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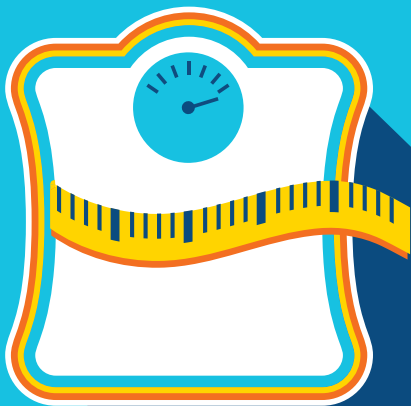
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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## Building another elementary school puts district at financial risk

Hurray for Pleasanton school trustee Mark Miller, who asked his colleagues to investigate the costs associated with building another elementary school.

The Pleasanton Unified School District owns a site near Ruby Hill that is notable only for how inaccessible it is to most residents and their children.

The issue came up when the board was discussing the staff's recommendation for issuing the first round of bonds that voters approved last year. Miller became concerned when interim superintendent Micaela Ochoa reported that the district likely would have to slice \$3.2 million from its budget by 2020 to balance it.

That's despite revenues that have grown consistently under Gov. Jerry Brown who has favored K-12 schools and community colleges as state revenues have grown. State spending on K-14 has skyrocketed from \$47.3 billion in 2011-12 to \$74.6 billion when the new budget takes effect July 1. That's a 58% increase over six years.

In each of his last three budget messages, the governor has cautioned that a downturn is coming because the economy has been growing since 2009 and that's an average of three years longer than the normal recovery — of course, in many areas it has been the weakest recovery on record.

For Pleasanton, Ochoa said that increasing pension costs would be a major financial concern. Unlike Pleasanton municipal employees, who negotiated contracts with the city that included both the employee's and employer's pension contribution (since changed), school district employees have consistently contributed around 8% of their gross pay to pensions.

The problem is that earnings estimates have consistently been quite aggressive when they should have been the opposite. The teachers' retirement system, facing a \$74 billion funding gap, started raising rates in 2014. Employer contributions are increasing from 8.25% to 10.85%, while employee contributions have climbed 2.25% over three years. The state's contribution also has increased to 8.828%.

Contributions to the state system serving classified employees also are going up a lot.

Ochoa shared a slide with trustees

that showed rates going up 154% for the teachers over seven years and 127% for classified employees. That takes the district's share from \$7.8 million in 2013-14 to an estimated \$19.1 million in 2019-20.

The contribution increases are necessary to backfill the shortfall in the system, but it will be a painful budget hit for districts across the state.

Miller and trustee Valerie Arkin are right about spending some money now to dig into the elementary school and determine whether it is needed (an open question), and more importantly, can the district afford to operate it if it is built.

Patrick Gannon, the district public information officer, did some research at my request. The district estimated the cost of operating an elementary school with a principal, support staff and utilities would be \$838,138 this year. That's about one-quarter of the cuts necessary in two years.

Another elementary school may be nice, but it is far from necessary. The board must exercise fiscal restraint because facilities do not educate students — they are a tool.

One longtime Pleasanton resident put the current state of the school district in perspective when he said, "The Pleasanton school district is a good district to be from."

Once upon a time, it was a great place to be.

That's the task facing the new school chief David Haglund, who took the reins this week.

He's approaching the new job with a great attitude — labeling himself the "chief servant." His priority is to do a lot of listening — a wise approach. He will be the fifth superintendent in the last three years that included interim stints by finance chief Ochoa and retired principal Jim Hansen.

What's needed is a steady hand who can rebuild the culture so it's a district where teachers and administrators alike want to be. The district has churned far too many principals in the last few years, many leaving for lateral positions.

Haglund will make \$265,000 plus a \$3,000 stipend for advanced degrees. He will earn plenty of time off — 27 days of vacation plus holidays so that's seven weeks off plus 18 days of sick leave. ■

### About the Cover

The Alameda County Fair is finishing up its 2017 run at the Pleasanton fairgrounds this weekend. Catch a glimpse at some of our favorite moments from this year's fair, inside on Page 12-13. Photo by Daniel Kim. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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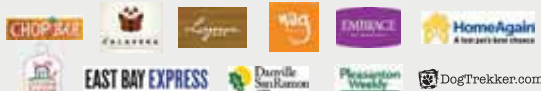
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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## Have you ever entered and won a contest?



**Mike Maciag**  
*Software executive*

I'm not much of a contest enterer, but I would love to win a multimillion-dollar lottery with a ticket that was given to me as a gift.



**Isabella Guajardo**  
*Professional organizer*

Yes. As a kid, my grandmother helped me enter a contest involving cereal box tops. I collected so many of them, mailed them off and ended up winning a bunch of magazines that had tons of word games and puzzles in them. I didn't even care that much what it was that I won. I was just so happy to have won something.



**Laura Driver**  
*Dialysis nurse*

I don't usually enter contests because the chance of winning is so slim. But I did once call into a radio station and won a record album. It was a really big deal. In my mind's eye, I can still see it spinning around on my record player.



**Paul Johnson**  
*U.S. Marine*

I rarely enter contests because I don't believe in luck. But I did once receive a raffle ticket at a wedding, and I ended up winning a brand new stereo system. I think that qualifies as a contest. And it felt great to win it.



**Roslyn Johnson**  
*Naval officer*

I never enter contests because I'm very unlucky. I also feel that it's far more meaningful to win something that requires effort, skill and competence. A win on the merits is far more satisfying than winning a contest based on the luck of the draw.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Hazard mitigation

Pleasanton along with Dublin, Livermore and other local agencies are seeking public feedback as part of creating a Tri-Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan to better coordinate and streamline emergency preparedness efforts.

"We are asking everyone who lives in the Tri-Valley to help us be able to respond more effectively in an emergency," Pleasanton city planning manager Adam Weinstein said.

The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 emphasizes the importance of planning for disasters before they occur, and as a result, Tri-Valley agencies are working on the new coordinated mitigation plan to help reduce risks associated with natural disasters, officials said.

An online survey has been released to help local officials gather community input for their plan. It can be accessed at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Tri-ValleyHMP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Tri-ValleyHMP).

### Venue change

The Museum on Main has announced a venue change for next week's "An Evening with George Washington" installment of its Ed Kinney Speaker Series because of a high demand for tickets.

Set for Tuesday at 7 p.m., the performance will now be held at the Amador Theater on the Amador Valley High School campus, 1155 Santa Rita Road. The Aug. 8 and Sept. 19 shows will also be held at the historic theater.

Tickets remain available for Tuesday's "An Evening with George Washington," which will feature scholar Peter Small bringing to life the first U.S. president while trying to separate the man from the legend.

For ticket details and other information, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call 462-2766.

### Religion Chat

The Tri-Valley's Interfaith Interconnect group is presenting its next Religion Chat on Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St. in Livermore.

The discussion will focus on "what does your faith teach about the acceptance of other religions, and has it changed over time?" The open dialogue will feature Rev. Steve Wilde of the First Presbyterian Church to give the Presbyterian perspective and Karen Miller, pastoral associate at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, to speak about the Catholic point-of-view.

The monthly forums are part of the 19-member interfaith group's efforts to enrich, educate and inform the community about the diversity of faiths and cultures in the Tri-Valley. ■

# Zone 7, city face legal challenge over Verona Reach creek erosion

## Water agency initiates eminent domain while being named in other homeowners' claim

By JULIA REIS

The Tri-Valley may be in the midst of dry summer months, but issues resulting from the record rainy season still linger.

Zone 7 Water Agency has launched an eminent domain case against the property owners of 3 Verona Way, a vacant 5.9-acre parcel within Pleasanton's Verona Reach — the neighborhood between the Castlewood Drive and Verona Road bridges. The area, punctuated by the Arroyo De la Laguna, was among many sites within Zone 7's service area to see

significant erosion this past winter.

Meanwhile, Zone 7, the city of Pleasanton and Alameda County have also been named in a separate claim filed by Eddie and Ginger Belshe, a husband and wife who own a home within the Verona Reach.

The claim, which was filed at the end of May, seeks unspecified damages for loss of property, home value and access; incidental expenses and emotional distress resulting from significant erosion that impacted the Belshe's property in the 7800 block of Foothill Road earlier this year.

"This is something they saw

coming — it was preventable," Eddie Belshe said in a recent interview. "I asked for help. I reached out and got no response each time ... when you don't get a response, (filing a claim) is the last resort but it's the necessary one."

This all comes nearly four months after Zone 7's Board of Directors authorized spending \$1.7 million for emergency repairs to an eroding slope fronting the properties owned by the Belshe's and Dave and Lori Raun next door.

They were among several families in the Verona Reach neighborhood

who appealed to Zone 7 to step in and address the creekside erosion threatening properties.

A gradual change in the configuration of the Arroyo de la Laguna — which the homeowners contend is a result of development upstream — has created an s-turn that has propelled water toward the Belshe and Raun properties instead of going past them. That combined with heavy rains throughout the winter caused significant chunks of their yards to fall away, leaving

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## Nonprofit of the Year

### Sunflower Hill honored by Assemblywoman Baker

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley nonprofit Sunflower Hill has been recognized at the state level for its efforts to provide vocational, educational and residential opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities in the region.

Local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) singled out Sunflower Hill as her district's 2017 Nonprofit of the Year. The organization was honored at ceremonies at the State Capitol and in Livermore last week.

"Sunflower Hill is a fitting, deserving recipient of our Nonprofit of the Year Award," Baker said in a statement. "This local organization creates an environment of hope, greater independence and community connection for special needs adults. Our community is better and enriched by Sunflower Hill."

"We are honored and so very grateful for this award," said Susan Houghton, president of Sunflower Hill's Board of Directors.

"Creating long-term, sustainable communities and ways for individuals with developmental delays to create meaningful lives is paramount," Houghton added. "Our sincere thanks to Assemblywoman Baker for her tremendous support."

Formed almost five years ago, Sunflower Hill has created a sustainable garden in Livermore harvested by adults with developmental disabilities and local volunteers. The nonprofit is also working to move forward with new residential communities in Pleasanton and Livermore for people with special needs.

Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch produced more than



COURTESY OF SUNFLOWER HILL

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker joins Sunflower Hill representatives and local elected officials last week at Sunflower Hill Gardens in Livermore after the organization was chosen as Baker's Nonprofit of the Year.

9,600 pounds of food last year, and more than 70% of the one-acre garden's yield is donated to local food shelters like Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Haven.

The nonprofit is looking to create more vocational opportunities in horticulture for people with special needs and is working with Las Positas College on a non-credit certificate program.

With another key focus on housing options for people with special needs, Sunflower Hill is planning a residential community for 30 adults on the edge of downtown Pleasanton, with land set aside for the nonprofit to develop near a new 87-house project where Stanley Boulevard turns into First Street. That's in addition to moving forward with a housing complex to serve 44 adults with developmental disabilities on First Street in Livermore.

Because of these efforts and others, Baker said she chose Sunflower Hill as her Nonprofit of the Year, with representatives recognized in

Sacramento on California Nonprofits Day on June 28 as well as at a local ceremony the next day at Sunflower Hill Gardens.

Houghton credited the support Sunflower Hill and other local nonprofits have received from the assemblywoman since her election 2-1/2 years ago.

"From her first month in office, Assemblywoman Baker made it clear that nonprofit organizations in her district were important constituents. She wanted to know our issues and how she could help," Houghton said. "Her new appointment on the Assembly Select Committee on Nonprofits is a testament to this focus and her passion to ensure that every voice deserves to be heard."

She added, "Special thanks to our volunteers, families and community supporters for believing in our vision and what we want to create. We are grateful to be a part of a community that believes so strongly in helping others." ■

## House passes Kate's Law

### Swalwell among 24 Dems to back bill inspired by Kate Steinle's death

By JEREMY WALSH

The U.S. House of Representatives last week passed "Kate's Law," a bill inspired by the 2015 shooting death of Pleasanton native Kathryn "Kate" Steinle on a San Francisco pier by an oft-deported undocumented immigrant with a history of criminal convictions.

Formally House Resolution 3004, Kate's Law would increase punishments for criminal offenders who re-enter the country illegally after deportation. The legislation now heads to the Senate for consideration, and President Donald Trump has indicated support for the bill if presented to him for approval.

Pleasanton's Congressman Eric Swalwell was among the two-dozen Democrats who voted in favor of Republican-sponsored Kate's Law on June 29 in Washington, D.C.

In a statement, Swalwell said Steinle's killing nearly two years ago touched him personally, and though the proposed legislation named for her could have been improved, it provided an opportunity to strengthen enforcement against repeat offenders.

"I knew Kate Steinle growing up and remain in touch with her family, who live in my congressional district," the Dublin Democrat said. "Her



Kate Steinle

See **KATE'S LAW** on Page 8

## BART finishes installing security cameras in cars

\$1.4M project follows criticism of agency using decoy cameras on some trains

BART officials said last week that they have completed installing security cameras in all of their train cars at a cost of \$1.42 million, with the money coming from the transit agency's operating budget.

BART committed in January 2016 to using working cameras on all train cars after it was revealed in the aftermath of a fatal shooting on a train at the West Oakland station that month that not all cameras were real and many of them were decoys that were used as a deterrent.

BART officials said the new cameras bolster their existing security infrastructure network, which includes cameras on platforms, inside and outside stations and on police officers themselves.

The cameras and digital recording devices provide high-quality images from onboard BART trains and each car has four cameras on board, according to the agency.

"The installation of new digital cameras demonstrates our commitment to public safety," BART police chief Carlos Rojas said in a statement.

"These cameras will be an

effective tool for solving crimes that occur on the BART system by helping investigators to identify suspects. The devices will also serve as a deterrent to prevent some crimes from ever occurring in the first place," Rojas said.

BART officials said the cameras have a useful life of six to seven years, which coincides with the time it will take for the agency's aging train cars to be retired from service as BART welcomes a new fleet of cars, which have been designed with built-in cameras.

The transit agency said its original in-train camera deployment included a mix of real and decoy cameras that were installed in the late 1990s and early 2000s as a deterrent against vandalism.

Now that every car is outfitted with a working camera, BART officials said any rider who becomes the victim of a crime should take note of the number of the car they were in.

That number is posted above the end doors of each car and having that number will make it easier for investigators to track down the

## Addressing taste, odor changes in Pleasanton drinking water

New processes include addition of ozone to treatment plants, algal bloom reduction

By AMANDA SU

During the early summer weeks, some Pleasanton residents have noticed distinct changes in both the smell and taste of their drinking water — caused by algae blooms in the source water of Zone 7 Water Agency, the Tri-Valley's water retailer, according to local officials.

Although residents have complained about an earthy taste and musty odor, Zone 7 and Pleasanton city officials assure them the water is safe to drink and the changes in taste and smell are harmless.

But because of these noticeable changes, Zone 7 is undergoing several upgrade processes to counteract them.

In attempt to combat the presence of algae blooms— produced by unreasonably warm weather — in the water it receives from the Delta, Zone 7 adds powdered

activated carbon to the water treatment process to help reduce conspicuous tastes and odors caused by algal byproduct compounds methyl-isobornel and geosmin, agency officials said.

However, this process of removing all hints of the earthy tastes and odors from the drinking water is not 100% effective.

"The human nose is very sensitive to the compounds that create the musty odor and they can be detected even at very low levels. In fact, the human nose could detect just a teaspoon of these compounds in the equivalent of 200 Olympic-size swimming pools," Zone 7 officials said in a statement.

Hoping to more effectively treat these algal byproducts, Zone 7 is upgrading its treatment plants by adding ozone — which is considered significantly more effective

than other treatment technologies — to its water treatment process over the next several years, agency officials said.

In addition to this, rather than just treating algal byproducts, Zone 7 also hopes to reduce the frequency of algae blooms in the source water supplies themselves, which are operated and maintained by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), through water quality improvements.

DWR has accelerated its periodic application of algicides so the end of the algal bloom should come within a week, Zone 7 officials said last week.

For now, they encourage residents to chill their drinking water and add a slice of their favorite citrus fruit or cucumber to help improve the taste. ■

video associated with any report of criminal activity.

BART's use of decoys was discovered after 19-year-old Carlos Misael Funez-Romero of Antioch was shot and killed on a San

Francisco-bound train as it pulled into the West Oakland station at about 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 9, 2016.

The suspect, who is still at large in the unsolved case, then fled from the station into the neighborhood.

In the course of the investigation, police released surveillance photos of the suspect leaving the West Oakland station but didn't release photos from inside the train car. ■

—Jeff Shuttleworth, Bay City News

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# Pleasanton creates new literary arts ambassador position

City accepting applications through July 14

By JEREMY WALSH

The city's civic arts program is recruiting candidates for its new honorary post: Pleasanton literary arts ambassador.

Adults with qualifying literature, leadership and communication skills can apply through mid-July for the two-year volunteer position focused on raising awareness about the importance of reading and writing as it relates to lifelong literacy and education, city officials said.

"If you are a Pleasanton resident

with a flair for the creative and you are interested in sharing your creative passion with our community, we want to hear from you," said Michele Crose, the city's civic arts manager.

"The literary arts ambassador may contribute to civic and public events and dedications with literary readings, and workshops, she added. "One of the program's goals is to have this person support and encourage the city's youth, as well as the Teen Literary Arts Program."

The new position is unpaid,

other than a limited budget to cover expenses, and city civic arts staff will provide administrative support, according to Crose.

City officials are accepting applications now through July 14.

Candidates must be a Pleasanton resident 18 years old or older who is a writer or illustrator with leadership experience promoting literature, excellent communication skills and a dynamic, engaging personality.

To apply, submit in hard copy four original writing samples,

letters of support from two writers, a resume demonstrating active participation in promoting literary arts in Pleasanton and a one-page letter of interest that includes a brief outline of possible projects and activities to accomplish in the role.

Finalists will have the chance to present their writings and vision in person July 20 to a selection committee, which in turn will make a recommendation to the city's Civic Arts Commission.

The selected candidate will be

appointed by the City Council to a term running from October 2017 through June 2019.

Applications can be submitted by mail to Michele Crose, City of Pleasanton Community Services, P.O. Box 520, Pleasanton, CA 94566; or they can be delivered to the community services offices at 200 Old Bernal Ave. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

For more information, email Crose at [mcrose@cityofpleasanton-ca.gov](mailto:mcrose@cityofpleasanton-ca.gov). ■

## Summer Wine Stroll returns

Annual PDA event to take over downtown next Saturday evening

By JEREMY WALSH

More than two-dozen downtown businesses will turn into temporary tasting rooms one evening next weekend as the Pleasanton Downtown Association presents its annual Summer Wine Stroll.

The event, scheduled to run from 5-8 p.m. next Saturday (July 15), invites people to sample local wines and tasty bites while listening to live music and visiting downtown shops during a summer's eve.

Available for adults 21 years old and older with valid identification,

a Summer Wine Stroll ticket gets attendees a commemorative wine glass, event map and tastings at more than 25 downtown locations.

Participating wineries include BoaVentura Winery, Boisset Collection, Brooklyn West Winery, Captain Vineyards, Ehrenberg Cellars, Elliston Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, G V Cellars, Garre Vineyard & Winery, Leisure Street Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrieta's Well, Paulsen Wines, Roudon-Smith Winery, The Mead Kitchen and Wentz Vineyards.

Pre-sale tickets are available for \$40

through this Saturday and then \$45 through next Friday. If not sold out, remaining tickets can be bought on-site for \$50 cash at the starting point, Museum on Main. Tickets must be redeemed between 4:30-7 p.m. next Saturday at the downtown museum.

As part of encouraging attendees to participate responsibly, the PDA is selling a limited number of designated-driver tickets for \$10 cash the night of the event.

For more details on the event or pre-sale tickets, visit [www.PleasantonDowntown.net](http://www.PleasantonDowntown.net). ■

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## KATE'S LAW

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heinous murder was a tragedy and we still grieve today, wishing she was still with us. Sadly, we can't bring Kate back, but lawmakers can work to try and better protect our communities from criminals hurting people."

"This bill is not perfect, and it's shameful that the Republicans did not allow any debate in the Judiciary Committee, on which I sit, or on the House Floor to improve it. But it does improve our ability to punish individuals who repeatedly break the law and to deter those who may do so," added Swalwell, a former Alameda County prosecutor.

In another key immigration vote June 29, the House passed the "No Sanctuary for Criminals Act," which cuts off some federal funding for so-called sanctuary cities. Swalwell opposed that bill, House Resolution 3003, in the nearly party-line vote.

Steinle's shooting death — and Republican legislation introduced in the

wake of it — has captured national headlines and spurred new debate on immigration enforcement and sanctuary city policies since that fateful evening on Pier 14 on July 1, 2015.

An Amador Valley High alumna living in San Francisco at the time, 32-year-old Steinle was walking with her father on the pier when she was shot and killed. Authorities later arrested and charged Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, an undocumented Mexican immigrant who had been deported five times and had seven convictions.

Investigators said Lopez-Sanchez was in San Francisco Sheriff's Office custody weeks earlier, but was released when his drug-related charges were dismissed. Immigration officials weren't notified because of San Francisco's "sanctuary city" policy, which means local law enforcement does not hold people for immigration violations alone.

The investigation later revealed the gun used to kill Steinle had been stolen from a U.S. Bureau of Land Management ranger's vehicle where it

had been left unsecured, and the bullet that struck the Pleasanton native actually ricocheted off the ground before hitting her in the back.

The criminal case against Lopez-Sanchez is ongoing. He has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder for Steinle's death, with his defense attorney arguing the gun fired accidentally after he allegedly found it wrapped in a T-shirt.

Pending too is legislation inspired by Steinle's slaying, but Kate's Law got a big boost Thursday afternoon, two days before the second anniversary of her death.

HR 3004, introduced by U.S. Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) earlier in the month with 16 Republican cosponsors, would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to create new punishments for immigrants re-entering the U.S. after deportation.

It differs from a previous version of Kate's Law, which failed to advance in Congress, that proposed to increase the maximum prison sentence to five years — up from two — for immigrants who repeatedly try to enter the country illegally, among its other provisions.

The current Kate's Law proposal focuses on penalties for deported criminal offenders, like Lopez-Sanchez, who repeatedly try to get back into the U.S. after deportation.

It specifically applies to "any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed, or who has departed the United States while an order of exclusion, deportation, or removal is outstanding, and subsequently enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States."

For those criminal immigrants with three or more misdemeanor convictions or a felony conviction, they could be imprisoned up to 10 years if caught re-entering the country.

If they had served 30 months or more for their felony conviction, they could be imprisoned up to 15 years for the new immigration violation; if 60 months or more was served, then the new prison sentence could be up to 20 years; and if they were previously convicted of murder, rape, kidnapping or another serious felony, then the new punishment would be up to 25 years.

HR 3004 would also create a new maximum prison sentence of 10 years for an immigrant caught illegally entering the country after three or more previous deportations.

The House passed this version of Kate's Law 257-167, mostly on party lines with 24 Democrats in favor, including Swalwell.

After the vote June 29, President Trump tweeted that he hoped the Senate would soon follow suit and pass "Kate's Law."

Trump has also voiced support for HR 3003, better known as the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act. Also introduced by Goodlatte, with 14 Republican cosponsors, the bill passed the House 228-195 last week. ■



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## EMINENT

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the affected families scrambling for outside assistance.

Staff from Zone 7 and the city of Pleasanton stepped in, with the water agency filing an emergency permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for repair work Feb. 28. They also brought in consultants to do surveying and design work needed to obtain the permit.

Before then, Zone 7 had never undertaken any projects in that area. The water agency holds an easement along the arroyo and across nine Foothill Road parcels, including the Belshe and Raun properties, which gives them the right to "construct, maintain, operate, inspect, and repair flood control facilities and appurtenances." The creek within the Verona Reach is owned by the residents themselves.

With approval from their board, Zone 7 officials proceeded with work on a repair design for the eroding slope. At that time in March, an engineer with the firm working on the design estimated the work would be completed within two to four months. Sandbags and a makeshift dam were put in place and protected the slope well enough to stave off more significant erosion through the last of the rainy season.

But little has changed since then, according to Eddie Belshe.

"For me, this is a situation that should have been prevented a long time ago," Belshe said. "Four months and yet still nothing is a much different time frame than what was presented at the (March Zone 7 board) meeting."

Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig said the Army Corps of Engineers sent Zone 7 staff back to the drawing board on the initial repair design proposal, delaying the anticipated start of work.

But last week, the water agency was able to file permit applications with the final design, according to Duerig. It's not known how long it could take for permits to be granted.

"Construction only takes three to four weeks, and usually we can keep working (in the creek) until Oct. 15," Duerig said. "We're still in pretty good position to get everything done during this dry period."

The new design calls for the use of the vacant property at 3 Verona Way in order to make repairs to the Belshe and Raun properties across the creek.

The property was purchased by Bhupinder Singh and Rajinder Randhawa last year for just under \$400,000 with the intent of building a home there.

Singh spoke at a Zone 7 board meeting in May when directors took up the issue of using eminent domain to acquire the property after the landowners rejected the agency's offer to buy the parcel. Zone 7 offered more than what Singh and Randhawa had purchased it for, but they thought the offer was too low,

according to Duerig.

The property has since been listed for \$1.5 million. It has also been impacted by erosion in recent years, Zone 7 staff said.

Singh told the board that he and his 12-year-old son live in Fremont and had been searching for a property in the area for years so his son could attend Foothill High School. They borrowed money from friends, family and his business in order to purchase the land to build their dream home, Singh said.

"We need that property," he said. "Do you have any other option I can work on with you guys to save my property and at least build a house?"

Zone 7 staff contended the property was needed to help stabilize the west bank along the damaged middle reach of the Arroyo de la Laguna to lower the risk of further damage from future storms. They said this work amounts to an emergency project in that it needs to be completed before the rainy season returns.

"If this work is not completed before the beginning of the next rainy season beginning in the fall of 2017, there is a serious risk of further damage to the banks of the Arroyo de la Laguna and the surrounding property," Zone 7 staff wrote in a memo to Duerig.

The board ultimately voted 6-1 to move forward with the eminent domain process, with director Angela Ramirez Holmes dissenting.

Attorneys for Zone 7 then filed a complaint in eminent domain against the property owners in Alameda County Superior Court, seeking immediate possession of the parcel and asking the court to determine its fair market value so the water agency can pay the landowners as required by law.

Judge Paul Herbert awarded the

water agency possession of the property June 16. That effectively means the parcel is theirs, according to Duerig, absent a title transfer that won't occur until the property value is determined in court.

"We always have sympathy for these people, and we don't (proceed with eminent domain) unless we think the public benefits outweigh it," Duerig said. "But really to do anything with this creek, you needed more space."

Michael Babitzke, the attorney representing Singh and Randhawa, did not return requests for comment.

Eddie Belshe, meanwhile says he is not confident his property will be restored, and that he and his wife filed the claim after getting no response to a demand letter asking the agencies to purchase their home.


The claim states the shape and flow of the Arroyo de la Laguna have changed "proximately caused by the development of land in Pleasanton and by design or lack of design by controlling governmental agencies." Those changes, the Belshe's attorneys argue, led to the erosion that significantly impacted their Foothill Road property.

"Zone 7 has the responsibility to maintain the arroyo and they failed to do so through inaction even though they were aware of the risks of failing to act," it continues. "As a proximate result of that inaction the Belshe property was destroyed."

Duerig declined to comment on the claim, saying it had just been discussed in closed session at the June 21 board meeting. No reportable action was taken during closed session.

Eddie Belshe says the continuing uncertainty about his family's home has made for "a long four months."

"We never quit living the nightmare," he said. ■



**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**Planning Commission**  
Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P17-0372, David and Suanne Robles, 3552 Yellowstone Court**  
Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval of an application for Administrative Design Review to convert an existing unconditioned loft into an approximately 740-square-foot second-story and to extend the existing roof height from 20 feet to 25 feet at the existing residence located at 3552 Yellowstone Court
- Consideration of changing the Planning Commission's alternate representative for the Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force based on recent advice from the Fair Political Practices Commission

**Library Commission**  
Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Collection Development Policy Recommendation

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Discussion of the Community Farm Master Plan

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Registration now open for National Night Out

Pleasanton police are again encouraging residents to be among the millions nationwide taking part in the annual National Night Out event scheduled for later this summer.

Registration is underway for residents interested in having police officers and local officials visit their National Night Out block party.

"National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back," PPD crime prevention Officer Shannon Revel-Whitaker said in a statement.

Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and local police departments, the 34th annual National Night Out is scheduled for the evening of Aug. 1.

In Pleasanton, the event has grown from just four block parties in its first year in town more than 15 years ago to almost 40 block parties last year, according to Revel-Whitaker.

Mostly organized by local neighborhood watch groups, Pleasanton parties range from potlucks and barbecues to ice cream socials to celebrations with live bands, bounce houses and children parades, she added. Parties that register could be visited by a Pleasanton police officer, elected officials, local firefighters or representatives of other agencies.

Registration is open until July 26. Applications can be downloaded from the PPD website at [www.pleasantonpd.org](http://www.pleasantonpd.org) or picked up in the department's front lobby. For more information, contact Revel-Whitaker at 931-5242 or [srevelwhitaker@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:srevelwhitaker@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

### In other police news

- Authorities arrested seven juveniles after a fight in the carnival mid-way area of the Alameda County Fair early Fourth of July evening, according to a sheriff's office spokesman.

Sgt. Ray Kelly said the fight was quickly resolved after it broke out. The cause remains under investigation, and additional information about the arrestees was not released.

All in all, Independence Day at the fair — a big draw because of the annual fireworks spectacular that night — was "a success" with more than 40,000 people in attendance Tuesday, Kelly added.

- After seven years serving as Danville's police chief, Steve Simpkins will return to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office to lead the coroner's division.

Simpkins' last day was today, and he will begin his new post in Martinez on Monday. Danville police Lt. Allan Shields has been selected to take over as the town's new police chief.

"The bottom line is, this was a fantastic job," Simpkins said. "It's bittersweet." But, he added, "the journey of professional development has to continue."

Simpkins came to Danville in July 2010, a lieutenant in the sheriff's office at the time. He has remained technically a sheriff's office employee during his tenure, like all DPD officers because the town contracts with the sheriff's office for police services.

In 2014, Simpkins was promoted to the rank of captain in the sheriff's office, and this year he made the decision to end his run as Danville police chief — "returning home to the sheriff's office to fulfill my role as captain," he said.

Taking the reins as new police chief will be Shields, a Danville resident who has been a lieutenant in the sheriff's office since 2013 and second in command in the DPD for "about half of Simpkins' tenure," according to Town Manager Joe Calabrigo. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Erika Alvero

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### July 1

#### Theft from structure

- 2:40 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Warrant arrest

- 4:13 p.m. on the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Domestic battery

- 4:22 p.m. on Chabot Drive

#### Robbery

- 4:38 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

- 5:23 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

#### Drug violation

- 11:01 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

### June 30

#### Theft

- 8:34 a.m. on the 4200 block of Sheldon Circle

- 5:40 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 10:36 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

#### Fraud

- 10:30 a.m. on the 3600 block of Canelli Court

#### Trespass/prowling

- 10:24 a.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Alcohol violation

- 10:48 p.m. at Main and Ray streets

#### Robbery

- 11:49 p.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

### June 29

#### Theft

- 3:05 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 6:19 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 8:31 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Alcohol violation

- 4:55 a.m. on the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Burglary

- 6:54 a.m. on the 800 block of Division Street

#### Vandalism

- 7:38 a.m. on the 2100 block of Arroyo Court

### June 28

#### Theft

- 8:58 a.m., 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

- 11:54 a.m., 5000 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft

- 1:23 p.m. on the 4600 block of Chabot Drive

- 2:31 p.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

- 4:12 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# Wireless facility bill will circumvent local control

Thank you, Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda), for being the lone No vote on Senate Bill 649, which, in essence, usurps local government control of public right-of-ways and restricts their ability to collect rent for putting cell towers on public property.

Glazer, our local state senator, told us that he voted No on the “Wireless Telecommunications Facilities” bill because, “Local communities, with the input of the public, are better positioned to approve or disapprove wireless permitting issues. This bill did not demonstrate a compelling need to circumvent local control.”

The Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association (CTIA), which represents the U.S. wireless industry and has powerful lobbyists, is listed as the bill’s source. It was introduced by Sen. Ben Hueso (D-San Diego) who, according to FollowtheMoney.org, received \$6,600 from AT&T and \$6,500 from Verizon Communications in campaign contributions when he ran for his Senate District 40 seat in 2014.

During the May 31 discussions on the Senate floor, Hueso said this bill will make “California more connected and faster in our telecommunications industry” and it will “help to usher in a new era of technology in California and ... bring to California what the people desperately want which is to be more connected and (have) faster service.”

Maybe, but it also smacks of eminent domain abuse by, basically, taking the authority away of cities, counties and other local government bodies by making them unable to decide the best use for public land.

This bill mandates cities and counties lease public property for the not-so-small cell antennas — as large as 6 cubic feet antennas and 21 cubic feet for “associated equipment” such as meters, boxes, switches and other attractive furnishings. (Imagine a space about the size of a refrigerator.) Even better, to be effective, the cells need to be very close to one another — likely within 1,000 feet.

When asking for Yes votes, Senate supporters including Hueso and Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) emphasized local governments won’t be made to “subsidize the program” because all costs associated with placing the “poles” will be covered.

However, any revenues currently realized by rents paid for use of public land by wireless companies will be diminished, if not eliminated.

Currently local governments have the ability to charge rent or negotiate for other benefits in exchange for use of public property. Some local

governments are charging wireless carriers up to \$4,000 in annual rent to use the public’s infrastructure, while others have negotiated “free” wi-fi in public places or coverage in outlying areas. This bill caps leasing fees to \$250 for each tower — total — and negates any power to negotiate.

However, SB 649 does address local governments’ ability to have input on design standards and require insurance and maintenance. Well, according to Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), the issues were “largely addressed” in the most recent revision but still need “tweaking.”

The bill, which could be argued an issue of eminent domain, also requires cities to adopt public resolution for each of their own street or traffic lights if they want to use them for something other than a cell pole — like a police camera or solar panel.

More than 115 small- and medium-sized cities, a large number of chambers of commerce and the League of California Cities oppose the bill. Still, it passed the Senate 32-1 on May 31 with support on both sides of the aisle and is now in committee in the Assembly.

We urge local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) to oppose this bill, and we encourage concerned residents to make their feelings known. ■

## LETTERS

### Swalwell got the word

Dear Editor,

Congressman Eric Swalwell second time around voted yes to support Kate’s Law. Just two years ago Swalwell voted no against Kate’s Law.

That no vote against Kate’s Law by Swalwell ignited a firestorm among the Pleasanton voters, and voters across the 15th District Swalwell was elected to represent.

I credit Tim Hunt’s blog “Congressman Swalwell votes no on Kate’s Law” posted Aug. 20, 2015, as the force behind Eric Swalwell’s change of mind.

Swalwell in his released statement explaining his change of mind stated, “this bill is not perfect, and it’s shameful that the Republicans did not allow any debate.”

My question for Swalwell: What is there to debate?

Swalwell somewhat of a turncoat by way of his first no vote against Kate’s Law, ignored his constituency whom overwhelmingly demanded a Yes vote in support of Kate’s Law, was betrayed, by the congressman they sent to Washington to represent them.

Swalwell exhibits the trait commonly known as “quisling” or

traitor. One elected to represent constituency, yet collaborates with an enemy, namely Nancy Pelosi an occupying force in Washington.

—Michael Austin

### Bike corral is much-needed

Dear Editor,

This is a smart move by city leaders, benefiting those who travel by either bike or car. How do you argue with this math: one auto parking space is being converted to allow 8-16 bikes? That means more parking for those who drive and those who bike.

Last week, I was having breakfast at Cafe Main and up rolls a family of four on cruiser bikes, looking all around for a place to safely lock up their bikes, and after zig-zagging back and forth they finally settled on a place several businesses away.

City of Pleasanton, way to think outside the (3,500-pound, 12-foot-long and 5-foot-wide steel) box. We need transportation options, and right now many people I talk with want to bike around town but feel that they cannot do so safely or conveniently ... so they only choose a car.

—Jim Van Dyke (via Town Square)

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Clockwise from top left: Big rides at the Alameda County Fair serve as a main attraction for many visitors. Horse races are another popular draw. Camryn Bell and Bobby Lee joke around while marveling at the size of a fair turkey leg. FMX performs in the Action Zone Arena showing their motorbike skills. Petting stations allow kids to interact with barnyard animals. The bumper car rink gives drivers the chance to let their aggression out, in a fun and safe way.





# ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

## ANNUAL SUMMER SHOWCASE WRAPPING UP 20-DAY RUN THIS WEEKEND

STORY BY JEREMY WALSH. PHOTOS BY DANIEL KIM

Pleasanton's annual summertime spectacle is celebrating its final three days of the season, giving residents and visitors one more weekend to take in the carnival favorites, tasty treats, marquee shows and other attractions that define the Alameda County Fair.

Highlights of closing weekend include demolition derby and RV demolition derby, horse racing, hit-making musicians and nightly fireworks.

Themed "Best. Summer. Ever.," the 2017 county fair in Pleasanton started off with a bang — or more precisely, the roar of hooves on pavement — as dozens of steers were herded down Main Street during a cattle drive on opening day June 16 that drew thousands of people to downtown.

The fair's popularity continued the ensuing three weeks, especially once the mid-June heat wave subsided, with the turnout reaching its daily peak on Tuesday for the fairgrounds' annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular.

As the fair wraps up this weekend, attendees can still enjoy favorites like carnival rides and games,

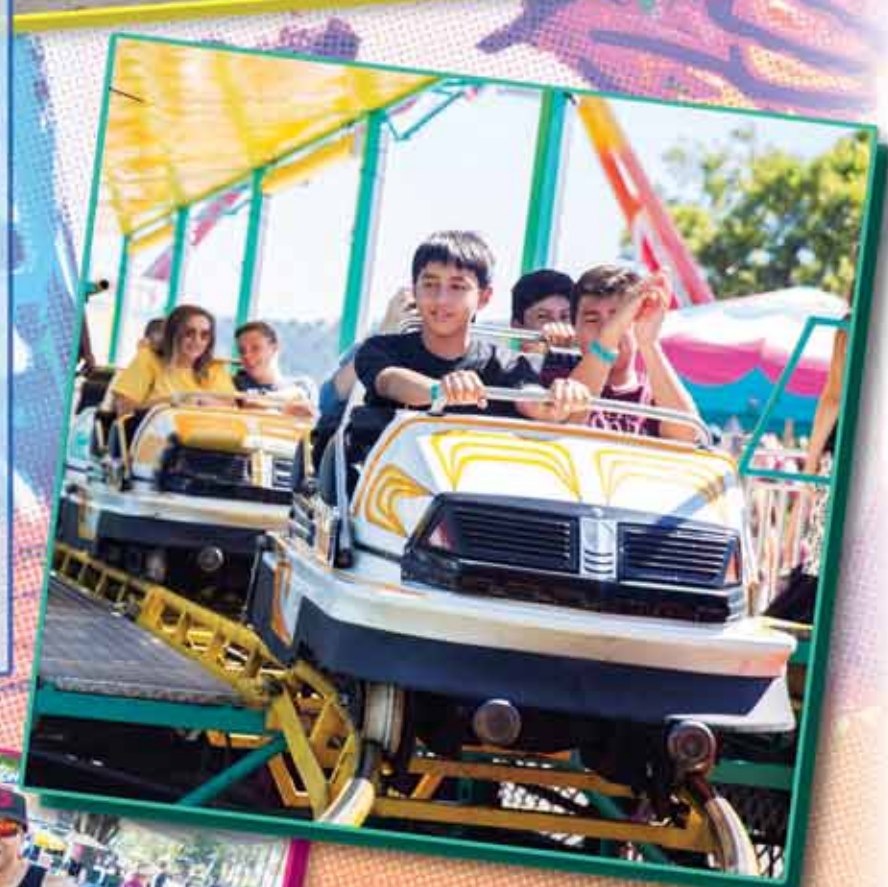
classic fair food and drinks, vendor booths, arts and culinary exhibitions, livestock displays, horse racing and special performances throughout the grounds.

Demolition derby is also set for today and Saturday, followed by RV demolition derby Sunday.

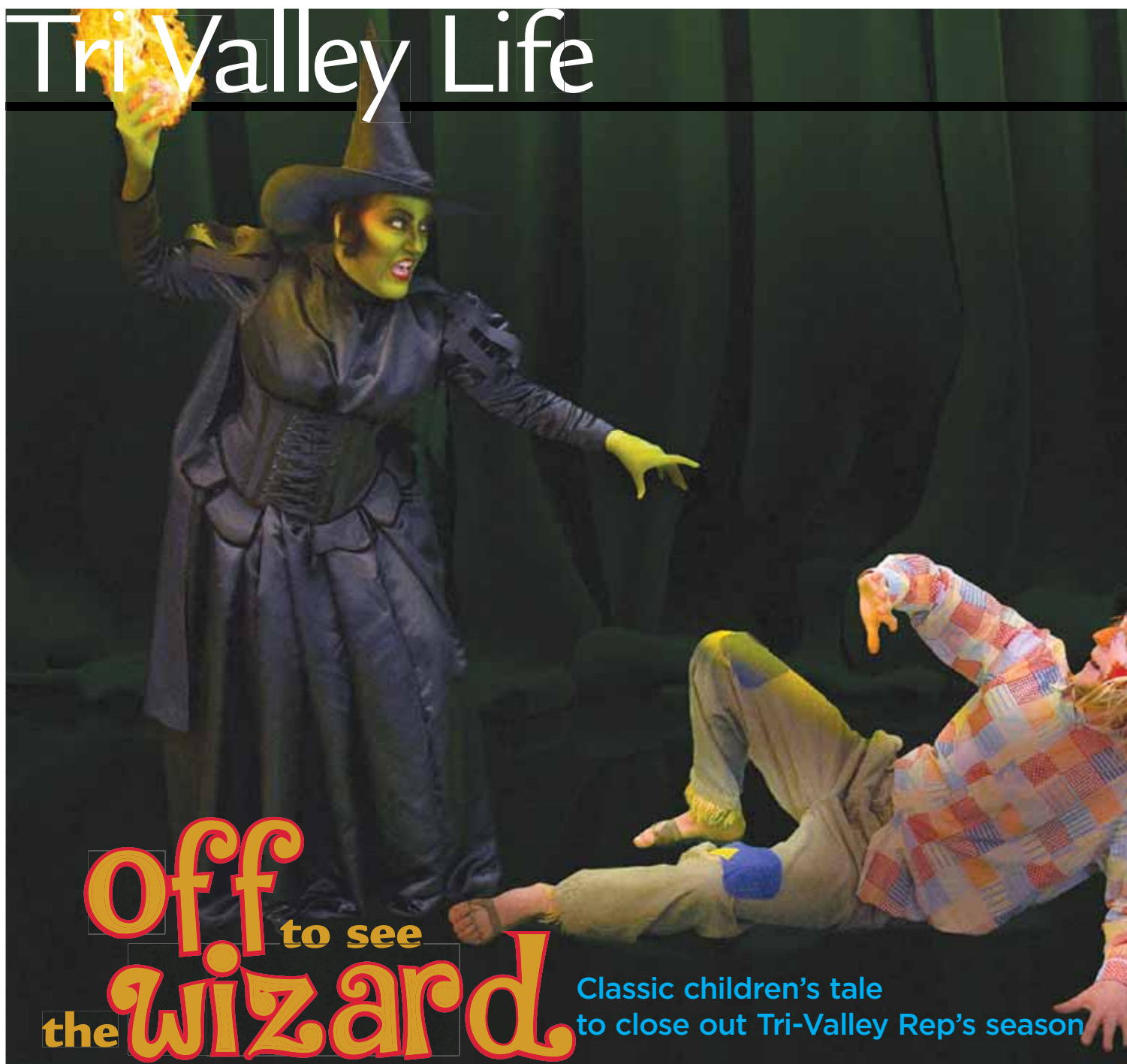
The Big O Tires Concert Series hosts its final three shows, starting with Michael Jackson tribute group Foreverland tonight. Grammy-winning pop, R&B, jazz and soul artist Jody Watley is performing Saturday night featuring Shalamar Reloaded. And closing out the concert series Sunday is rock band Night Ranger, best known for its 1984 power ballad "Sister Christian."

With general seating free as part of fair admission, each concert begins at 8 p.m. and runs until 9:15 p.m., immediately followed by fireworks on the concert lawn.

Held at the Pleasanton fairgrounds at the corner of Valley and Bernal avenues, the fair is open today through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day. For tickets and additional information, visit the official website at [annual.alamedacountyfair.com](http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com). ■



**Clockwise from top of page:** Aria and Matthew Jewell escape the heat at the fair by riding in their covered stroller. The fair offers a variety of activities for kids and adults alike. The fair also offers rides like roller coasters (shown), Ferris wheels, water rides and more. The De Leon family enjoys their 2017 fair experience.



## Off to see the Wizard

Classic children's tale to close out Tri-Valley Rep's season

ROBERT SHOLTY AND DC SCARPELLI  
Left: Sheila Viramontes plays the Wicked Witch of the West and Rune Lauridsen the Scarecrow in Tri-Valley Rep's production of "The Wizard of Oz." Below: Pleasanton high school student Ally Murphy and dog Nessarose star as Dorothy and Toto.

By JULIA REIS

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is set to close out its 33rd season with a classic — “The Wizard of Oz,” with performances at the Bankhead Theater all month long starting July 15.

Written in 1900 by L. Frank Baum, “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” was the first totally American fantasy for children and is one of the most-read children's books, according to the Library of Congress. The 1939 film adaptation starring Judy Garland is just as popular.

“The Wizard of Oz” tells the tale of Dorothy, a girl living on a farm in Kansas with her Uncle Henry, Aunt Em and dog Toto until one day when their house is picked up by a tornado.

The tornado deposits Dorothy and Toto in Munchkinland in the Land of Oz. To get home, Dorothy learns, she needs to seek the help of the Wizard of Oz. Adorned with special new ruby slippers, she and her dog set off down the yellow brick road toward the Emerald City where the wizard resides. Along the way they meet an eclectic group of characters, all with their own issues — a lion who lacks courage, a tin man who longs for a heart, a scarecrow who laments his lack of a brain. Dorothy invites them all on her journey so they can ask for the wizard's help.

Brian Olkowski, director of the Tri-Valley Rep production, says “The Wizard of Oz” is “a family show that just really shows the importance of what home is.”

“The cast is amazing,” Olkowski said. “(Our production) has aspects of what is

known in the story, some of the iconic moments from the movie people are expecting, but there are also moments in the show that are new and exciting.

“There's a song called ‘Jitterbug’ that's not in the movie,” he continued. “It's high-energy and a lot of fun, and it'll be a treat to the audience.”

This is not the first time Olkowski has directed “Oz”; he did so last summer for Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy, his children's theater company.

“It's been exciting to revisit the story and to explore it deeper, to have adult actors that understand the nuances of the story a little better,” he said. “But it's also exciting to have quite a few younger performers in the cast to share their youth and energy and learn from the more seasoned actors.”

The lead role of Dorothy is being played by a young actress — Pleasanton resident Ally Murphy, who will be going into her senior year at Amador Valley High School in the fall. This will be the fifth show she has been in with Tri-Valley Rep.

“I knew there would be a lot of kids in it, and I really like working with kids — that drew me,” Murphy said.

“I saw ‘Wizard of Oz’ a lot when I was little and never thought I'd be in it,” she added. “I used to look up (to Dorothy) so I think it's really cool that I get that chance (to fill that role).”

Murphy said she has enjoyed learning more about acting through “The Wizard of Oz” and working with this cast.

“I love all the young energy the kids have,” she said. “Whenever the Munchkins come on, the whole stage lights up — it gives me energy too.”

“It's a really diverse cast and I think that also brings us together,” Murphy said.

One member of the cast stands out in particular: Olkowski's puppy Nessarose, a Terrier-Chihuahua mix playing the part of Toto. She was adopted with the upcoming production in mind and aptly named after a witch from “Wicked,” the hit Broadway musical about the witches from “The Wizard of Oz,” Olkowski said.

“We wanted a dog for awhile, but it helped us make the decision to do it quicker,” he said. “We're excited to have a member of our family onstage.”

Along with Murphy and Nessarose, the cast includes Rune Lauridsen as the Scarecrow and Hunk, Max DeSantis as the Tin Man and Hickory, Robert Sholty as the lion and Zeke, Sarah Sloan as Aunt Em and the Good Witch of the North Glinda, and Sheila Viramontes as Miss Almira Gulch and the Wicked Witch of the West.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturdays, July 15, 22 and 29 and 2 p.m. Sundays, July 16, 23 and 30 with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m.



July 29. All shows are at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore. For tickets visit the Bankhead Theater box office, go online to [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org), or call 373-6800. ■

## 'Tri-Valley High: The Series'

Creatures of Impulse production returns for its seventh season

By JULIA REIS

School may be out for summer, but class is back in session at Tri-Valley High.

Local teens from the award-winning improv troupe Creatures of Impulse will be taking the stage at the Firehouse Arts Center Wednesday evening as "Tri-Valley High: The Series" returns for its second of four performances.

A serialized, improvised teen soap opera in its seventh season, "Tri-Valley High: The Series" will have one show every Wednesday night the rest of this month.

Creatures of Impulse founder



and director Mark Duncanson says his role in the improvised episodic soap opera "Liquid Soap" back in 1994 helped inspire the start of "Tri-Valley High: The Series."

"I was in an improvised soap opera myself and thought it was a great, kitschy format for improv," Duncanson said. "It lends itself to a fun time."

While each performance is unscripted and dependent on audience suggestions to help create the plot, the characters stay the same and each show builds off the last. Recaps are provided for new audience members, but the troupe also encourages attendees to come to all four shows to get the full effect.

"Same characters (each show), same storyline — we just don't know what's going to

CREATURES OF IMPULSE  
Cast members of the seventh season of "Tri-Valley High: The Series."

happen next," Duncanson said. "We have a nice retention of audience because they want to see what happens."

To ensure it's improvised, during rehearsal the cast only talks about what has already taken place and doesn't discuss the show outside it. Duncanson has also asked cast members to watch a soap opera so they "can get in that mindset and look at the tropes of the show."

"These kids want to be there," Duncanson said of this year's cast. "They're so mindful of storytelling and making sure the audience is engaged in the story — that's what really impresses me."

Ranging in age from 15 to 17, this year's cast members are Amador Valley High students Bethany Chase, Kinsey Ferrera, Aisha Mendonca and Donovan Napoli; Foothill High's Jared Sigman, and Shef Ramakrishna of Las Positas College.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. July 12, 19 and 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 931-4848 or by visiting the box office at the center. The show is best suited for ages 12 and up. ■

## Feed Tri-Valley food drive kicks off Monday

Residents can donate through July 23

By JULIA REIS

After nearly 4,000 pounds of food were donated to local pantries last July, the Feed Tri-Valley Food Drive is set to kick off its second year Monday.

The Feed Tri-Valley initiative was launched last year by local food providers in conjunction with the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. It strives not only to help local residents, but also educate community members about the need.

"We're hoping to educate the community about the problem of local food insecurity," said Ann King, executive director of Tri-Valley Haven. "Thousands of Tri-Valley residents struggle to put food on their tables, both in the summer and during the colder months."

Starting Monday through July 23, residents can bring non-perishable, unopened food to any of the labeled collection barrels outside select businesses in the three cities. Recommended items include canned fruits and vegetables, soup, beans and tuna; pasta

sauces, salad dressing, individually wrapped granola bars, juice boxes, sugar, flour, cooking oil, and decaf coffee and tea bags.

All donations will go directly to food providers in the Tri-Valley such as Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Haven and Interfaith Sharing.

For more information, including a complete list of collection sites, visit [www.ptownlife.org](http://www.ptownlife.org).

Feed Tri-Valley collection locations

- Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.
- Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.
- Raley's, 5420 Sunol Blvd.
- Gene's Fine Foods, 2803 Hopyard Road
- Safeway, 1701 Santa Rita Road and 6790 Bernal Ave.
- Clorox building C lobby, 4900 Johnson Drive
- Inklings, 530 Main St.
- Blue Oaks Church at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road
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## Pleasanton RADD pair win gold

Butterly, Pinney combine for six Summer Games medals in all

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton RADD (Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled) athlete Ryan Butterly won three gold medals and teammate Adam Pinney earned one gold and two bronze during last month's Special Olympics Northern California Summer Games at UC Davis.

The showcase in Davis featured 800 athletes in all, with gold medalists getting spots in a random draw to qualify to compete in their events at the USA

Games in Seattle next July.

During the regional Summer Games, Butterly took first in three running events. The Livermore resident won the 400-meter with a time of 1:32.5 minutes, the 800M with a time of 4:47.37 and the 1,500M with a time of 4:47.37.

Pleasanton resident Pinney captured gold in the 50M walk with a time of 23.63 seconds, bronze in the 100M walk at 43.32 and bronze in the softball toss at 10.9 meters. ■



## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

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## Foothill QB Wooldridge signs with Fresno State

With college pick set, Falcon ready to focus on senior season in Pleasanton

High school is supposed to be — and in many cases, it is — the time of your life. For most of high school students, there's not much stress and they do have a good time.

But if you are a high-level athlete, times can be stressful while you wait to decide your athletic future. Such was the case for Foothill quarterback Ben Wooldridge.

After starting his sophomore and junior years at Foothill, including helping lead the Falcons to the North Coast Section finals against De La Salle, Wooldridge figured to be a hot commodity for a college program.

At 6-foot-3 and 190 pounds, he possesses the size and the talent to take his game to the next level. But to the surprise (and to be honest, dismay) of several local coaches, he went without an offer.

While many were upset, Wooldridge kept his composure and kept plugging ahead.

"Honestly, it didn't affect me," Wooldridge said. "I just kept my focus on what I needed to accomplish. I knew if I kept working hard, the right school would pull the trigger."

It all paid off last month.

Attending the Friday Night Lights Showcase at Fresno State, Wooldridge enjoyed a productive session. The next day he got a call from Fresno State and coach Jeff



PAULA WALSH  
Foothill Falcons quarterback Ben Wooldridge is ready to focus on his senior season after committing to Fresno State.

Tedford offering a scholarship.

"It was my goal to find the right fit and that's what I found in Fresno," Wooldridge said. "There are great facilities and a great fan base there."

Indeed, Fresno has no major league sports team, so the entire community rallies around the Bulldogs.

"There were fans out there watching the camp," Wooldridge said.

The fact he gets to play for a coach like Tedford — known for his offensive excellence — is a bonus. And at this point, Tedford seems to be pretty happy to have Wooldridge signed.

"When he offered, he told me that he would love to work with me," Wooldridge said of the offer. "He told me that he would love to see me become the face of the program."

Wooldridge also has gotten

tweets from former Fresno State and NFL quarterbacks Derek Carr and Trent Dilfer.

Carr, the current Oakland Raiders quarterback, tweeted: "Go Dogs! Try not to break all the records (added a wink). Work your tail off!" Dilfer added, "Fired up to have you in the Fresno St. QB family — it's a pretty good one."

"Those were awesome," Wooldridge said.

Now that the college decision is out of the way, Wooldridge can focus on his senior season at Foothill.

"We're working hard to form a team bond," he said. "We all want a championship. Things are a lot better now that I have the college choice figured out. I think I can enjoy the process of my senior year." ■

## Pleasanton's weather expert throws out A's first pitch

Roberta Gonzales ushers in game for sixth time

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's Roberta Gonzales, known throughout the Bay Area as a weather anchor and reporter for KPIX 5 TV and KCBS Radio, threw out the ceremonial first pitch at a recent Oakland Athletics home game.

Gonzales is seasoned when it comes to opening pitches — the appearance last month was her sixth all-time.

"I'm incredibly blessed the Oakland A's have invited me over the seasons to throw out the ceremonial first pitch," Gonzales told the Weekly. "I believe they do so because they know I'm the biggest A's fan on television. As an East Bay resident, I love my Athletics!"

Despite her experience, Gonzales said she still gets butterflies in her

stomach each time she steps out on a major-league mound.

"Tossing out first pitch is truly one of the scariest things I ever do," she said. "I recently had somebody ask me, if it is so frightening why do I do it every year? The answer is simple. It's because it makes me feel alive."

"I get butterflies as soon as I get to the baseball field and can barely swallow and I have heart palpitations. My stomach is tossing and turning and my head is swirling. Sometimes I feel as if I can't breathe," she added. "It is such an amazing thrill and exhilarating at the same time. I'm totally out of my element tossing a ball 60 feet in front of a large crowd. But as long as the Oakland A's keep inviting me



OAKLAND ATHLETICS  
Pleasanton's Roberta Gonzales tosses ceremonial first pitch.

I will continue to do it!"

Gonzales' first pitch ushered in an afternoon slugfest at the Oakland Coliseum on June 22 between the hometown A's and visiting Houston Astros, a game eventually won 12-9 by the first-place 'Stros. ■

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## Entertainment

**ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR** The Alameda County Fair is holding its final weekend at the Pleasanton fairgrounds, open today through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Carnival hours: 11 a.m. to closing. Horse racing all three days. Big O Tires free concerts: 8-9:15 p.m. nightly, with fireworks show immediately following at Concert Lawn. Demolition derby today and Saturday; RV demolition derby Sunday.

## Music

**SHAMANIC DRUM CIRCLE** Drumming will help you to gain access to your inner guidance and learn to work with your helping spirits. Presented by Ashleigh Pevey, a Shamanic healer, sessions are usually 3-4:15 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Bring a drum or rattle; a few will be available. Call 829-2733 or go to [www.unityoftrivalley.org](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org).

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**THE UNDERSTANDING MEN SERIES OF TALKS** Join Mai Vu, Love and Dating Coach, international speaker and bestselling author of "The Divorced Mom's Guide to Dating" for the topic on so many women's minds: How to Understand Men. Two free, unique talks to help you attract and keep the right man for you at 4 p.m. Sundays July 9 and Aug. 6 at Inklings, 530 Main St. Discover how to speak his language, draw him closer to you and be loved, adored and cherished right back. Couples welcome too. Go to [maivucoach.com/understanding-men.html](http://maivucoach.com/understanding-men.html).

## Health & Wellness

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND** Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, which is right across the street from Trader Joe's. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

## Seniors

**SENIOR MENS SOCIAL CLUB** Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a social club for senior men. In addition to friendships, members can participate in interest groups like golf, bridge,

travel, photography, etc. We meet for lunch first Thursday of the month at San Ramon Golf Club. Open to retirees in the Tri-Valley. Contact Carl Churilo at 967-8177 or [trivalleysir@gmail.com](mailto:trivalleysir@gmail.com). Go to [branch34.sirinc2.org](http://branch34.sirinc2.org).

**EYE GLASS ADJUSTMENTS AND CLEANING** Stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month to have your eye glasses and sunglasses cleaned and adjusted by a representative from Sears Optical. For more information call 931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

**FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME'** The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center is sponsoring a twice-monthly "Newcomer's Welcome" from 10:30 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Tour the facility and hear about programs and activities, questions are welcome and will be answered, and light snacks will be served. Attend a free lunch at the Sage Cafe after, no reservations needed. Go to [www.seniorcenterfriends.org](http://www.seniorcenterfriends.org). Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

**PHOTO CLUB** The photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. The group

shares photos and makes suggestions how the photos might be improved. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips, and are from 2-4 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

## Teens

**YOUTH COMMISSION** The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road.

## Religion & Spirituality

**PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SUMMER SCHEDULE** Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Their summer schedule is 9:30 a.m. Sundays, through Sept. 3. Rev. Henry Kim, minister. Call 846-0221 or go to [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

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Self Help Support Group, for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions, meets at 7 p.m. every Monday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. We are for the Clutterer who is ready to change. Go to [www.ClutterLessEastBay.org](http://www.ClutterLessEastBay.org). Free. Optional Contribution of \$3 to \$5 appreciated.

**AL-ANON AND ALATEEN** Have you been affected by someone's drinking? Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. Contact 277-7661 or [help@AlanonTriValley.org](mailto:help@AlanonTriValley.org). Go to [www.alanonTriValley.org](http://www.alanonTriValley.org).

**PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB** The Pleasanton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Inklings, 530 Main St. For more information, visit [pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://pleasantonlionsclub.org). Dinner available for \$10 Inklings, 530 Main St.

**PLEASANTON-TULANCINGO SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION** All are welcome to join for "Taco Tuesday" at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Fiesta Taco, 1989 Santa Rita Road Unit J. We are an active organization promoting cultural exchange, goodwill and friendship. We have a youth and adult exchange program. Call 989-6882 or go to [www.ptsc.org](http://www.ptsc.org). ■



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## Q &A - Should We Pick a Listing Agent Based on their Recommended Price?

**Q:** We are interviewing agents to list our home. We have interviewed 4 agents, and all have indicated a price right around \$1.2 Million. However, one of them is suggesting we can get \$1.45 Million for our home. Should we list with her? Kathy



**A:** Kathy, that is a great question! There are many criteria from which to evaluate agents when deciding who to list your home with. Experience, market knowledge, track record, production, marketing expertise, process management, etc. These are all important considerations. However, in my opinion their recommendation on price should NOT be your main consideration.

As a consumer, you should ask this agent how they arrived at this conclusion. In general, the comparable sales information is readily available, even to the consumer on various web sites. This is the data that BUYERS will use to determine a fair offer price. Unless she has some data that is not public, or some iron clad logic that is defensible, she may not understand the market, or simply be telling you what you want to hear to win the listing. And let's face it... everyone loves to hear that their home is worth even more than they think. Be skeptical if an agent suggests a price well over what the data indicates. Trust your judgement and ask questions.

Listing your home for a price well above the indicated market value can do more harm than good, as it can dampen demand for your...

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Scott Piper

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Hardwood floors with crown molding and soft earth tones throughout. The family room is complete with built in TV and surround sound. Adjacent is the bonus room; office, playroom, and study. The solar panels deliver savings in electrical costs. Situated in a cul-de-sac in a highly-desired neighborhood. Extra parking in front, it's the perfect balance of relaxed living, luxury amenities, and highly functional spaces.

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Stately Mediterranean Masterpiece. Separate entrance for Guest House or Art Studio.  
You decide! Oversized kitchen with two islands. Kitchen has 4 dishwasher drawers and 2 freezer drawers along with built in refrigerator. Main level Master Bedroom Suite, 3 bedrooms upstairs with bonus room.



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Cindy Gee

**2505 Arlotta Place — Pleasanton — \$1,798,000**  
This lovely updated executive home has it all! This spacious 5 bd 3.5 bath plus office, approx. 3820 sq.ft. on approx. 17,000 lot! The gourmet kitchen includes gas stove, granite and a large breakfast nook that opens to large family room. It includes a downstairs bedroom with a unique family room attached. Laguna Oaks offers a community pool, tennis, parks and more!



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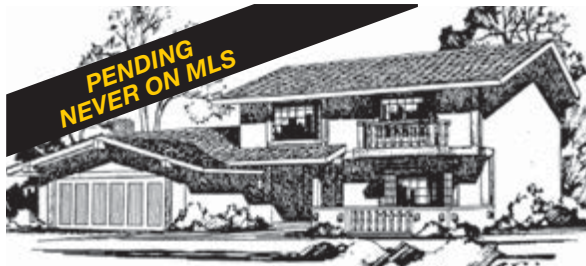
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