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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Heat scorches Pleasanton

And early fair attendance, Rotary Spirit Run revenues



JEB BING

Spirit Run manager Todd Utikal starts 5K race downtown June 18.

Last week's scorching heat is now a distant memory as temperatures dip back into the mid-50s tonight as the long four-day Independence Day weekend begins.

Even so, the hot days left their mark both financially and in terms of outdoor activity. Fewer people walked downtown streets, the Saturday morning crowds at the farmers market were thinner, and even the county fair got off to a paltry start after a robust opening day marked by a cattle drive down Main Street.



JEB BING

Rotary Club members register runners for club's Father's Day event.

While I don't yet have a tally of gate receipts, a walk down the fair's midway the afternoons of June 21 and 22 showed near-empty counters at the carnival games, empty seats on many of the rides and more interest than usual at the exhibits in the air conditioned pavilions.

By early evening, as temperatures dropped from triple digits to the cooler 80s, the crowds were back, much to the relief of the fair's administration, which counts on the fair for a significant part of its annual revenue. Also back after an unprecedented one-day heat delay was horse racing, a revenue and crowd generator.

Also hurt financially by June's record temperatures was the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's 24th annual Father's Day Spirit Run. The club raised a little over \$40,000 in this year's event, with some 700 runners participating — both well under previous years.

The biggest drop came with the fewer number of runners registering on the day of the race. Many stayed home as the thermometer started rising early that Sunday morning. But the heat wasn't the only factor.

Pleasanton schools closed for summer vacation two weeks earlier this year because of a schedule

change, with classes now to resume in mid-August. A number of families that are Spirit Run regulars missed this year to start their summer vacation trips. This new shorter summer-break schedule has many of us in Rotary concerned because the Spirit Run provides funds for high school scholarships and wheelchairs for those in need.

Even so, hats off to the 127 men and 45 women who ran in the 10K Father's Day race and the 426 men and 201 women who finished in the 5K.

Patrick Leary of Livermore ran the 10K in 34 minutes, 11 seconds, trailed by Zack Holtz of San Ramon at 36:39 and Ben Deland at 38:23. Top finishers among the women were Nancy Eubanks of Turlock, who ran the 10K in 45:23; Joyce Lee of Fremont, 48:12, and Jenna Zack of Pleasant Hill, 49:41.

In the men's 5K, Scott Peterson of Livermore finished first in 17 minutes and 55 seconds. He was followed by Kevin Alcosiba of Newark at 18:54 and Dwayne Spencer of San Jose, 19:38. Kristen O'Connor led the women's 5K, finishing in 19:46. She was followed by Stephanie Bambury of Danville, 20:37, and Kelly Parsons of Pleasanton, 20:39. ■

### About the Cover

Sports announcer Chris Griffin, who is on the call for Oak Tree at Pleasanton horse racing at the Alameda County Fair this summer, is a rising star in the industry. Photo by Daniel Kim. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu.

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Let me be your sidekick.



**Edelweiss**  
6-year-old Female  
She'll greet you every morning.



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8-month-old Male  
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## Do you dwell on the past?



**Bill Gibbons**  
*Contractor*

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**Jo Gibbons**  
*Realtor*

I find that sometimes I do. But I make a conscious effort to focus on the present because it is so much more productive to be present where you are. I try to only think about things that have happened in the past if I can learn from the experience.



**Michelle Garrison**  
*Retired*

Sometimes if I can't sleep at night, my mind will wander into the past and re-hash negative experiences and people. When that happens, I get up and do something to break that thought pattern because it's just so unproductive. I find that more good comes from dwelling on the present and future.



**Jeff Garrison** *Retired*

Not really. I mean, the "should have" window is closed. I can't go back and change anything I've done, or not done, or said or not said, so dwelling on the past is largely a waste of time, effort and energy. So unless I've learned a really great lesson in my past that I can call upon to shape my present and future in a positive way, I try to just let it go.



**Elizabeth Maciag**  
*Mentor program manager*

I don't really dwell on the past, and certainly not in a negative way. But I do definitely like to reconnect with people from my past and re-live great, positive memories that we share together.

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## DIGEST

### 1st Wednesdays

“Salute to Public Safety” is the theme for next week’s 1st Wednesday Street Party hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

Highlighted by activities to show appreciation to local police officers and firefighters, the event next Wednesday will also feature live music, the kid zone, food trucks, vendor exhibits, the beer and wine garden, and more.

House Call, known for high-energy music, will be playing on the entertainment garden stage, while local bands and artists will be performing along Main Street as well. Roudon-Smith Winery and Cellar Door will be the featured wineries while Handles on Main will be pouring craft beers.

Next week’s 1st Wednesday is set to run from 6-9 p.m. downtown.

### New HR director

San Jose human resources official Joseph Angelo is set to take the helm as Alameda County’s new human resource services director next week.

Appointed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors earlier this month, Angelo replaces interim director Kathy Mount who in May announced her resignation effective June 30 to accept a position at the Alameda County Employees Retirement Association.

County officials said Angelo is an experienced human resource professional and has served as San Jose’s human resources director since 2014. He formerly was human resources director for San Antonio from 2012 to 2014.

Angelo, who has now moved to Oakland and starts work Monday, said he is looking forward to his new opportunity with Alameda County, describing the county as “a dynamic, innovative, results-oriented, people-focused and fiscally sound organization that is second to none.”

—Bay City News Service

### Volunteer drivers

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for volunteer drivers to help in-need Tri-Valley seniors get reliable transportation to essential medical appointments.

Applicants must have a reliable vehicle, pass a criminal background check, maintain a clean driving record, present proof of insurance and be able to dedicate at least four hours per month.

The volunteer driving program specifically supports residents older than 60. The medical appointments would be in the Tri-Valley and beyond.

For more information and training dates, contact transportation program coordinator Melanie Henry at 931-5387 or at [ssptvrides@gmail.com](mailto:ssptvrides@gmail.com). ■

## School board waits on first sale of Measure I1 facilities bonds

Trustees also approve budget, LCAP, increasing their monthly stipend

By JULIA REIS

The school board Tuesday night reviewed financing documents for the \$70 million initial Measure I1 bond series but held off on approving the first sale of bonds.

Interim superintendent Micaela Ochoa indicated at the board meeting Tuesday that administrators plan to ask the board to vote on the first sale at the next regular meeting Aug. 8.

After the board approved a project list for the first series of Measure I1 bonds at their last meeting June

13, Ochoa indicated financing documents for the initial bond series would be presented to the board Tuesday for them to consider approval of issuance and sale.

But instead, the administration elected to delay asking the board to vote on the matter so trustees and community members could have more time to review the documents and ask questions about them.

Bond counsel Don Field and financial adviser Adam Bauer gave a brief overview of the documents, which include a bond resolution, bond purchase agreement and

preliminary official statement, among others.

Residents can view them by going to the district website and opening Tuesday’s board packet. Pleasanton voters passed the \$270 million school facilities bond measure in November.

The first issuance project list trustees approved June 13 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.

PUSD administration has expressed an interest in proceeding with the first issuance and sale of bonds so projects could get started while a Measure I1 and facility master plan is developed.

The plan — which would include timelines, budgets and project information for each school — would come together with the help

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MICHELLE SUSKI

Lions Wayside Park is filled with red, white and blue every Independence Day for Pleasanton’s annual community picnic and concert. This year’s celebration is set for noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

## Pleasanton set to celebrate Independence Day

Community picnic at Lions Wayside Park on Tuesday afternoon

By AMANDA SU

The Pleasanton community is set to gather together at Lions Wayside Park on Tuesday for an afternoon of family-friendly music, food and fun during Pleasanton’s 19th annual Fourth of July celebration.

Officially dubbed “Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution,” the community picnic and concert event is produced by around 100 volunteers and brings hundreds together every year.

The annual celebration was founded in 1998 by W. Ron Sutton, who said he hoped to “make sure that we remember Fourth of July for more than fireworks and

barbecues. We celebrate our shared heritage — and still have time for other activities in the evening.”

Organized by local nonprofit Make A Difference, Today & Always, the program will begin at noon Tuesday, first with several remarks and a welcome by Mayor Jerry Thorne, and will end at 1:30 p.m.

The theme of this year’s celebration is “In Praise of America: All-Time Favorite Independence Day Music.” The music will be selected by Bob Williams, a member of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band since it was founded 42 years ago and its conductor for 33 years.

“My criteria categories included: Nostalgia. Patriotism.

Nationalism. Historical or musical significance to freedom,” Williams said. “From the band library, I chose music that made me feel comfortable in at least two of these areas.”

The band will also play the anthems of each branch of the service during a tribute to those who have served in the military and their families.

American Legion Post 238 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 will provide the colorguard and Boy Scouts Troop 908 will help set up the program.

The event will feature guest speaker Ann Collins, who will

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## New courts open in Dublin

\$147M project includes 5-story courthouse, adjoining county offices

By ERIKA ALVERO

The new Dublin courthouse opened for business this week, with its first cases heard on Tuesday.

The Alameda East County Hall of Justice — affectionately dubbed “ECHOJ” and located at 5151 Gleason Drive — has been a few decades in the making, and will help to consolidate courtrooms countywide. In particular, it will replace the courtrooms in the leased Gale-Schenone Hall of Justice in Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton courtrooms were located in a business park on Stoneridge Drive — not an ideal match, according to Chad Finke, court executive officer of the Alameda County Superior Court.

“For one thing, the building is not designed to be a courthouse, A,” he said. “It’s certainly not designed to a high-volume courthouse, B.” The building’s landlord and other tenants have also expressed concerns in the past about sharing the space with in-custody defendants.

The inadequacy of the leased hall, combined with population growth in the area, led to a perceived need for a new, stand-alone courthouse in this part of the county, Finke added.

The building is five stories high and connects to a two-story county building that houses offices for the

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# City moving forward with new outdoor seating, bike corral downtown

Amenities replacing parking spaces for the next year in test run on West Angela St.

By JEREMY WALSH

Downtown Pleasanton is set to receive two new public amenities in the place of three roadside parking spots, at least in the short term, near the corner of West Angela and Main streets next month.

The Pleasanton City Council last week unanimously approved an estimated \$31,850 proposal to temporarily convert two public parking spaces on West Angela Street into a parklet — an outdoor seating area open to the public — and change one car-parking spot across the street into a corral for bicycle parking.

The combination pilot program, aimed at addressing community and council interest in more outside seating and bicycle parking downtown, will be in place for at least a year to allow city officials to gauge its effectiveness, according to Gerry Beaudin, the city's community development director.

"We're excited to give both the bike corral and parklet concepts a try in downtown Pleasanton," Beaudin said in an email interview. "City crews are completing all of the preparation and installation work for both projects."

Both amenities could also help increase pedestrian volume, improve

accessibility and business activity, and in the case of the bike corral, stretch the limited parking supply by encouraging people to cycle downtown instead of drive, according to Beaudin.

The parklet will take the place of two street parking spots on the north side of West Angela Street, at the northwest corner with Main Street. Open to the public, the fenced-in seating area atop a prefabricated deck will also be a place where Cafe Main could serve food to its customers sitting there.

Those parking spots remain open for the time being, but across West Angela work has already begun on the new bicycle corral to accommodate eight to 16 bikes adjacent to the Peet's Coffee and Tea plaza.

The single parking spot has been closed off on the south side of West Angela at the Main corner, with city crews last week creating the concrete pad on which to mount the new bike racks.

Beaudin said the bike corral is on track to open some time next week while the public parklet won't come on-line until later in July. The prefabricated parklet is due to be delivered the week of July 10, with assembly and installation on-site to follow, he added.

The new corral will be a welcome

sight for Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin, an avid cyclist and bicycling advocate.

"For me, having the bike corral — or possibly more than one — is an opportunity for our residents to feel comfortable about riding their bikes to our downtown, have a safe visible place to park their bikes and do their shopping or dining," Pentin said by email.

The vice mayor said he hopes the bike corral concept will "start a sea change as to how to get to downtown."

"We're a car-first community and a culture change to a bike/pedestrian community will take time, but starting with a bike corral, again, visible and safe and appropriately placed so it will be used is a great start," he added. "Each bike in the corral or locked up to a bike rack represents a car not in the downtown. That is a good result."

The five council members approved the pilot program with little fanfare during their meeting June 20, endorsing it without discussion as part of their consent calendar.

The parklet and bike corral are scheduled to remain in place through summer 2018, with city staff monitoring how each perform during the year-long trial. ■

## Fourth of July fireworks in the Tri-Valley

Big shows set in Pleasanton, Livermore; fireworks being sold in Dublin

By AMANDA SU

Whether it's a vibrant fireworks spectacular or an intimate fireworks lighting at a local park, the Tri-Valley provides plenty of opportunities for residents to gather for fireworks and celebration this Fourth of July.

Individual fireworks remain banned in Pleasanton, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville to reduce the risk of accidental fires, injuries or even fatalities resulting from independently set off fireworks. But "Safe and Sane Fireworks" are being sold again in Dublin this holiday weekend.

However, for those still hoping to celebrate and end Independence Day with a literal 'bang,' Pleasanton and Livermore have each scheduled a safe, official fireworks show this July 4.

Pleasanton's Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular is scheduled to take place at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Alameda County Fair, with best viewing at the Budweiser Grandstand (Horse Racing Track). After the gates close at 6 p.m., there will be no new tickets sold, no new

parking and no re-entry even with handstamps.

Before the fireworks are launched, a Salute to Hometown Heroes Video will be played and the fireworks will then be set to live music performed by the Oakland Symphony.

Regular fireworks shows will also occur at the fair after every nightly concert now through July 9.

Livermore's fourth annual Downtown Fourth of July Red, White and Boom Fireworks Celebration is set to occur at 9:20 p.m. Tuesday at the parking garage on Railroad Avenue, off which the fireworks will be launched.

The garage and nearby streets will close at 4 p.m. and parking in the parking lot off of Railroad Avenue — between Livermore Avenue and L Street — will cost \$20 and walk-in viewing is free. No alcohol consumption, barbecues, firepits or individual fireworks will be permitted.

Dublin does not have an official fireworks show, but it is the only Tri-Valley city in which the purchase and usage of fireworks are

actually legal.

Still, Dublin has set up several stringent guidelines for those looking to purchase fireworks for individual use.

Fireworks are only allowed to be sold in the city limits between noon this Wednesday and noon on July 5.

Safe and Sane Fireworks, the only kind of fireworks that can be sold, are different from the dangerous and illegal fireworks in that once they are lit, they do not explode or leave the ground, Dublin city officials said. Some examples include fountains, sparklers, snakes and smoke effects, ground spinners and snap pops.

The fireworks may only be used between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on the Fourth of July in city-designated local parks: Dublin Sports Grounds, Emerald Glen Park, Alamo Creek Park and Shannon Park.

Only nonprofit organizations that fulfill all the requirements outlined by the Dublin Municipal Code are permitted to sell these fireworks at their booths. This year, there will be 13 booths set up across Dublin. ■



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### Best. Snacks. Ever.

Snackdown Fryday at the Alameda County Fair last week drew a variety of creative food concoctions, but the "Doritos corn on the cob" took the cake. Here, Josefina Chavez of California Corn Company receives the championship belt from emcee Liam Mayclem after the judges selected the company's cob creation as the Snackdown winner. The fair continues its 20-day run in Pleasanton now through July 9, including carnival attractions, nightly concerts, horse racing, special events and more all Independence Day weekend.



ERIKA ALVERO

The newest Alameda County courthouse, located at 5151 Gleason Drive in Dublin just down the road from Santa Rita Jail, officially opened on Monday, with its first cases heard the next day.

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District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and Probation Department. The land was donated by Alameda County and was chosen in part because of its near proximity to Santa Rita Jail right down the road.

"Having the courthouse literally directly across the street from the jail, it's going to be a tremendous cost-saving for us and probably the sheriff," said Finke, citing transportation costs and traffic delays as defendants have to travel for arraignments.

Residents of East County would benefit too, he said, by having "a new, modern building where they can deal with their traffic tickets."

The construction was financed by the county, and cost a total of

\$147 million — \$122 million for the courthouse portion and \$25 million for the adjoining county building. The state and county superior court contributed to the project's funding, with the state imparting about \$110 million from various sources.

Funding and governmental processes lagged though, according to Finke, and so construction didn't actually begin until September 2014.

County officials roughly estimate that the new courthouse will hear about 3,000 criminal cases and 54,000 traffic cases per year, according to Finke, though those numbers are subject to change.

This week, traffic cases were first held on Tuesday and criminal cases on Wednesday. Clerk's offices will close at 2:30 p.m., as is the case countywide, though court cases may continue after this time. ■

# Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Council approves proclamation to raise awareness of under-reported crime

By JEREMY WALSH

In an effort to help ensure Pleasanton's oldest residents live safely and securely, the City Council last week presented a proclamation declaring June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

The proclamation aims to raise awareness about elder abuse and neglect in a city that has more than 8,700 residents 65 years old or older — according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

“Although the elder population is increasing in the country, elder abuse is one of the most under-reported crimes in the United States, and it is estimated that only one in 14 cases of elder abuse comes to the attention of agencies responsible for oversight,” according to the council's proclamation.

“The city of Pleasanton recognizes that both the awareness of elder abuse and neglect, as well as reporting instances of suspected

elder abuse and neglect will help keep our elders and community safer,” the council added.

Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin read the one-page proclamation aloud at the outset of the council's June 20 meeting at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

“Over the past few decades, elder abuse has quietly turned into an epidemic in our country, with over 5 million new cases occurring each year,” said Scott Ford, of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office elder protection unit, who was on-hand to receive the proclamation.

“The vast majority of these cases go unreported because the victims are either emotionally or physically dependent on their abusers and are too scared to tell anyone about it,” he added. “Awareness by far is the most effective way to stop and preventing from happening.”

Also accepting the proclamation was Alameda County Adult Protective Services supervisor Nicole

Radford, who praised the efforts of Pleasanton police, as well as the city's support of senior programs and activities because isolation among seniors is a key contributing factor in many cases of elder abuse.

“We thank you for what you do on your (local) level and for continuing to contribute to awareness of this unfortunate circumstance,” she said during the presentation.

The county's Adult Protective Services division responds to reports from victims, concerned citizens, law enforcement or other agencies about senior citizens — as well as developmentally or physically disabled adults — who may be physically or financially abused, neglected or exploited.

To report suspected elder or dependent adult abuse or neglect, call 510-577-3500 or 1-866-CALL APS. Pleasanton police can be reached at 931-5100 for non-emergencies or 9-1-1 for emergencies. ■

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of PUSD community members and an architect. At Tuesday's meeting the board selected HKIT Architects to do the job at a cost of \$105,000.

### In other business

• The school board unanimously approved the district's 2017-18 budget and 2017-20 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) on Tuesday.

The budget anticipates \$145.4 million in general fund revenue and \$147.3 million in general fund expenditures for the next fiscal year, with the district's primary source of revenue coming from the state's Local Control Funding Formula.

Ochoa indicated at the June 13 board meeting that the district would have to make \$3.2 million in cuts by 2020 in order to have a balanced budget, based on current projections.

She said Tuesday that administrators will come back and update the board on the budget as part of the 45-day revise. School districts are required to publicize any budget revisions based on the final state budget within 45 days of its adoption. Gov. Jerry Brown signed the budget Tuesday.

The LCAP, meanwhile sets out specific district goals for the next three years along with planned actions and affiliated costs. Major LCAP goals include improving student learning through innovative technologies and ensuring all students are college/career ready upon graduation.

• Trustees approved a 5% increase in their monthly stipend by a 4-1 vote, with the newest board member Steve Maher dissenting.

The previous board stipend of \$400 per month had been in effect since August 1996. The board's approval increased that by \$20 per month, or \$240 a year per member.

School board president Joan Laursen said Tuesday that the board's workload has increased since she joined in 2010, pointing out there are now two meetings each in June and August instead of one each of those months.

Trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke expressed support for the proposal, saying she has taken six vacation days from her job this school year to do school board work.

“This is what I signed up for, but the little bit of extra stipend just helps out to offset what I put in not just for my time, but resources as well,” she said.

In voting against the increase, Maher said he had “a hard time with voting myself a raise.”

“When I am going to vote on giving myself 5% and we have teachers who haven't had a 5% raise in I can't recall when, I'd do a disservice voting yes on this,” he said.

• The board also approved a

one-time pay raise for Ochoa.

The increase for the 2016-17 school year amounts to 0.85% of her current salary of \$211,613, or \$1,798.71. Employees district-wide received the same 0.85% increase earlier in the school year.

With the school board hiring David Haglund as the new superintendent earlier this month, Ochoa will return full-time to deputy superintendent of business services and annual salary will revert to \$201,613 come July 1.

In March, the board agreed to compensate her an extra \$10,000 for serving as PUSD's interim superintendent through June 30 in the wake of the board firing former superintendent Rick Rubino after six months at the helm.

Trustees spent a few minutes during Tuesday's meeting thanking Ochoa for taking on the role of interim superintendent in addition to her job as the district's deputy superintendent of business services.

“You've done just a remarkable job,” trustee Valerie Arkin said to Ochoa. “Your hard work and dedication to PUSD is very admirable and I'm very grateful for everything you've done for us.”

Later in the meeting, Ochoa expressed gratitude toward those she has worked with during her time as interim superintendent.

“To work with you and to serve this community has been my honor and my privilege,” she said. ■

# BART board OKs 'Safe Transit' policy, new fare increase

Directors also approve youth rider discount, surcharge for paper tickets

BART's Board of Directors at its meeting in Oakland last week passed a sanctuary resolution declaring the agency's commitment to being a secure and inclusive transit system for all passengers regardless of demographic or immigration status.

During public comment June 22, numerous speakers urged the board to support the Safe Transit resolution.

“The Bay Area's success relies on the contributions of hard-working immigrants and refugees,” said Linda Olvera with the California Sanctuary Campaign. “Many of these same people are now hiding and running scared.”

Jane Martin with Service Employees International Union-United Service Workers West said people shouldn't have to be afraid when trying to go to work or school or to pick up their children. “California has taken the lead

to being part of the resistance,” Martin said. “We're really excited that you're going to be a part of that resistance as well.”

Just two speakers criticized the resolution, arguing that there may not be a demonstrated need for such a policy and asking how often people are detained in immigration-related cases on BART.

Director Debora Allen asked BART police Chief Carlos Rojas when the last time a BART rider was asked for immigration papers, and Rojas said he was not aware of any incidents of that nature.

Rojas said an individual was arrested on an immigration warrant, but said that arrest occurred more than five years ago.

Just before noon, the board voted 8-1 with Allen casting the sole dissenting vote.

“We will now be spending our resources keeping BART riders safe, not deporting them,” said

director Nick Josefowitz, who sponsored the bill along with director Lateefah Simon.

“Under Safe Transit, BART will focus its resources on our top priorities — transporting our riders with affordability, accessibility, and accountability — not harmful, wasteful anti-immigrant policies,” Simon said. “I am proud that BART is the first transit system in the nation to pass a Safe Transit policy, and I hope other regions follow.”

In an unrelated matter, the board passed an inflation-based fare increase of 2.7% as well as a 50-cent surcharge on fares paid for with paper tickets. They also reduced the discount for youth riders ages 5 to 12 from 62.5% to 50%, and established a new 50% discount for youth ages 13 to 18.

Those changes go into effect in January 2018. ■

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narrate a section of the Bill of Rights, as well as Pat Bosma performing as Lady Liberty, who will lead a sing-along of the national anthem.

In accordance with the theme of America's evolution since the Revolution, two naturalized citizens — Christine Steiner from England and Noi Yamamoto from Thailand — will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also during the afternoon,

audience members will be welcomed to sing “Happy Birthday” together to the United States of America. And during all of this, attendees are encouraged to wear red, white and blue for the event. People should bring their own chairs or blankets. Shade will likely be provided by canopies and park trees.

For those seeking something to eat, the Pleasanton Lions Club will provide its popular hot dog lunch “A Dog & a Drink for 2 Dollars” as well as hand-held American flags, free

to the first 300 attendees. Children will also be given wooden tokens to trade for ice-cream cones at Meadowlark Dairy, adjacent to the park.

The annual Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards will be presented to Betty Nostrand and Rosemary Young during the celebration. Both are being honored for their involvement and leadership in various volunteer organizations and their service to their communities. The emcees will be Ken McDonald and Les Duman. ■

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### DA's Office promotes gun safety campaign

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office and the distraught father of a 15-year-old boy who was killed in a gun accident said last week that the beginning of summer is a good time to remind parents to talk to their children about gun safety.

DA's Office spokeswoman Teresa Drenick said, "Parents should ask a simple question and save lives by asking if there is a gun in the homes their children visit and if that gun is locked up."

She said, "We know that kids are out of school now and it's time to play and they go to their friends' homes."

Joining Drenick at a news conference at the DA's Office on June 21, Griffin Dix said he wishes he had asked such a question to his son, Kenzo, before Kenzo went to the Berkeley home of his best friend, 14-year-old Michael Soe, on May 29, 1994.

Dix said Soe retrieved his father's Beretta 92 Compact L semiautomatic pistol from a camera bag and replaced the loaded ammunition magazine with an empty one, thinking he had unloaded

### 'Cone with a Cop'

Pleasanton police Officer Steve Bennett hands out iced treats at the Meadowlark Dairy drive-thru last Friday during the department's "Cone with a Cop" event, which aimed to foster friendly interaction between Pleasanton's police officers and local residents.



ERIKA ALVERO

the weapon. But he said a bullet was still in the chamber when Soe pulled the trigger and aimed it at Kenzo, expecting to hear a click.

Dix said Kenzo, who was a freshman at Berkeley High School, died after a bullet was fired and went through his shoulder and into his heart.

Dix said he and his wife, Lynn Dix, "were devastated, shocked and dumbfounded" by their son's death.

Dix said, "I never considered if there was a gun in the home and didn't think to ask."

Drenick said the DA's Office is partnering with the Brady Center

to Prevent Gun Violence and the American Academy of Pediatrics in the ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Gun Safety Campaign.

Drenick said one out of three homes in the U.S. with children has a gun, nearly 1.7 million children live in a home with a loaded and unlocked gun and every day eight kids are shot in unintentional gun shootings which experts say could be prevented.

She said when children visit someone else's home, their parents shouldn't be embarrassed to ask the other children's parents if they have guns and if they are stored where children can get to them. Parents

should ask about the presence of guns because "kids are curious" and often find loaded guns that aren't safely secured and could cause deadly accidents, Drenick added.

### In other police news

A man was convicted Monday of one count of first-degree murder for a shooting in Livermore two years ago that left two men dead.

But after nearly four days of deliberations, jurors deadlocked on a second murder count against James Wear, 30, of Livermore for the shooting on Altamont Creek Drive near Winding Stream Drive at about 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2015, that prosecutors said resulted from an illegal gun sale.

Jurors convicted Wear of murder for the death of Livermore resident Ryan Rossknecht, 22, who was pronounced dead at the scene, but deadlocked 9-3 in favor of convicting him of murder for the death of Brandon Lowell, a 29-year-old Manteca resident who formerly lived in Livermore, who died at a hospital a short time after the shooting.

Jurors also deadlocked on a special circumstance alleging that Wear killed during a robbery.

Wear faces a state prison term of 50 years to life for his conviction for Rossknecht's death. ■

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### June 25

#### Assault/Battery

■ 8:25 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 9:40 p.m. on the 800 block of Sunny Brook Way

#### Theft

■ 10:54 a.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Drug violation

■ 2:55 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Fraud

■ 4:36 p.m. on the 5100 block of Independence Drive

### June 24

#### Assault/Battery

■ 4:21 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

■ 6:36 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Graffiti offense

■ 1:04 p.m. at Foothill and Dublin Canyon roads

#### Theft

■ 7:52 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; shoplifting

### June 23

#### Assault/Battery

■ 12:26 a.m. on the 600 block of Main Street

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## LETTERS

### Sycamore Road is already dangerous; build the bypass

Dear Editor,

I live on Sycamore Road; it is extremely unsafe to walk down the road under current traffic usage impacted by new housing and the Cal-lippe golf course.

My neighbor is the original owner of "chicken alley," and she says she cannot let her mentally challenged son walk on the road anymore.

Watching the speed monitor, the average car is traveling 35 mph up to 50 mph. Residents cannot walk safely. Add delivery trucks, mail men, garbage trucks, construction vehicles to our daily walk — most are speeding — and we walk with our lives in our hand. Cars speeding, no side-walks and little police patrol equal a tremendous hazard.

We, the neighbors who live on the road, are burdened. We invite Tim Hunt and any Spotorno family member to walk with us down our road, five days consistently. You will realize the traffic challenges we face daily.

If more homes are allowed to be built, this adds another two cars per family on average (usually more). We cannot absorb that safely. What is the city thinking? Build the bypass!

We are producing a video depicting the danger to walk down our road due to the speeding traffic; it will provide the reality of the liability the city may face by negating our community pleas and the safety of pedestrians who walk on this road.

With little police patrol, more housing and traffic, it is time our community states this is enough: Build the bypass. Our children, seniors, animals — anyone who walks on this road — is at risk.

—Robin Boggs

—Residential Committee of Sycamore, Alisal and Happy Valley Road

### City committees need more balance

Dear Editor,

By now, you have probably read the Guest Opinion by Matt Sullivan (June 9, 2017). Matt has a reputation as an honest straight-shooter, elected and re-elected to the City Council.

He makes good points about the process of dealing with the Costco developers and the lack of transparency where Pleasanton citizens should be able to review the process and make sure they are being fairly represented.

1. Why have secret negotiations? Why does Pleasanton need to subsidize an \$80 billion company?

2. A break-even period of 20 years for subsidies sounds like some bad negotiations by Pleasanton representatives.

3. The one-sided favorable coverage by our local conservative newspapers of the Costco development means we

need honest transparent info, which now seems to be only coming from Matt Sullivan.

4. It is time to make the city government more open and balanced. There are no Democrats on the current council and city committees appear to be dominated by persons advocating for excessive growth without adequate concern about protecting the small-town character of Pleasanton and preservation of our historic downtown.

During the last election campaign, I talked to many residents who said they had applied to be on city committees or wanted to apply but were turned down or discouraged from applying because they were not tied to the Chamber of Commerce.

Previous mayors had more balance on city committees and task forces. Pleasanton could benefit from some slow-growth, progressive representation with fresh ideas and concerns about the environment, excessive growth, overcrowded schools, traffic problems, etc.

—George Reid

### Remembering Cabo

Dear Editor,

This is a story about Cabo and Hunter (also a yellow lab), and the day Cabo met Hunter's owner Chris about 20 minutes after Hunter was put to sleep just after Easter Sunday 2014.

Hunter loved to be around family and friends. He lived in San Jose, but for two weeks he was with us in Fairlands. He could no longer walk nor eat very much. My son Paul carried him to the front lawn, and lots of folks and children came by wanting to pet Hunter. So, one by one they came to him and he was happy to see them.

After Hunter was put to sleep, Paul decided to take Chris to a pub in Pleasanton. They were sitting side by side, their chairs apart, when Cabo came between them. Cabo of course had never met Chris.

When Cabo laid his head on Chris' lap, Chris thought it was Hunter come back to life. The question is: How did Cabo know Chris needed comforting?! RIP, Cabo.

—Rosa Watson

### Downtown parklet is a bad idea

Dear Editor,

Am I off-track by thinking that maybe it's not safe to put a seating area near a street? I'm usually supportive of ideas to bring the community together and adding amenities to parks, etc., but I think this idea is a little weird.

I don't even sit outside at Cafe Main as I've seen way too many misses with distracted drivers, rolling stops and show-offs. I hope I'm wrong, but I wouldn't let my little girl near a parklet.

—Brian Dunkel (via Town Square)

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## 'Hamlet' 'to be' in Pleasanton

Join the celebration! 35 years  
of Free Shakespeare in the Park

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Something may be rotten in Denmark but all is well in Pleasanton as San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's "Hamlet" opens its three-week run Sunday at Amador Valley Community Park. This is the 35th year for the annual Free Shakespeare in the Park productions.

"It will be a celebration of our 35th anniversary and also a celebration of our partnership with Pleasanton," said director Stephen Muterspaugh, who has acted and directed with the troupe for many years, including playing the king in last year's "The Winter's Tale."

"As an actor, Pleasanton audiences are so special for us as they are the first to see our show, which will then run for 12 weeks throughout the Bay Area," Muterspaugh said. "The audience is the last piece of our puzzle to add to the show."

Other performances are given in Cupertino, Redwood City and San Francisco.

"Every venue changes slightly so we go back into rehearsal for a day and reconfigure for that space. Every three weeks we kind of reinvent the show although the bulk of it is locked down," he said.

**'One foot in the world  
Shakespeare was writing  
for and one foot  
in today's world.'**

**Stephen Muterspaugh,  
Director**

"Hamlet" tells the tragic story of the Prince of Denmark after his murdered father's ghost appears to ask revenge against his brother, Claudius, who has murdered him and married his wife, Gertrude. Nonetheless the tragedy is appropriate for a celebration, according to Muterspaugh.

"It does have some darker themes to it, but Hamlet is a surprisingly charming character, disarmingly so," he explained.

"Hamlet" is considered the most modern of Shakespeare's plays, mostly because of the psychology of the character," he added. "For me, it was about accessibility and resonance."

The unedited text of "Hamlet" is four hours long, Muterspaugh said, and it was his job as director to cut it in half.

"I do the initial broad cut, then in rehearsal we have a conversation with the actors — they get lines to come back in, and we lose others," Muterspaugh said. "That's the first decision you make when you sit down with a Shakespeare play — it is rare to have them completely uncut."

"Hamlet" was especially tricky to shorten because it has so many famous lines:

"Something is rotten in Denmark."

"To be or not to be, that is the question."

"This above all: to thine own self be true."

"There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."

"Get thee to a nunnery." ("Nunnery" was Elizabethan slang for brothel.)

As they read through the play, the actors protested when favorite quotes were left out, Muterspaugh noted with a laugh.

"We are trying to keep in the biggies," he said.

The cast includes Nathaniel Andalis in the title role; Rolf Saxon as Claudius; Leontyne Mbele-Mbong as Gertrude; Sharon Huff as Polonius; Julian Lopez-Morillas as The Ghost/Player King/First Gravedigger; Kieran Beccia as Ophelia; Sydney Schwindt as Laertes; Maryssa Wanlass as Horatio; Tristan Cunningham as Rosencrantz/Marcellus/Osric; and Radhika Rao as Guildenstern/Barnardo/Second Gravedigger.

William Shakespeare expected a lot of give and take between his actors and their audience, and the production will include this feature.

"The actors are going to be talking to the audience, trying to get you on their side," Muterspaugh said. "Hamlet has seven soliloquies where he talks straight to the audience, to bare his soul. The audience is the only one that gets the full scope of what he is dealing with."

"What's interesting is that because of the direct audience interaction, there is always a difference from night to night," he continued. "A dog might be barking one night. Several times last year I would ask a question to the audience and sometimes they would answer. Then you find yourself in a dialogue."

"It is an incredible discovery as an actor. Everything completely shifts. It unlocks the language in a whole different way — you have to have the language so rooted in your body."

Although the characters will wear modern clothes, "Hamlet" has a play within the play in which actors will dress in accordance with productions in the 16th-17th centuries.

"Since we are celebrating our 35th season of Free Shakespeare in the Park, it would be foolish if we didn't have a ruffled collar in there and show our roots," Muterspaugh said. "The traveling troupe of players will be very familiar."

In this production, the company is also harkening back to its Bay Area origins from 35 years ago.

"Free Shakespeare started on a picnic table in Golden Gate Park," Muterspaugh said. "We will have the stage as we normally have, but we will also have a platform in the middle of the audience. Sometimes characters will show up on the platform — a nod to the roots of where we began."

This also helps Hamlet interact directly with



MIOREL PALII

Nathaniel Andalis in the title role of the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's 35th anniversary Free Shakespeare in the Park production of "Hamlet."

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Ryan Tasker and Jennifer Le Blanc appear in "Cyrano de Bergerac," directed by Lisa A. Tromovitch with costumes by Barbara Murray.

## Classics at Wente

Festival offering 'Midsummer Night,' 'Cyrano'

Livermore Shakespeare Festival is presenting two plays during its 2017 summer season: Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on some evenings now through July 16; and Edmond Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac," adapted and directed by Lisa A. Tromovitch, from July 13-30. Performances are produced by Livermore Shakespeare Festival and held at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room.

At the helm of "A Midsummer

Night's Dream" is veteran film, television and stage actor and director Gary Armagnac. He will direct a cast including Bay Area talents David Everett Moore and Maryann Rodgers as Oberon and Titania along with Lily Narbonne as Helena. Russ Marcel, a Livermore resident and longtime English and theater arts teacher at Belarmine College Preparatory, will take on the role of Nick Bottom.

Producing artistic director Lisa A. Tromovitch will direct her own

adaptation of Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac," the classic comic and romantic tale of the title character, a gifted poet, who romances his love by proxy due to fear of rejection because of his unusually large nose.

Inhabiting that famous nose will be Ryan Tasker, and his love interest, Roxane, will be played by Livermore Shakes regular Jennifer Le Blanc. Tasker, Le Blanc and David Everett Moore are all members of Actor's Equity Association, the union representing professional actors and stage managers.

"Arts jobs are jobs and we are proud to be creating jobs, employing artists and contributing to the Bay Area's artistic ecosystem," Tromovitch said.

Tickets are \$25-\$50; youths 18 and under are \$18. The shows begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information on dates and to purchase tickets, visit Livermore-Shakes.org or call 443-BARD (443-2273).

A benefit gala, auction and performance of "Midsummer" will be held at 5 p.m. next Saturday (July 8) with the performance beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$150.

A family night performance of "Cyrano" will be held the evening of July 13 with youth tickets for \$5. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## Opera in the Vineyard

Enjoy music, a picnic dinner and wine among the vines

By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Opera fans have one more chance to enjoy Opera in the Vineyard this summer, a relaxed evening of music and wine to benefit Livermore Valley Opera's 25th anniversary season. The event has been an annual sellout so this year another event was added, which will be from 5-8 p.m. July 16 at Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore.

The evenings offer a chance for the community to enjoy arias from classic operas performed by professional singers in an informal setting, while enjoying a "bring-your-own-picnic dinner" that can be enhanced by wine purchased from the hosting vineyard.

"Opera in the Vineyard has become a popular LVO summer event that has created a wonderful community of music lovers," said Raquel Holt, event co-chairwoman and Livermore Valley Opera founder and board member.

Livermore Valley Opera stars performing will be tenor Christopher Bengochea ("Lucia di Lammermoor," 2015), baritone Bernardo Bermudez ("Marriage of Figaro," 2017), soprano Shawnette

Sulker ("The Magic Flute," 2007) and mezzo soprano Nikola Printz, accompanied by pianist Chun Mei Wilson.

"It is always wonderful to see our supporters enjoy themselves in an informal, casual event as they listen to beautiful arias being performed by LVO's talented principal singers," Holt said. "From their picnic baskets, our guests take out a spread of delectable culinary delights to share, and to hear the clinking of wine glasses as they happily make a toast to each other is a delight to see."

The fundraiser will again offer the popular "Arias a la carte" when guests can purchase songs from a "menu of delectable arias" for the singers to perform at the purchaser's table or seating area.

Tickets for Opera in the Vineyard are \$45 each in advance, \$50 each at the door. They can be purchased at www.livermorevalleyopera.com.

All ticket levels will have table seating. Tables of eight are available for purchase in advance for \$340. No outside wines will be permitted and guests are encouraged to carpool. ■

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the audience, he said.

"Our philosophy is to have one foot in the world Shakespeare was writing for

and one foot in today's world," Muterspaugh said. "We are always respectful of the source of the text but we also want to resonate with today's audience. We don't want it to be a museum piece. Want it to be living, breathing." ■

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Chris Griffin (right), who has done a little bit of everything in the sports announcing world, has found a home in the booth at the racetrack, including at the fairgrounds here in Pleasanton. He is on the call again this year for Oak Tree at Pleasanton horse racing, a popular draw to the Alameda County Fair each summer.



PHOTO BY DANIEL KIM

**T**hat Chris Griffin is the track announcer for the two Oak Tree at Pleasanton horse racing meets is not a surprise.

Griffin, now 36, has rapidly ascended the ranks of track announcers in the United States, calling most of the California State Fair meets, and the meet at Gulfstream West (formerly Calder) in Florida last year. But the journey that Griffin took to reach his current level is not your traditional route, even though he was exposed to the sport early in life.

“Like most kids that got into horse racing, my dad took me to the track,” Griffin said during a recent interview ahead of horse racing at the Alameda County Fair. “I have a lot of stories from Hollywood Park and Santa Anita.”

Despite becoming a fan of the sport, Griffin had to bide his time as he turned into his 20s, working where he could. It started with a job with the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) that turned into his first announcing gig.

“I was traveling with the national NHRA Tour, covering 30 cities over 30 weekends,” Griffin said. “It really introduced me to the touring

life during the four years I did it.” A unique career opportunity followed next.

“I answered an ad for the (Harlem) Globetrotters,” he said. “I had the travel experience and that made it easier. When you are doing something for four months on the road, that becomes more than just a job announcing.”

Griffin went from the “Sunday, Sunday, Sunday,” world of drag racing to announcing for the Clown Princes of Basketball. The job turned into much more than just entertaining the crowds at Globetrotters games.

“I got to see the world and that was pretty cool,” said Griffin. “I have been in 49 states, Europe, Japan and other countries.”

It was during his time with the Globetrotters that Griffin met Kelly, his eventual wife. The Globetrotters were in Illinois when a major storm struck, stranding the team in Peoria.

“It was that polar vortex of a storm that brought feet of snow,” said Griffin, who recently celebrated the couple’s first anniversary. “There were only two places open and she was working at one. I joked that she couldn’t get away from me.”

# ‘And they’re OFF!’

*Fair track announcer Chris Griffin is rising star in horse racing*

BY DENNIS MILLER

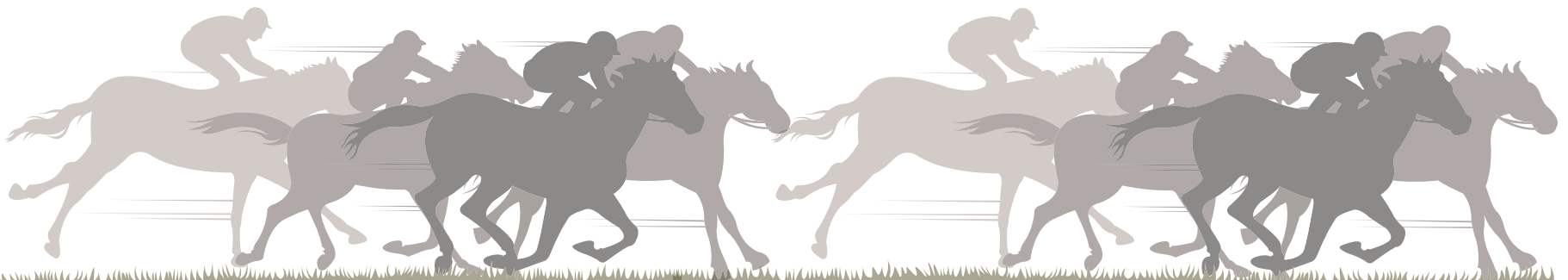




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His time with the Globetrotters also provided the break he needed to get into horse racing, and it came from Frank Mirahmadi, the popular former Pleasanton race caller.

"I had been acquaintances with Frank and he told me he would love to get me into horse racing," Griffin said. "He got me in as guest handicapper at some seminars in Northern California, so I would make the drive up for those."

That caught Mirahmadi's eye. "He drove up from Southern California just to do that seminar in Santa Rosa," Mirahmadi said of Griffin. "At that point, I knew he was willing to make the sacrifice to be successful."

The friendship allowed their paths to cross in Arkansas when Mirahmadi was calling the races at Oak Lawn Park.

"The Globetrotters were playing in Little Rock when Frank was calling the races at Oak Lawn so he was able to come out to a game," Griffin said. "He got to see me announce and he said it blew him away."

"I could just tell he had talent," Mirahmadi said. "I knew he could do it."

Later in the year, Mirahmadi was calling the races at Los Alamitos and Griffin went and visited with him.

"I went and asked about what

else I could do," Griffin said. "Frank had been calling Ferndale (Humboldt County Fair) and knew that he wasn't going to be able to do it that year."

Mirahmadi went to bat for Griffin with Larry Swartzlander of the California Authority of Racing Fairs, as well as Richard Conway, the head of the Humboldt County Fair, about bringing on Griffin despite the fact he had never called a horse race.

"I told them he could do it," Mirahmadi said of Griffin calling the Ferndale meet. "It was just one of those things. He was meant to do this."

"Frank stuck his neck out for me and they took a chance," Griffin said. "Ferndale was the place that gave me a break. I basically had a two-week tryout. The first race I called was a 220-yard mule race."

Griffin admittedly went through some growing pains, but he continued to improve and landed the job at Portland Meadows. It was there that Jeanne Wasserman — the director of racing for the Alameda County Fair — met Griffin, liked what she heard and brought Griffin to Pleasanton.

The summer of 2016 was his first time in Pleasanton and he returned for the Oak Tree at Pleasanton fall meet. Now as the 2017 summer meet approaches, Griffin is ready to get the community into horse racing. "The Globetrotters and drag

Griffin uses binoculars to keep a close eye on the horses as they work their way around the Pleasanton track. The view for Griffin, and the racing crowd, is of course much closer when the horses leave the starting gates (shown) and later approach the finish line.

racing are such high-energy events," Griffin said. "So is horse racing. When the fans get excited, you get excited. I want to promote the sport and get people excited."

Which falls right in line with his feelings about Pleasanton.

"Is there a better place on Earth?" Griffin asked about Pleasanton. "You have the downtown area, the hiking areas, the atmosphere at the track — it's first class everywhere."

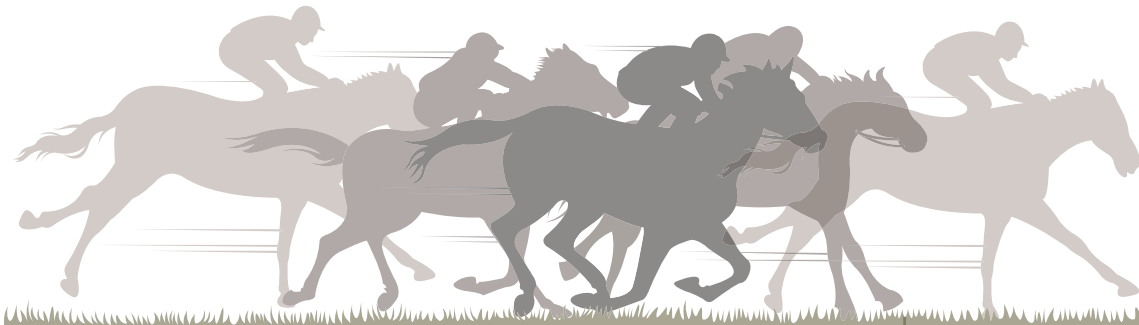
A lone question remains — how long will Pleasanton be lucky to have a talent such as Griffin? Mirahmadi calls the races at Monmouth Park during the summer and Dave Rodman, another former Pleasanton caller, is the man in Maryland, calling Laurel and Pimlico.

Ask Mirahmadi and it's not if, but when, Griffin ascends to the major tracks.

"He will be one of the top race callers in the country — he already is," Mirahmadi said. "I am so happy and proud of him. He really is one of the nicest people I have ever known. He is the real deal." ■

**Horse racing at the fair**

Hear Chris Griffin on the call at Oak Tree at Pleasanton horse racing at the Alameda County Fair the next two weekends. Racing will take place today through July 4 and again July 7-9, with post time at 1:45 p.m. each day except the Fridays when the first race will be at 2:15 p.m.



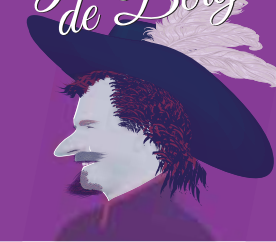
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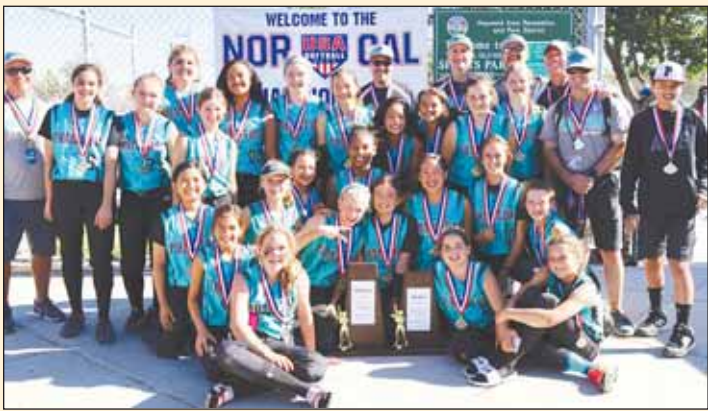
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## All-Pleasanton final

Both Pleasanton Girls Softball League Phantom 12U "C" teams advanced to the title game at the NorCal Association Championship fast pitch softball tournament in Hayward last weekend. Delineated by their coach's name, the Phantom-Hinkle squad took home the championship by defeating the Phantom-Haubner team 18-6 in the finale on Sunday. With their top-two finishes, both Pleasanton teams qualified for the state regionals in San Diego next month.

## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Amador Valley lacrosse star is a true role model

Colorado-bound Grozier racks up awards for work on and off the field

Lacrosse, while a growing sport, still takes a backseat to many of the "major" sports.

In the talent-laden Tri-Valley, many lacrosse players go about their business without the fanfare football, basketball or baseball players get. One example was former Foothill goalie Ben Krebs, who went on to play and start some games for Duke, one of the top programs in the country. But outside of people in the sport, few knew of his lacrosse skill.

This past year, there was another that fits this category: Sadie Grozier of Amador Valley.

Grozier, who recently graduated from Amador, is one of the more accomplished athletes — lacrosse or any other sport — to come out of Pleasanton.

"Sadie is a creative player that dominates every single game she plays in, even though she is heavily face-guarded in most games," said Amador coach Chelsea Randel, who played her high school lacrosse at Foothill before playing for Oregon. "Sadie is one of the most positive players I have ever

coached. Sadie has been on varsity at Amador for all four years."

Grozier, who will take her talents to the University of Colorado next season, racked up awards and stats over her career as a Don that would make just about any athlete jealous.

In her final year, she was the Most Valuable Player in the East Bay Athletic League, after finishing her junior year as the first-team utility player. She was named All-American in her junior and senior seasons.

In addition, she was also named Academic All-American her final two years.

Other honors have poured in as well. Grozier was awarded the U.S. Lacrosse Jackie Pitts Award that goes to the top player in Northern California, an award which considers lacrosse play, academics and community involvement.

Grozier was also awarded the North Coast Section Scholar Player of the Year by Cal-Hi Sports Bay Area, as well as being named the Amador Valley Athlete of the Year. She topped off her high school career by being named an NCS-CIF Scholar Athlete all four of her high school years.

"Sadie has been a fearless competitor, a humble leader and someone that has always shown great sportsmanship," Randel said.

In a time where so many athletes

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Recent Amador grad Sadie Grozier is set to play at Colorado next season.

at the high school level are pampered prima donnas who think they walk on water, often anointed by their parents, it's refreshing to see an athlete stand up and be, by all accounts, a great person.

To be brutally honest, society has created a lot of monsters, ones who are continually unaccountable and give little or no respect to authority figures. Congratulations to Grozier — as well as her family — and here's hoping she remains a role model for the youth she encounters.

"She is one of the rare ones that not only is the best player in the area, but is a real good person as well," Randel said. "She's a role model for others." ■

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## Chamber holding annual golf tourney

Callippe Preserve hosting Golf Outing on Aug. 4

Registration is underway for players and sponsors to participate in the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's annual Golf Outing fundraising tournament on Aug. 4 at Callippe Preserve Golf Course.

The fun-filled afternoon features golf, great food and drink, fantastic prizes and key business networking opportunities, chamber officials said.

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Last year's event drew more than 120 golfers. Sign-ups are underway now.

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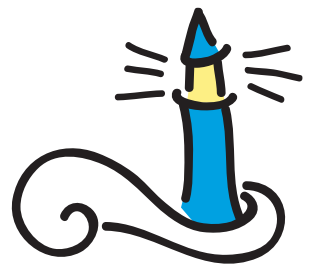
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This position reports to the publisher and is non-benefit and approximately 20-25 hours per week at our Pleasanton office. We will work with the employee around his / her schedule and our required core work times.

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- Provide support to editorial and sales staff while ensuring superior customer service for internal and external customers.
- Greet visitors at our office and handle calls
- Handle general office administration tasks including filing, processing invoices, ordering supplies, etc.
- Assist the editorial staff with listings and proofreading
- Assist the sales staff with scheduling ads and communicating with clients
- Work with publisher to coordinate events and special projects

#### Required Skills & Qualifications

- Previous office experience in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment
- Diplomatic skills in communication with internal and external customers
- Strong work ethic and ability to work as part of a team
- A high degree of organization and attention to detail
- Computer skills, including working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Willingness and ability to make decisions and take initiative

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- Experience in journalism or marketing
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Send resume and cover letter to Gina Channell, [gchannell@pleasanton-weekly.com](mailto:gchannell@pleasanton-weekly.com). EOE. No calls please.

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### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

RELIFE ACUPUNCTURE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 531715  
The following person(s) doing business as: RELIFE ACUPUNCTURE, 39803 PASEO

## PET OF THE WEEK

### Easy Ryder

Ryder is a young Siamese/black tabby mix with loads of enthusiasm, energy and love. He likes to be as close to his people as possible. Ryder has always been an indoor-only cat, and he's lived with small children and other cats. He's a pretty flexible guy, so he'd probably do fine with friendly dogs. Ryder is available for adoption through Allie's Pals Cat Rescue. Contact Terri at [terriduncan@yahoo.com](mailto:terriduncan@yahoo.com) or 487-7279.



ALLIE'S PALS

PADRE PARKWAY, SUITE D, Fremont, CA 94538; 1807 SANTA RITA ROAD H-269, PLEASANTON 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Relife Health Group and Acupuncture, Inc., 39803 Paseo Padre Parkway, Suite D, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 05/01/2017. Signature of Registrant: Tsung-Mei Tsai, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/02/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 9, 16, 23, 30; 2017)

BELLA LUNA STUDIOS PHOTOGRAPHY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 530587

The following person(s) doing business as: BELLA LUNA STUDIOS PHOTOGRAPHY, 3533 HELEN DR., PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christina Gray, 3533 Helen Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 11/01/2004. Signature of Registrant: Christina Gray, Owner and Photographer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/02/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 9, 16, 23, 30; 2017)

SIDE TRACK  
SIDE TRACK, AN AMERICAN BAR & GRILL  
SIDE TRACK RESTAURANT  
SIDE TRACK BAR & GRILL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 532473-532476

The following person(s) doing business as: 1.) Side Track, 2.) Side Track, An American Bar & Grill, 3.) Side Track Restaurant, 4.) Side Track Bar & Grill, located at 30 W. Angela Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County; Mailing Address: 2127 Corte Ricardo, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): SIDE TRACK VENTURES, LLC 2127 Corte Ricardo Pleasanton, CA 94566. California

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 06/12/17. Signature of Registrant: Todd Utikal, Manager.

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TOP PERFORMANCE BASKETBALL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 531672

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SAMANTHA GRANT PHOTOGRAPHY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 532318

The following person(s) doing business as: SAMANTHA GRANT PHOTOGRAPHY, 2468 CRESTLINE ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Samantha Grant Riegels, 2468 Crestline Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/01/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/20/2017. Signature of Registrant: Samantha Riegels, Owner. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 30, July 7, 14, 21; 2017)

# Real Estate

## PLEASANTON WEEKLY OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Dublin

#### 2 BEDROOMS

**7521 Oxford Circle \$629,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Valerie Trenter 650-324-4456

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**4751 S. Spago Drive \$1,650,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Lisa Sterling-Sanchez 980-9265

### Emeryville

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**4 Captain Drive, Unit E211 \$419,000**  
Sat/Sun 2-4 Izabella Lipetski 510-506-2072

### Pleasanton

#### 2 BEDROOMS

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

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**5307 Brookside Court Call for price**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Piper 200-0202

**4873 Swinford Court \$689,000**  
Sat 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**1070 Germano Way \$2,475,000**  
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Propert 980-0273/519-8226

**5160 Independence Drive 1,599,000**

Sat/Sun 1-4 Claudia Colwell 323-5031

**307 Mavis Drive \$1,049,900**

Sat/Sun 1-4 Stephany Jenkins 989-3318

**1034 Via Di Salerno \$2,168,888**

Sat 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

#### 5 BEDROOMS

**2306 Gloria Court \$2,100,000**

Sat/Sun 1-4 Linda Traurig 382-9746

**1980 Palmer Drive \$1,569,500**

Sat 1-4/Sun 12-3 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

**5628 Sunset Court \$2,395,000**

Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

#### 6 BEDROOMS

**4129 Grant Court \$2,299,888**

Sun 1-4 Bim Sabhlok 408-807-6492

**1322 Montrose Court \$2,150,000**

Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

### San Ramon

#### 4 BEDROOMS

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Sun 2-4 Joyce Jones 998-3398

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### BONDE RANCH



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