live Entertainment. The Firehouse Arts Center brings the community together for memorable evenings of music, poetry, theater, comedy, film and much more, all held in its state-of-the-art venue. The city-owned arts destination downtown aims to promote participation in recreational art-related experiences by providing patrons with classes, exhibits and performances.

Alameda County Fair — Best Place to People Watch. This annual fair only pops up for several weeks during the summer, but those weeks are filled with thrills and fun. When not roaming the fairgrounds and snacking on food sold by vendors set up at every corner, attendees can find themselves being entertained by live music, comedic acts and animal races — and of course, people-watching.

The Hop Yard American Alehouse and Grill — Best Sports Bar. Winning in two categories this year, Hop Yard pleases with their unique and interesting brews. A self-proclaimed "simple place" popular during the renaissance of small brewpubs and

microbreweries, Hop Yard also has historical ties to simpler times — the site used to be the largest hop farm in the world.

Food & Drink

Primrose Bakery — Best Bakery/Dessert. Primrose Bakery is known for the delicious taste and visual appeal of its baked creations. Offering award-winning wedding cakes, sculpted art-cakes, artisan pastries, eye-catching candy and much more for any special occasion, Primrose Bakery continued its winning streak in this category.

Dickey's Barbecue Pit — Best BBQ. Winning again in this

category, Dickey's continues to offer authentic, slow-smoked barbecue at its Koll Center Parkway location, still serving up its trademark recipes used to make their quality ribs, sausages, brisket, pulled pork and other southern-inspired favorites.

Bob's Giant Burgers — Best Burger. Bob's Giant Burgers takes pride in its fresh ingredients and simple love of the burger. This old-fashioned retro joint on First Street, decked out with black-and-white photos on the walls, also fittingly serves some of the most classic American burgers, reminiscent of the '50s.

Valley Catering — Best Caterer. Using only organic and locally grown ingredients and paying careful attention to every detail of food preparation and event planning, Valley Catering provides high-quality catering for all types of events. And our readers noticed, voting it their top choice for Best Caterer, a new category this year.

Erik's DeliCafé — Best Deli/Sandwich. Offering a variety of sandwiches, soups, salads and baked goods all from scratch, Erik's menu has been called nutritional, healthy and fresh. Starting out as just a 600-square-foot bakery, Erik's is continuing to expand and has now won in this category for the third time.

The Hop Yard American Alehouse and Grill — Best French Fries. In addition to winning Best Sports Bar, Hop Yard also took the title of Best French Fries, winning this category for another year in a row. The fries are fresh cut daily, tossed with the signature Hop Yard

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Jessica Eiland — co-owner of Primrose Bakery, winner of Best Bakery/Dessert — displays her freshly made and aesthetically assorted European-styled fruit tart.



A two-time winner this year and new Hall of Fame member, The Hop Yard is known for its wide selections of beers, including this one poured by Sabrina Libert.

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Rita's Italian Ice — Best Ice Cream/Yogurt.

“Ice, Custard, Happiness” has hit home in Pleasanton with its Italian ice, frozen custard, sundaes, gelati and more. Despite being open for just over a month here, Rita's quickly became our readers' favorite spot for frozen treats.

Nonni's Bistro — Best Sunday Brunch.

Located on Main Street, Nonni's Bistro took the title once again, with our readers lauding its brunch menu offering a variety of meal options including soups, main salads, burgers, sandwiches, vegetarian options, beverages and more.

Blossom Vegan Restaurant — Best Vegetarian Cuisine.

Blossom Vegan Restaurant, honored in this category for the third year in a row, prepares everything from scratch daily, using only the freshest vegan ingredients. The welcoming environment, coupled with their diverse array of dishes, have made Blossom Vegan a popular location for anyone seeking a meal whether they're vegan or not.



Mauricio Penagos, Matin Lemos and Sandra Gonzalez joke while working their shifts at Bob's Giant Burgers, this year's Best Burger winner.

Restaurants

Black Bear Diner — Best American Food Restaurant.

Located on Hopyard Road, this bear-themed restaurant, complete with signature bear sculptures and murals, won in this year's category Best American Food Restaurant. Offering a variety of items for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Black Bear has pleased

our readers with its home-style comfort food and family-friendly environment.

Gold Chopsticks Restaurant — Best Chinese Restaurant.

Gold Chopsticks on Santa Rita Road offers a variety of Chinese dishes to feed our readers' appetites. Its authentic cuisine and quality service made Gold

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Above: Searching for something for Father's Day, Jane Baca reaches for potential gifts that catch her eye at Therapy. Right: Pleasanton Flower Shop reclaims its title as Best Florist.



Chopsticks their choice for Best Chinese Restaurant this year, marking a second consecutive win in this category.

De La Torre's Trattoria — Best Italian Restaurant. De La Torre's Trattoria, located on West Las

Positas Boulevard, prides itself in the freshness of its classic but creative Italian dishes, locally grown produce, naturally raised meats and freshly caught fish. And our readers noticed, choosing De La Torre's as this year's Best Italian Restaurant.



Lokanta Mediterranean Grill & Bar — Best Mediterranean Restaurant. Now a second-time winner in this category, Lokanta successfully combines Turkish, Greek and Mediterranean cuisines,

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Blue Agave Club — Best Mexican Restaurant.

Winning again in this category, Blue Agave has had its fair share of Readers' Choice wins in the past, including Best Place to Have a First Date, Best Main Street Restaurant, Best Margarita, Best Atmosphere and Best Outdoor Dining. With its premium Mexican cuisine and quaint downtown setting, Blue Agave has successfully continued to satisfy customers since its opening in 1997.

NY Pizza & Pasta — Best Pizza.

Winning for the second year in a row, NY Pizza & Pasta on Santa Rita Road never fails to transport customers from quiet Pleasanton to the concrete jungles of New York, providing them with delicious barbeque, pastas, buffalo wings, and of course classic and quality New York-style pizzas (with a Pleasanton twist).

Barone's Restaurant — Best Seafood Restaurant.

Located in the heart of downtown Pleasanton,



Working as a team, Valerie Caplan (right) and Karrie Morris (middle) wrap a purchase made by a customer at Milfleur, winner of Best Place to Buy a Gift and Best Home Furnishings.

Barone's Restaurant pleases our readers with its seasonally-rotating menus, innovative cuisine, quality service and classy ambiance, made complete with white tablecloth-adorned tables, live music during the summer and a popular cocktail lounge.

Zakuro Japanese Bistro & Sushi Bar — Best Sushi/Japanese Restaurant. A second-time winner in this category (and also our readers' choice for Best Happy Hour), Zakuro offers a diverse menu of modernized Japanese dishes delivered with eye-catching presentation, as well as 20 different house sauces,

all of which complement and heighten the taste and appeal of their makis and rolls in their sushi bar.

New Thai Bistro — Best Thai Restaurant. New Thai Bistro has continued to impress customers with its authentic comfort Thai

cuisine, quality customer service, casual ambiance, modern and visually appealing presentation, and menu of fresh and healthy options.

Retail

Carpetland — Best Carpet/Flooring Store.

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Pleasanton Flower Shop — Best Florist.

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contemporary designs, all made with fresh and beautiful flowers, with some of their most popular bouquets featuring roses and daisies.

Milfleur — Best Home Furnishings. Winning in two categories this year, Milfleur has won over our readers' hearts with its unique home decor, perfect for any home in need of furnishing. Milfleur prides itself in its ability to aid customers in changing their home displays to reflect the current season. And our readers seem to agree.

Jewelers Gallery — Best Jewelry Store. Since 1985, Jewelers Gallery has successfully provided customers with meticulous aid in designing and creating customized jewelry. And our readers keep coming back because of its unique selection of stones, exquisitely colored gems and ability to design one-of-a-kind jewelry.

Western Garden Nursery — Best Nursery/Garden Center. A repeat winner in this category, Western Garden Nursery is a full service gardening center that offers a wide assortment of plants,



Cosmo Panetta — the owner of Cosmo's Barber Shop — sits in the middle while staff members surround him during their break from styling hair at the Best Barbershop winner.

garden products, premium organic fertilizers, environmentally friendly pest controls, fountains and garden accessories.

Milfleur — Best Place to Buy a Gift. A two-time winner, Milfleur offers a wide range of home

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Services

Evoke Wellness Center — Best Acupuncture. Evoke Wellness Center, an integrative medicine center, provides customers with a variety of alternative medicine services such as acupuncture, reiki, essential oils, pranic healing and meditation lessons, plus various workshops and classes to help those seeking ways to heal their pain to do so successfully.

California Collision — Best Auto Body Repair. Winning for a third year in a row, California Collision on California Avenue provides quality collision and auto body repair services with experienced staff and state-of-the-art equipment. Some of its services include one-day bumper repair, windshield and glass replacements, computerized paint matching and wheel repair.

Harry's Auto Repair — Best Auto Repair. Harry's Auto Repair provides top-of-the-line service for all vehicle makes and models. Holding to its two values, "Integrity and Ability," Harry's Auto

Gene's Fine Foods — Best Specialty Store. Gene's boasts a broad selection of high-quality grocery items at its store on Hopyard Road. Our readers have also noticed Gene's quality customer service, weekly beer and wine tastings and



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Cosmo's Barber Shop — Best Barbershop. Cosmo's on First Street is a previous winner in hair-styling categories and has won again for Best Barbershop. For over 40 years, owner Cosmo Panetta and his staff have impressed our readers, providing stylish haircuts for people of all ages.

Spotless — Best Carpet Cleaning. With over 40 years of combined experience in the field, Spotless utilizes science-based procedures to clean floors and fabrics, following tested formulas while still tailoring their methods to each specific customer and floor.

ChiroSports USA — Best Chiropractic Office. ChiroSports USA on Stoneridge Drive is a professional chiropractic, massage, fitness, cryotherapy and nutrition clinic that prides itself on superior patient treatment, education and customer satisfaction. And our readers have noticed, selecting ChiroSports as Pleasanton's Best Chiropractic Office.



The Rose Hotel, located on Main Street downtown, again took the crown for Best Hotel.

Heavenly Day Spa & Salon — Best Day Spa. Heavenly Day Spa provides facials, massages, salon services, spa packages, nail care and even services for “mothers to

be,” which include prenatal massages, facials and pedicures. Their welcoming staff and soothing environment, made complete by their location in a quaint Victorian house,

makes it our readers' favorite place for stress relief and relaxation.

Pleasanton Family Dentist — Best Dental Office. Winning for the third year in a row, Dr. Sara

Soleimani and her team at Pleasanton Family Dentist provide a state-of-the-art facility on Cedarwood Lane to ensure the highest quality dental care for their patients.

Maggie and Me — Best Dog Sitter/Daycare. With over eight years of experience, dog-lover Gigi Paradis, along with her own man's best friend Maggie, provides a quality dog-sitting service for anyone looking for someone to watch and care for their dog(s) during the day. The horse ranch in the hills of Sunol, on which her cozy home is located, provides a free and open space for the dogs, allowing for plenty of daily walks and exercise.

Rosewood Cleaners — Best Dry Cleaners. This year's Best Dry Cleaner uses an organic method of soil removal and state-of-the-art equipment, taking pride in its high-quality services and environmentally friendly methods at its storefront in the Rosewood Pavilion.

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Fit Style — Best Fitness Center/Gym. Located near the Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive intersection, repeat winner Fit Style offers a private personal training studio, complete with all the necessary exercise equipment, and provides the optimal environment for our readers to get motivated and get in shape.

Hairlights Salon — Best Hair Salon for Women. Hairlights offers a comprehensive selection of services such as haircuts, color, perms, relaxers, keratin smoothing treatments, make-up, facial waxing and special-occasion styles — all in a relaxing atmosphere that our readers love.

Richard's Heating & Air Repair — Best Heating/AC Service. Winning for its fourth year in a row, Richard's Heating & Air has expertly provided quality air conditioning and heating system maintenance services, striving to



JULIA REIS

Dr. Lisa Shapiro, an associate at Pleasanton Veterinary Hospital, checks on Ivory, a 3-year-old Chihuahua.

repair and not just replace. Their efficient and friendly customer service has also helped make Richard's Heating & Air a reliable Pleasanton favorite.

The Rose Hotel — Best Hotel. The Rose Hotel, a European-style hotel nestled in downtown Pleasanton, has won yet again for Best Hotel. Offering the friendliness of a

bed-and-breakfast and the luxury of a fine hotel, the Rose Hotel is the ideal place for an overnight stay in a comfortable, deluxe room.

Sandy Shane, State Farm — Best Insurance Agent. State Farm Insurance agent Sandy Shane has been voted this year's Readers' Choice Best Insurance Agent. Her knowledge, professionalism and unique ability to explain complicated insurance concepts and effectively educate her clients has gained the support of our readers.

Outer Visions Landscape Design — Best Landscaping Service. Now a three-time Readers' Choice winner, Outer Visions Landscape Design has continued to provide first-rate landscape design and consultation services to our readers. Approaching every task with meticulous care and professionalism, Outer Visions strives to add beauty, interesting textures and value to clients' homes.

Jue's Taekwon-Do — Best Martial Arts Studio. Located just across the street from the Pleasanton Weekly's office, Jue's Taekwon-Do offers 35 lessons each week to people of all ages and skill levels. Aiming to make the community safer and more aware, this repeat Readers' Choice winner centers its curriculum around the real-world applications within a traditional martial art.

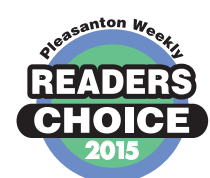
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Heavenly Day Spa & Salon — Best Massage.

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MD Laser Spa — Best Medical Spa.

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Hello Nails & Spa — Best Nail Care.

Hello Nails & Spa, at the corner of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue, has won over our readers' hearts for another year in a row. Its upscale manicure and pedicure services and its friendly and



Dr. Will Schlicher checks on patient Liam Betts' teeth for a routine exam at the Best Orthodontist.

comfortable setting have continued to satisfy and impress.

Valley EyeCare Center — Best Optometrist. Valley EyeCare Center boasts a team of highly qualified doctors and staff, providing some of the best medical, surgical, and vision services there are. In addition to its skilled staff, Valley EyeCare's continuing investments in new technology ensure

the highest quality of care for patients' eyes.

Schlicher Orthodontics — Best Orthodontist. Earning a third straight win, Schlicher Orthodontics offers a variety of treatment options, fit to serve a variety of patients. Dr. William Schlicher and his team also aim to educate their patients about their diagnoses and treatment options, carefully tailoring treatments to best fit their needs.

Dog Dynasty — Best Pet Groomer.

Dog Dynasty, born from a love of animals and growing demand for pet care, has won for Best Pet Groomer yet again. The team of experienced groomers provides any hair style to make customers' dogs look their best. Some other grooming services include de-shedding, nail trims, gland expression, ear cleaning and teeth brushing.

Images by Lori — Best Photographer.

Lori Huneke, a Pleasanton native, provides a professional and personable photography service for anyone seeking a top-notch photo shoot. Her passion for capturing special moments in people's lives has made her popular and loved among our readers, allowing her to win Best Photographer for another year.

Savior Plumbing — Best Plumber.

A family-owned residential plumbing contracting business, Savior Plumbing has become a reliable Pleasanton favorite. Top-quality services such as drain cleaning, gas line repairs, garbage disposal installation and leak detection have allowed them to accrue yet another Readers' Choice title this year.

Randall Cole Brown, PMZ Real Estate — Best Real Estate Agent/Team.

Randall Cole Brown has continued his commitment to developing close relationships and friendships with clients, ensuring the best home-buying experiences for his clients and helping them successfully meet their real estate goals every step of the way. His helpfulness and trustworthiness have made him our readers' pick for Best Real Estate Agent this year.


PMZ Real Estate — Best Real Estate Brokerage.

PMZ Real Estate has gained popularity among our readers due to the firm's quick results and ability to get the job done, easy accessibility to clients, focus on the community, leading-edge real estate technology tools, and highly trained, educated and experienced real estate agents.

Pleasanton Tutoring — Best Tutoring School.

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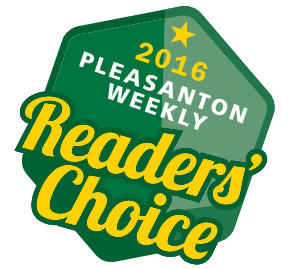
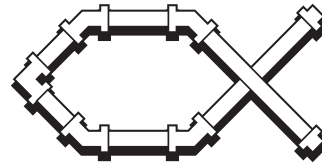


Susan Schall and Marcie Johnston, regulars at Hello Nails, come to get pampered with new pedicures and manicures.

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Pleasanton Veterinary Hospital — Best Veterinarian. Pleasanton Veterinary Hospital, a back-to-back winner in this category, takes pride in emphasizing preventive and wellness care while still being highly equipped and qualified for any necessary procedures. The hospital's doctors and staff seek to ensure the highest level of health for all furry friends.

Zen Pilates & Fitness — Best Yoga/Pilates Zen Pilates & Fitness, winning for their sixth time overall, has dependably continued to help and assist those seeking to relieve themselves of various ailments such as stress, pain, poor posture and insomnia. Not to mention, Dr. Traci Navarro also offers injury prevention consulting and educational functions to ensure that those feeling great at the moment will stay that way. ■



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Readers' Choice Hall of Fame members stand together in celebration at the reception held in their honor by the Pleasanton Weekly at Strizzi's downtown this month.

The Pleasanton Weekly has inducted three new members into the Readers' Choice Hall of Fame to join the 24 businesses and professionals installed in last year's inaugural Hall of Fame class, a collection of honorees who have won a Readers' Choice category for five or more consecutive years.

The Hall of Fame singles out these reader favorites for their longtime success in our contest and their consistent customer support over the years.

With their wins in the 2016 Readers' Choice, Foothill Optometric Group (Best Optometrist) and Healthy Necessity Massage (Best Massage) earned spots in the Hall of Fame this year.

Also inducted into the club this spring was The Hop Yard American Alehouse and Grill for

its winning streak as the Best Place for After Work Drink — a category we retired from the annual contest years ago.

The trio join a familiar group of top restaurants, recreation options and professional services in and around Pleasanton who became Hall of Famers last year.

All 27 Hall of Famers were not eligible to compete in their categories in the 2017 Readers' Choice contest because of their Hall of Fame status, but look for the 24

original Hall of Famers to once again take part in the regular competition starting next year.

Check out more about the Readers' Choice Hall of Fame:

Alexandria's Flowers — Best Florist. Alexandria's, at the corner of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue, was a Readers' Choice winner for Best Florist seven times since 2008. Our readers recognized the family-owned flower shop offers the finest floral arrangements and distinct home accents, supported by friendly, professional and creative service.

Bella Luna Studios — Best Photographer. Bella Luna Studios was one of the most consistent participants, winning its Readers' Choice category for eight straight years. Owner and principal photographer Christina Gray continues to provide personalized photography for her clients, capturing them at their best and most memorable moments.

Bollinger Nail Salon — Best Nail Care. Bollinger Nail Salon won our readers' hearts over the years with its upscale manicure and pedicure services. In addition to nail care and waxing services, the salon strives to offer a comfortable and inviting atmosphere in a

hygienic environment for a memorable pampering experience.

Callippe Preserve Golf Course — Best Golf Course. Voted best in town for nine consecutive years, city-owned Callippe Preserve is among the gems of public courses in the Bay Area. First opening in 2005, the course offers breathtaking views, well-maintained holes and a premier experience for golfers of all skill levels.

Casa Orozco — Best Mexican Restaurant. With its homemade dishes, salsas and sauces, Casa Orozco continues to gain "regulars" who just can't stop coming back. This Tri-Valley favorite won six times overall since 2007.

Chinese Szechuan — Best Chinese Food. Providing a range of delectable Chinese dishes, Chinese Szechuan on Hopyard Road is a reader favorite for dine-in and takeout, winning Best Chinese Food for five years in a row.

ClubSport Pleasanton — Best Fitness Center/Gym. Prominently located near the I-580/I-680 interchange on Johnson Drive, ClubSport offers fitness and training programs, nutrition and weight management seminars, and other health-related activities. Our

readers voted ClubSport their top choice for nine straight years.

Eastern Medical Center — Best Acupuncture. The father-daughter team of Drs. Mason and Teresa Shen and their staff at Eastern Medical were our readers' top choice for traditional acupuncture to help patients relax and release stress.

Eddie Papa's American Hang-out — Best American Food. With its signature menu selections indigenous to a city, state or region, Eddie Papa's is a family-friendly, fan-favorite American style bar and grill on Hopyard Road.

Foothill Optometric Group — Best Optometrist. Earning its fifth consecutive victory last year, Foothill Optometric Group has served Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley for more than 30 years and continues to meet and surpass our readers' expectations by providing excellence in quality vision care.

Gay Nineties Pizza — Best Pizza. Gay Nineties has been one of the most recognizable names on our Readers' Choice list — eight Best Pizza wins since 2007. It's also one of the most recognizable downtown restaurants, with its classic pizza parlor food and atmosphere.

Gina Piper, Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley Realty — Best Realtor. Gina Piper's passion for helping her clients achieve their real estate goals goes back over 15 years, and she continues to guide them through buying their first homes, moving up in the market, downsizing or buying investment properties.

Glover's Deep Steam — Best Carpet Cleaning Service. A family owned and operated business, Glover's Deep Steam was our readers' top choice for a variety of cleaning services, including 24-hour water damage emergency service, carpet and wood floor cleaning, mattress cleaning and its specialized "odorologist" to remove pet and smoke odors.

Healthy Necessity Massage — Best Massage. Last year marked five straight wins for Healthy Necessity Massage. Our readers have lauded the Main Street business for offering deep tissue, oncology, reflexology and therapeutic massages for all ages, making it their favorite place for relaxation and rejuvenation.

The Hop Yard American Alehouse and Grill — Best Place for After Work Drink. Offering tasty food, good drinks and a fun setting, Hop Yard is a reliable Pleasanton favorite. It earned a Hall of Fame spot for previous wins



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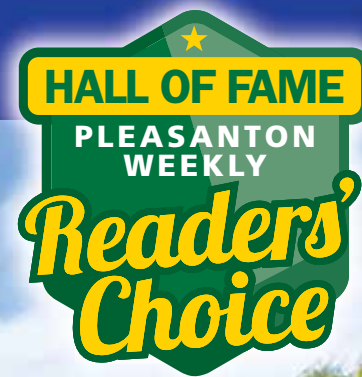
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in the long-retired Best Place for After Work Drink category — plus earned two wins in regular categories in the 2017 Readers' Choice.

In-N-Out Burger — Best Burger. A longtime Pleasanton favorite on Johnson Drive near the Hopyard Road freeway exit, In-N-Out was our readers' top choice for the Best Burger in town over the years.

Jazz N Taps — Best Place for Dance Lessons. A nine-time Readers' Choice winner, Jazz N Taps offers professional dance training and education in a small studio environment, focusing on developing coordination, confidence, teamwork and a love for dance.

Jim's Country Style Diner — Best Breakfast. Located in the Raley's shopping center on Sunol Boulevard,



Sushi chef Eric Jung prepares sashimi at Sozo Sushi.

Jim's keeps customers coming back with its old-fashioned diner feel and food, including its large omelets, biscuits and gravy, chicken-fried steak and other breakfast favorites.

Meadowlark Dairy — Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt. Founded

in 1900, Meadowlark is a long-running drive-thru shop offering soft-serve ice cream, along with milk, cheese and other dairy products. This downtown mainstay dominated this category for years.



Andres Hernandez prepares one of the famed pasta dishes at Strizzi's, a Hall of Fame member for Best Seafood.

Oasis Grille — Best Mediterranean/Middle Eastern Restaurant. An eight-time Readers' Choice winner since 2007, Oasis Grille offers an intimate bar and eatery space and outdoor patio, with an exotic ambiance providing Mediterranean classics with a modern twist — not

to mention some of our readers' favorite food in downtown.

Pleasanton Hand Car Wash — Best Car Wash. Pleasanton Hand Car Wash, on Pimlico Drive off Santa Rita Road, won our readers' hearts over the years with its high-quality auto detailing and cleaning services.

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PJFL works to grow interest in youth football

Partnership with NFL Flag, new 'Varsity' division among league's strategies

Football has become America's pastime. Oh baseball fans will make an argument, but in terms of popularity, football is the sport that has captivated America. The fall is full of football from Thursday night through Monday.

But while the popularity of the sport is huge, participation, especially at the youth levels, has taken a hit. Registration for the Pleasanton Junior Football League (PJFL) has been down the last few years.

Initially you may be thinking just contact (tackle) football is suffering, with the fear of concussions topping the reasons why, but the flag football enrollment has been down as well.

Why would flag football — a seemingly much-safer alternative to contact — be suffering as well? There's a couple of reasons. One, regardless of the physical nature of the game, to many, football is football and they don't want their kids playing the sport.

The second reason is what PJFL is calling "football fatigue." There is football available year-round to kids now, with a program called "Next Level" taking place at the local high schools just after the first of the year. If a kid plays from January to March, they may be less likely to play in the fall.

It's been a source of frustration for the PJFL, a group that really does put player safety front and center in both flag and contact. But the league is working hard to

try and bring players back to the league.

On the flag side, they have partnered with NFL Flag, helping the league get better equipment, logo jerseys and additional insurance at no additional cost to the players.

There is also a new "Varsity" league for players in eighth and ninth grade. In the past, there were times where you would have sixth-graders facing eighth-graders, an unattractive match-up for most families.

The new "Varsity" league is appealing. Every year I see kids playing freshman football that are nowhere close to being ready to strap it up with cleats and a helmet.

Now they have an option to play football — and actually play — while learning technique and physically maturing another year. I get that there are many who play freshman ball to ease the transition into high school, but there are times I cringe watching some of these kids try to make plays.

This brings me to the contact side of PJFL, a league I spent three years coaching. In those years my teams suffered one broken arm, that's it. But I would be lying if I said I didn't lose sleep each night of those seasons worried about one of the players suffering a serious injury.

It's certainly nothing on the league, which goes above and beyond to make sure every coach is qualified to be coaching. My

co-head coach and I spent countless hours at practice working on technique, making sure the players were in the right spot and stance to make a tackle.

The problem? Not all kids are meant to play the sport. Each year, we had at least one player whose parents wanted to "make a man" out of him. I will guarantee you we were not the only team that faced this issue.

That responsibility needs to fall on the parents, not youth sports coaches. We went out of the way to coach-up these kids, but at times it came at the expense of other kids on the team.

Parents, if you think your kid needs to "become more of a man" then try to make something work at home, but don't throw him into something he's not ready for at his age. If you think he can handle contact, then put him in the program. It does teach discipline and hard work, there's no denying.

If they are not ready but you are intent on them playing football, put them in flag football. They will have a better experience in a structure geared towards their ability.

For more information on the programs or for registration go to www.pjfl.com. ■

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



TRI-VALLEY KARATE

Local martial artists shine at Cupertino tournament

Athletes from Pleasanton's Tri-Valley Karate earned high finishes during the Northern California Okaigan Dojo Tournament in Cupertino last month. Leading the way were Neela Mandal (front, second from right) with a gold and a silver and Arnav Saxena (back right) with a gold and a bronze.



MARK GONZALES

Softball champions

The Pleasanton Girls Softball League 14U travel team swept through all five games of the Napa Capitol Sports Softball Tournament, including a 12-4 victory in the championship to bring home the crown. The girls earned their spot in the title game with a hard-fought comeback one game earlier that they won on a walk-off grand slam.



MERRILL FAMILY

PVC Dolphins swim past Livermore Valley

The Pleasanton Valley Club swim team dominated the Livermore Valley Tennis Club swimmers Saturday, notching a 1,038 to 765 victory amid scorching heat. Among the stars for the Dolphins was young Alex Merrill (shown), who dropped nearly five seconds off her personal best times in the 25-yard freestyle and 25-yard butterfly for girls 6 and under.

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FINDING STELLA Finding Stella will bring alternative rock to the Concert in the Park stage in downtown Pleasanton at 7 p.m. tonight. This week's free show is sponsored by Alain Pinel Realtors.

GROOVE DOCTORS The cover band Groove Doctors is playing tonight at 9 p.m. at Main Street Brewery, with a diverse set list that spans 50 years of music, including classic rock, disco/funk, soul, '80s and 90s, today's hits, jazz standards and classic ballads.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME The Pleasanton Public Library is holding storytime today at 11 a.m. with stories, music and more for kids 3-5 years old. A single session during the summer, 11:00-11:30 a.m. Drop-in, no registration required. Younger siblings may attend if they can sit on a parent's lap. Location: Large Meeting Room at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

WHEN ART ROCKED "When Art Rocked: Rock Posters from the 1960s" at the Dublin Library this Sunday at 2 p.m. Come see a far-out collection of rock posters, handbills and other art and

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TAKE US ALONG



A cappella abroad: Bruce and Yvonne Crawford, Susan and Ron Wacek, and John Tiefenthaler brought the Pleasanton Weekly while touring with the men's a cappella choir Men in Blaque. They had a fabulous time on safari, meeting the local people, seeing the local sights and viewing the spectacular Victoria Falls in Zambia, Africa.

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

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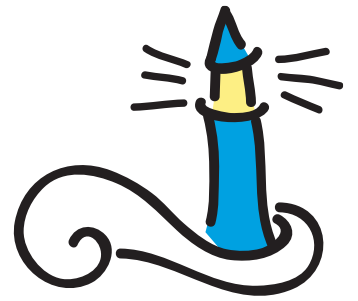
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NOTICE OF 30-DAY PERIOD FOR FINAL EA COMMENTS

The Department of the Army has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the impacts that could result from modernizing and operating five training ranges at the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Alameda County, Dublin, California.

The Final EA and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) are available at the Dublin Public Library (200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA); Contra Costa County Library (Dougherty Station) (1701 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA), and Pleasanton Public Library (400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA), and on the Internet at www.ch2m.com/EA1.

Written comments submitted by July 22, 2017, will be considered prior to the Army concluding this National Environmental Policy Act process. Written comments should be directed to: Mr. Dan Gannod, U.S. Army Garrison, 620 6th Street, Dublin, CA 94568, or by email at usarmy.parks.imcom-central.list.cpar-pao@mail.mil.

(Pleasanton Weekly June 23, 2017)



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3 BEDROOMS
5863 Hillbrook Place \$789,000
Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 359-9606

4 BEDROOMS
3665 Edgecomb Court \$1,029,000
Sun 1-4 Tyler Moxley 518-1083

Fremont

6 BEDROOMS
783 Bedford Street \$1,798,000
Sun 1-4 Cindy Gee 463-9500

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
321 Marie Common \$623,000
Sun 1-4 Cindy & Gene Williams 918-2045

4 BEDROOMS
2216 Pyramid Street \$1,389,000
Sat 1-4 Linda Traurig 382-9746

1591 Mendocino Road \$708,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 Jo Ann Luisi 321-6104

5 BEDROOMS
749 Vinci Way \$1,325,000
Sun 1-4 Scott Piper 463-9500

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS
3375 Norton Way #4 \$400,000
Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

3 BEDROOMS
856 Aramon Court \$920,000
Sat/Sun 12-3 Gina Piper 463-9500
7229 Valley View Court \$778,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Ingrid Wetmore & Lisa Sterling-Sanchez 918-0986

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2109 Black Oak Court \$2,795,000
Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777
1070 Germano Way \$2,475,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

3934 Kern Court \$900,000
Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436
3166 Montpelier Court \$949,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

4058 Suffolk Way \$1,100,000
Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436
2828 Tudor Court \$1,899,000
Sun 2-4 Peter McDowell 209-0343

1034 Via Di Salerno \$2,168,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

5 BEDROOMS
2306 Gloria Court \$2,100,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Linda Traurig 382-9746
5682 Sunset Court \$2,395,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

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7932 Doral Court \$1,888,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

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3545 Rathbone Way \$1,325,000
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WEST PLEASANTON

7932 Doral Court, Pleasanton

Welcome to this elegant home located in the desirable Golden Eagle neighborhood in west Pleasanton. Situated on a 1/2 acre, court location with enchanting landscaping and views of the Pleasanton Ridge. Enjoy a fabulous floor plan great for everyday living and fantastic space for year-round entertaining. There are 3 bedrooms downstairs (Including guest suite) and 3 bedrooms upstairs with an oversized, beautiful Master Suite including a gas fireplace. The upgraded kitchen is spacious for the gourmet cook and a great gathering spot for large family gatherings and parties.

OFFERED AT \$1,888,000

PENDING - MULTIPLE OFFERS



3742 Pinot Court, Pleasanton

Charming home in Vintage Hills Neighborhood, 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, walking distance to Vintage Hills Elementary. There is 2,104 sq.ft of living space on just under 10,000 sq.ft lot. Enjoy a nice size deck off the kitchen, great for summer dining. This is a large terraced backyard, with lawn and beautiful Palm trees.

LISTED FOR \$989,000

JUST SOLD - 51K OVER ASKING



WEST PLEASANTON

7983 Applewood Court, Pleasanton

Stunning Craftsman style remodel in West Pleasanton with over 440K spent over the last 5 years. This single story home, has over 2000 sq.ft., 4 bedrooms and 2 baths in the main home. Enjoy a flat lot just under 1/2 acre, with a large custom detached 3 car garage, and separate office space (225 sq.ft).

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JUST SOLD - 31K OVER ASKING



LAGUNA OAKS

2556 Arlotta Place, Pleasanton

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NORTHWAY DOWNS



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2534 SECRETARIAT DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Upgraded 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Duet in Northway Downs. Upgraded Kitchen with Granite Countertops, SS Appliances. Stacked Stone Fireplace, Wood Flooring, New Electrical Outlets & Switches, Upgraded Lighting, New Front Door & Door Hardware Throughout, Cottage Cheese Ceilings Removed, Textured & Painted, Spacious Upstairs Master Suite. Bedroom #3 currently configured as a Den. Private Rear Yard. Two Car Garage currently converted to Extra Bedroom and Living Area (Easily Converted Back, if preferred), Conveniently located in Central Pleasanton. Minutes to Bart Station, Stoneridge Mall, The New Outlet Mall and Over 40 Wineries and Not Far from Downtown. Go to www.2534secretariat.com for more Information or For a Private Showing Contact: The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

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PENDING

8525 LUPINE COURT, PLEASANTON

Rare Opportunity for Serenity! All the Conveniences of City Living while Immersed in Nature! Beautiful Custom Home in Golden Eagle with Stunning Panoramic Views of the Valley, Surrounding Hills and Ridgelines from Every Window! Enjoy an Approximate 1 Acre Wooded Lot with Exceptional Privacy! Convenient Access to Downtown and to Silicon Valley-via I-680 from this Exclusive Gated Community with Pool, Tennis Courts, Generous Open Space and Direct Access to East Bay Regional Parkland. This 4 Bedroom, 4 1/2 Bathroom Home is in Excellent Condition and Has Many Upgrades Including a Completely Remodeled Large Gourmet Kitchen. Included is a 4 Car Plus Garage, Expanded Driveway for Guest Parking and Proximity to Award Winning Schools. For a Private Showing Contact the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group. For More Information or Photos go to 8525lupine.com.

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1234 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON

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OFFERED AT \$1,819,000

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4553 LAS LOMITAS DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Rare Opportunity to Purchase a New Single Level Custom Home in Downtown Pleasanton! This is What Everyone Has Been Asking for! Farmhouse Craftsman Designer Finishes Throughout Make This House a Wow! The Private Lot Offers Views of the Ridge & Mount Diablo. Just a Five-Minute Walk to Main Street for Dinner & Drinks or Going Out to Breakfast This 4 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom home with approximately 2400 Square Feet is Beautiful! Large Great Room Has a Stacked Stone Fireplace and Opens to Gourmet Kitchen with Spacious Island, Granite Countertops, and Stainless Steel Appliances. Large Master Suite with Large Soaking Tub, Separate Walk-In Shower and Walk-In Closet. Private Guest Wing with Adjacent Bathroom. Two Secondary Bedrooms are in Separate Area with Jack-In-Jill Bathroom. Private Rear Grounds with Patio and Lawn Area! For more information go to 4553Laslomitas.com and for a Private Showing call the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

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CHARTER OAKS



SOLD

1557 MAPLE LEAF DRIVE, PLEASANTON

WOW! Highly Upgraded 5 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom with Approx. 2788 Square Feet on Premium Private Lot! Beautifully Landscaped Expansive Rear Grounds with In-Ground Swimming Pool & Spa, BBQ Area and Fire Pit, Lawn Area with Mature Trees. 3-Car Garage. Remodeled Gourmet Kitchen & Bathrooms, Wood Flooring, Upgraded Iron Stair Bannister, Near Neighborhood Park and Great Schools. Minutes to Bart Station, Stoneridge Mall, The New Outlet Mall and Over 40 Wineries and Not Far from Downtown. Offered at \$1,489,000. For a private Showing Contact The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group and for more information go to 1557mapleleaf.com.

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MISSION PARK



SOLD

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BONDE RANCH



SOLD

4871 ARLENE PLACE, PLEASANTON

Custom Home in Private Secluded Setting Adjacent to Designated Open Space! Located on a Quiet Private Court, this Upgraded Home is in excellent Condition and Has 5 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms (Downstairs Bed/Bath) with 3177 Square Feet. Fourth and 5th Bedroom (Possible Bonus Room) Have Shared Balcony and Views of Oak Studded Bonde Ridge. Spacious Gourmet Kitchen, Generous Master Suite with Retreat & Remodeled Bathroom, Upgraded Secondary & Guest Bathrooms. Three Fireplaces, Private Rear Yard with Mature Landscaping & Trees, Direct Access to Bonde Ridge, Hiking Trails and Mission Park. Country setting within Walking distance to Downtown's Main Street! Commute Friendly Location. Go to www.4871arlene.com for more details or For a Private Showing Contact: The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

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CHATEAU COUNTRY ESTATES



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2307 VINEYARD HEIGHTS LN., PLEASANTON

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Rosie and Kent

7688 Kilrush Avenue – Dublin - \$799,000
Immaculately maintained and meticulously updated, this 4-bedroom home is sure to impress. New laminate floors, carpet, 6-panel doors with new hardware, new dishwasher, fresh paint, and baseboards are all among the recent improvements. The expansive yard is well suited for entertaining and also includes a large storage shed.



Open Sun 1-4pm

Scott Piper

749 Vinci Way – Livermore - 1,325,000
Meticulous So. Livermore home in Alden Lane neighborhood. This home has an exceptional backyard with pool and perfect for entertaining. Home features 3,362 square feet, 5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, 3-car garage and convenient ensuite guest bed/bath on main level. www.749VinciWay.com



Coming Soon

Cindy Gee

2784 Lylewood Drive – Pleasanton - \$TBD
Laguna Oaks coming soon! Resort style living at its best. This gorgeous updated home has it all, situated on the Westside below the Pleasanton Ridge. This Spacious 5-bedroom 3-bath home with approx 3500 sq. ft on approx 13000 sq. ft lot. Gourmet remodeled kitchen includes cherry cabinets, stainless upgraded appliances, large island, gleaming granite, Brazilian cherry hardwood and large picture windows with views of the park-like yard open to large expanded family room including bar area.



Open Sun 1-4pm

Cindy Gee

783 Bedford Street – Fremont - \$1,798,000
This home has it all. Recently remodeled in 2017 and is ready for move in!!! 6 bedrooms, 3 full baths with approx. 2541 sq. ft. on approx. 8277 sq. ft. lot! Gourmet Kitchen including stainless appliances, gas stove, new cabinets with gorgeous granite, newer paint, newer flooring and carpet.



Gina Piper and Viviana Cherman

3760 Selvante Street – Pleasanton - \$3,250,000
Fabulous Mediterranean custom estate featuring 7800 sq. feet of living, featuring 5 bedrooms and 5.5 bathrooms. This grand estate is situated on a .56-acre view lot. Step out back and into a stunning paradise. Sparkling pool, outdoor kitchen and toasty outdoor fireplace.



Julia Korpi

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Open Sat/Sun 12-3pm

Gina Piper

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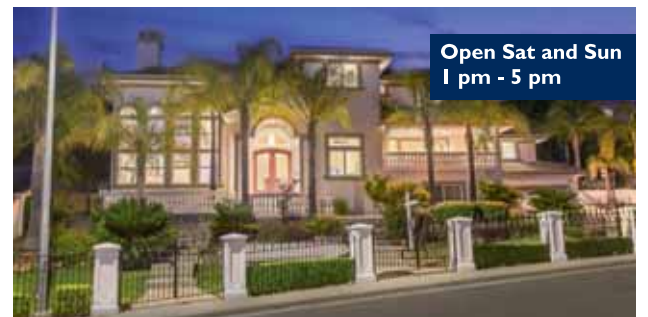


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20 Montclair Drive, Fremont
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1 pm - 4 pm

1070 Germano Way, Pleasanton
4 Beds | 5.5 Baths | 5,126 Sq Ft | Offered at \$2,475,000
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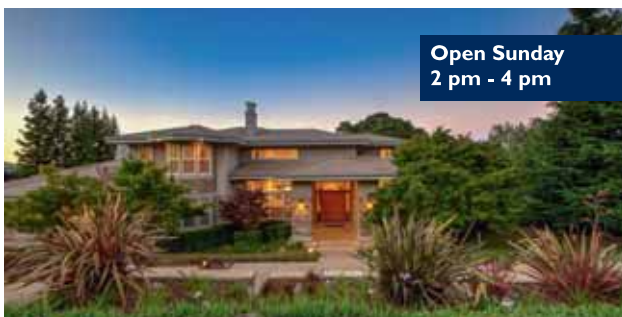


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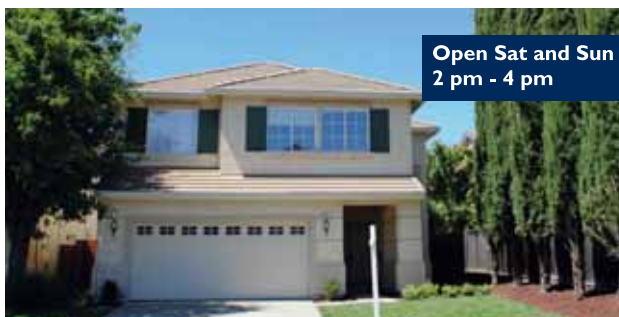
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4 Beds | 5.5 Baths | 5,409 Sq Ft | Offered at \$2,795,000
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2 pm - 4 pm

3545 Rathbone Way, Pleasanton
6 Beds | 3 Baths | 2,913 Sq Ft | Offered at \$1,325,000
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2510 Mt Diablo Scenic Blvd, Diablo
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1287 Donahue Court, Pleasanton
Gorgeous 5 bed 4.5 bath home with 3067 sq. ft. of living space on a 12,302 sq. ft. lot. Built in 2005, this home is beautifully updated throughout with many upgrades. Large kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite slab, and center island. Crown molding, plantation shutters, and ceiling fans throughout. Private end of court location with a beautiful backyard on a premium lot. Close to schools, downtown, and Bart. Please call agent for information.
Offered at \$1,649,000
Sold for \$1,700,000



3581 Helen Drive, Pleasanton
This home has 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms and is located on a quiet street in desirable Mohr Park. Open floor plan through living and dining areas. Great neighborhood, close to schools, Bart and downtown.
Offered at \$785,000
Sold for \$810,000



1070 Nolan Court, Pleasanton
Beautiful 5 bed 4.5 bath home with 3067 sq. ft. of living space. This home was built in 2005 and has gorgeous hardwood floors throughout and a large gourmet kitchen with huge center island. Private end of court location. Close to schools and downtown.
Offered at \$1,680,000



FABULOUS UPDATED VENTANA HILLS HOME!

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Coming Soon in Vintage Heights
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