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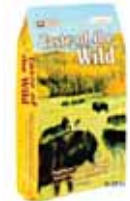
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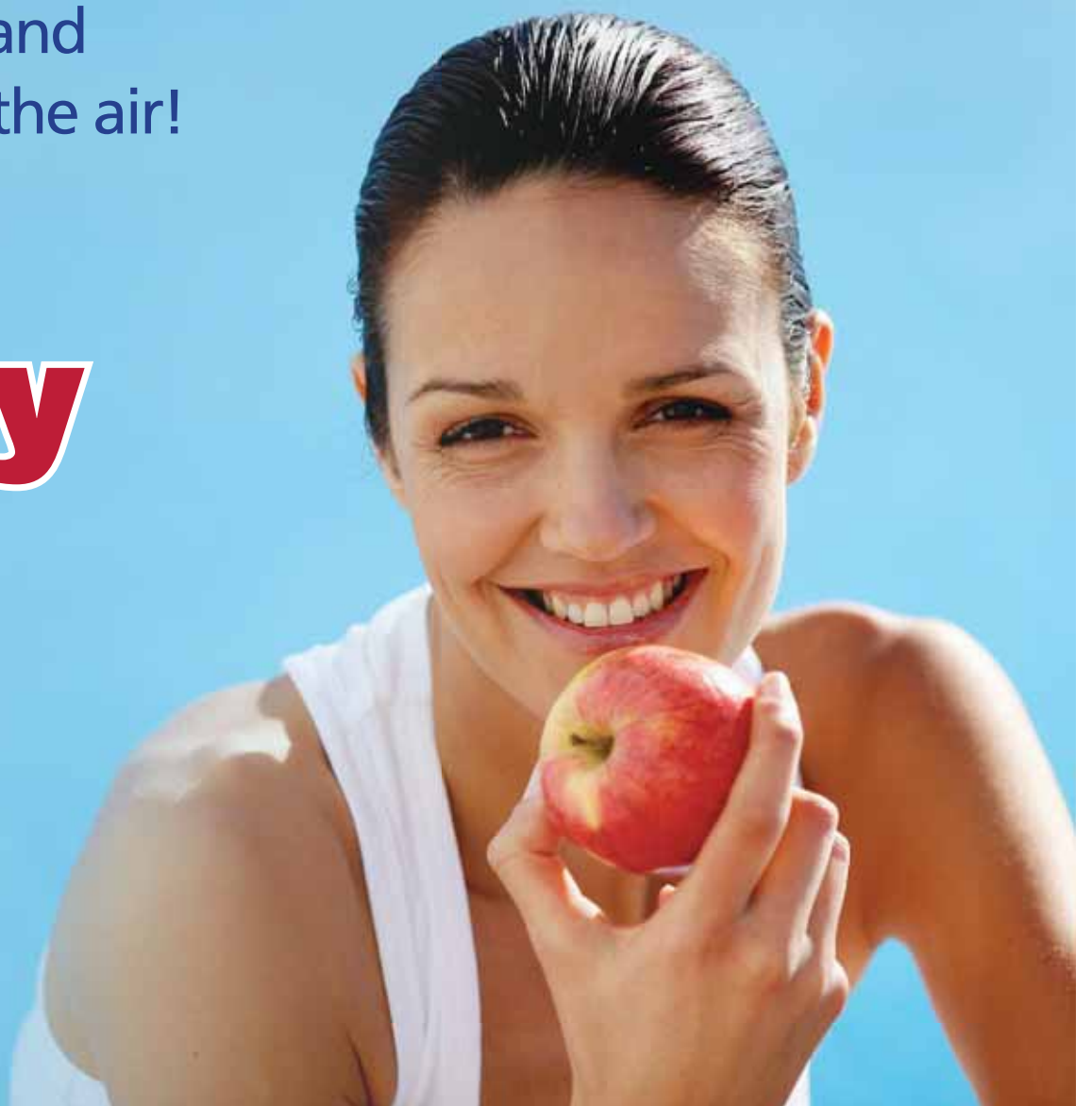
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

July 4 fireworks halted at county fair, this time for good

The popular and long-traditional Independence Day fireworks show at the Alameda County Fair has been canceled, and this time it's probably for good.

Alameda County Fairgrounds CEO Jerome Hoban told those of us attending a recent Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce forum that the decision to close the fairgrounds at 6 p.m. on July 4 was made by his Board of Directors with the concurrence of both the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and the Pleasanton Police Department.



Jerome Hoban

The decision came after a review of fights last year that led to the arrest of seven people when a melee broke out on the midway, disrupting Independence Day festivities at the fairgrounds. This only three years after the return of fireworks at the fairgrounds after a 1998 Fourth of July shooting incident.

I was at the fair with my family at the time, and we took shelter behind a food stand as the gunman, later identified as a 23-year-old Richmond man, opened fire, causing a stampede that injured 16 people.

Sheriff's deputies nabbed and stopped the shooter. The fairgrounds were closed immediately and a moratorium was imposed until 2014, when the fair's curfew was lifted and fireworks resumed.

Hoban said that ending the fireworks show and closing the fairgrounds early on Independence Day was a tough decision. Nearly half-a-million people jammed the gates at the 2014 fair, with record crowds on July 4 when the fireworks show started again.

"People came just to see the fireworks on July 4th because they hadn't had them in so long," a fair spokeswoman said. "It was the biggest day of the fair, with 57,000 attending throughout the day."

The return of fireworks, big-name concerts and the inaugural season of Oak Tree horse racing combined to attract the largest crowds ever from throughout the Bay Area.

"But with the ever-increasing

crowds on the holiday and after last year's melee, we made the decision in conjunction with the sheriff to make sure we never go back to the reputation the fair acquired some 20 years ago when we had that shooting," Hoban said.

"We're just taking this extra precaution so as not to tarnish our reputation again," he explained. "It's not worth one unbelievable night of business to ruin a reputation."

Although the live Fourth of July fireworks show has ended, the fair will continue to offer a pyrotechnical show every other night after dark.

Hoban also told the chamber forum that the fair, which began in 1859 in downtown Oakland as a floral event and moved to Pleasanton as the first county fair in 1912, is undertaking major improvements on its 270 acres of fairgrounds.

A new community Youth Barn is under construction to serve youths interested in raising animals for the Junior Livestock Show held at the annual fair. The amphitheater will be expanded with more seats and a new backstage complex with major video components. Some of the older exhibit halls will eventually be replaced.

Most significantly, Hoban announced that the Alameda County Fair Association board, which oversees the fairgrounds, voted earlier this month to seek a developer to build and operate an upscale branded hotel and convention center on a 5-7-acre parcel on the fairgrounds, facing Valley Avenue near Bernal.

Hoban told the chamber forum that the new complex would be under the jurisdiction of the city of Pleasanton and would serve the needs of the thousands of participants and visitors to fairgrounds events, including the Goodguys car show and other special events.

He said the hotel would add to other related businesses on the property, including an off-track betting facility, RV storage, RV campgrounds, a nine-hole golf course and driving range and a racehorse training facility. ■

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

About the Cover

Photo from a recent Pleasanton Memorial Day observance shows members of the American Legion and VFW colorguards posting the colors. This year's ceremony will start at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the garden area just south of the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard. Photo by FJK Imaging. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu. Vol. XIX, Number 18

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

If you could spend five consecutive hours doing only one thing (that you can talk about for Streetwise), what would you do?



Amy Taurus
Nurse practitioner

Oh, that's an easy one. I have about a dozen novels stored up on my iPad. I'd head to the beach, plunk myself down in a lounge chair and read as many of them during that time as I possibly could.



Tina Powers *Busy mom*

I'd sit in my backyard, which is my favorite place on earth, and just watch and listen to all of the life going on there. Whether it is my own cats lounging on the warm patio, or the birds chirping, or the squirrels chasing one another up and down trees or the bees pollinating flowers. I just really enjoy being able to observe all life forms, especially if they're interacting with one another.



Jim Loring
Engineer

I would spend the time on the San Francisco Bay, sailing with friends. I can never get enough of sailing. I always feel my best and when I'm at the helm, steering my boat and surrounded by my crew.



Amelia Stein *Retired*

I would take my two youngest grandchildren to the library and read to them the entire time. Being read to by an adult is one of the few things that holds their attention indefinitely. We all get captured in the moment of the story and forget about absolutely everything else. It's like their electronic devices don't even exist.



Rebecca Millings *Sales and business development*

Assuming no one in my family needed me, I would work. I always have deals I'm trying to close and work that I'm trying to tie loose ends up on. It would be such a luxury to have five straight hours where I could attend to nothing but that and get it all done so that it would not be looming over my head anymore.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Harrison St. duplex

The Pleasanton Planning Commission has approved a resident's proposal to a two-story, duplex apartment building to the back part of a 0.17-acre residential lot at 4722 Harrison St., located just off West Angela Street between central downtown and the fairgrounds.

The existing 1,042-square-foot house, which dates back to 1949, would remain in place at the front of the property, but the current detached two-car garage, attached patio cover and backyard hardscape and landscaping, including all four trees, would be removed to make way for the two apartments.

The site would include five parking spaces, with two uncovered spots in back between the house and apartments, two in the apartments' garage and one outside of the back apartment.

Commissioners approved the project May 9. Their regular meeting this Wednesday was canceled due to lack of quorum available for the meeting.

Sunol express lanes

Alameda County Transportation Commission officials recently marked the start of construction on the new express toll lanes on northbound Interstate 680 from Highway 84 in Sunol to Auto Mall Parkway in Fremont.

The project calls for widening the freeway to create a new express lane along the nine-mile stretch. It also will feature upgrades to the southbound I-680 express lane to improve access, officials said.

Construction is expected to continue through late 2020. The project is estimated at \$205.7 million, with funding primarily from Measure B and Measure BB county sales tax revenues, along with state money.

Officials hope the project will promote carpooling and ride-sharing, help alleviate traffic congestion and improve operations along one of the most congested corridors in the region.

Celebration of Life

Cancer survivors and their caregivers can take part in the 26th annual Tri-Valley Celebration of Life program on June 6 at the Dublin Holiday Inn on Regional Street.

The free event, sponsored by local hospitals and cancer-support nonprofits, will include motivational and educational speakers, information on community resources and refreshments.

Those who want to attend should RSVP by this Sunday by leaving their name and the size of their party at 357-6498 or juliane.lee@cancer.org. ■

Amador Valley principal promoted to PUSD human resources director

Also: School board highlights student achievement, roof replacement contract and more

By ERIKA ALVERO

After two years on the job, principal Michael Williams will be leaving his post at Amador Valley High School to assume a district-level administration position.

The Pleasanton school board announced Williams' appointment as director of human resources at Tuesday's night meeting, as board members reported out actions taken in closed session.

Williams thanked the board and Amador community at the meeting. "I've had the privilege of starting

as a vice principal and growing within Pleasanton, and I'm very excited to continue my growth, in working with Mr. Hernandez," Williams said, referencing Julio Hernandez, the district's assistant superintendent of human resources.

"It's bittersweet because I'll be missing my Amador community, but I'm hoping that I can help the



Michael Williams

greater good of Pleasanton, so I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you," Williams added.

Williams was appointed as Amador principal in spring 2016. Then a vice principal at the high school, he served as interim principal for the last two months of the 2015-16 school year before formally taking over July 1 — he replaced Tom Drescher, who left for another job.

Before coming to Pleasanton in 2014, Williams served as vice principal of a middle school in Half Moon Bay, after having taught physical education at Peninsula

schools for several years.

Williams' departure marks the third year in a row that one of Pleasanton's two main high schools will be recruiting for a new principal.

In terms of Williams' replacement at Amador, district officials say they are looking to hold input meetings with students, staff and families before the end of the school year, with invitations going out to all constituents once the dates are finalized.

In addition to announcing

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RYAN J. DEGAN

Community leaders join project developers at the Kottinger Gardens affordable senior housing complex last week to recognize the completion of Phase 1 and start of construction on Phase 2.

Celebrating Kottinger Gardens

Ceremony marks Phase 1 completion, Phase 2 groundbreaking

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Just in time to coincide with Affordable Housing Week, Kottinger Gardens — an affordable senior housing community under development by the city and MidPen Housing Corp. — hosted a grand-opening ribbon cutting ceremony for its Phase 1 housing project in concurrence with its Phase 2 groundbreaking celebration last week.

Approximately 100 community members attended the May 16 ceremony to recognize the new housing project that has been under construction just outside downtown Pleasanton since March 2016. Once Phase 2 is complete, Kottinger Gardens will add 185 new low-income housing units for seniors.

"After years of envisioning, planning and collaborating, we're excited to finally celebrate the opening of this community," Mayor Jerry Thorne said. "Kottinger Gardens expands much-needed affordable housing for our valued senior residents in a way that will be an asset to our city for years to come."

The completion of Phase 1 has provided 131 new units of low-income housing for seniors — aged 62 and older — earning up to 60% of area median income, which is \$43,860 for a single-person household, according to MidPen.

Construction has already begun on Phase 2, which will provide an additional 54 new homes in the form of one-bedroom

cottages and a multi-story building, on the former site of Pleasanton Gardens. The \$30.2 million project is expected to be open for residents by spring 2019.

Rent at Phase 1 ranges from \$548 to \$1,097 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$658 to \$1,317 for two-bedroom units. Phase 2 has a similar price range, with one-bedrooms coming in at \$391 to \$1,174 and two-bedroom \$821 to \$1,408. (Comparatively as of 2016 the median gross rent in Pleasanton comes in at \$1,949, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.)

To say the homes are in high demand would be an understatement. To date Kottinger Gardens has received 984 applications

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Concerts in the Park

Friday evening shows returning downtown next week

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's popular weekly summertime Concert in the Park series will be back at Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks starting next Friday, with Retroactive kicking things off and playing a range of pop songs from the 1960s through today.

Organized by the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA), the Concert in the Park series will run each Friday night through Aug. 31 and feature a little something for many music tastes, including rock, bluegrass, soul, country, big band, and '50s and '60s oldies.

The free concerts go from 7-8:30 p.m. each Friday, with bands performing onstage at Lions Wayside Park at the corner of First and Neal streets. New for this year, Neal Street will be closed between the two parks from 5:30-9:30 p.m. to allow for a safer concert experience, PDA officials said.

Crowds fill Lions Wayside and adjacent Delucchi parks for the shows, with residents often eating picnic dinners or meals picked up from downtown restaurants. Adults can bring their own beer and wine, too.

Concert-goers often put blankets and chairs out for the shows in advance, but PDA officials reminded residents that they must wait until the morning of the concert to do so. People cannot use rocks to hold down blankets because rocks

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Korean War veteran honored by San Francisco Consulate

Stoneridge Creek resident receives Ambassador for Peace Medal

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The Korean War is sometimes referred to as the “Forgotten War,” due to the lack of public attention it often receives. But the people of South Korea have no intention of forgetting, and continue to honor American veterans who helped maintain their republic’s independence.

Former U.S. Army Cpl. Dan Rodriguez, who now lives in Pleasanton, became one of those honored veterans earlier this month when he was presented with the Korean War Ambassador for Peace Medal during a ceremony at his Stoneridge Creek senior community.

“It’s overwhelming. I mean I don’t feel like I did anything special over there, but it’s nice, it’s a really pretty medal,” Rodriguez said at the May 8 event. “I appreciate the fact that the Korean government appreciates what we did over there.”



RYAN J. DEGAN

Many of the veterans of Stoneridge Creek senior living community came out to support Korean War veteran Dan Rodriguez (center, with medal).

Approximately 50 people attended the ceremony to watch Rodriguez receive the medal, which is made out of barbed wire collected from the demilitarized border between North and South Korea

— one of the most heavily militarized regions in the world.

“We are so grateful to American Korean War veterans. Korea has become prosperous now because of their sacrifices,” Consul General

Park Joon-yong, from the Republic of Korea’s San Francisco Consulate, said while presenting the medal to Rodriguez. “It is very important (we) keep close relationships with U.S. Korean War veterans.”

The Ambassador for Peace Medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to the men and women who served in the Korean War. The commemorative medal is given to American veterans while honoring them for defending South Korea, in order to help grow the already close relationships the two countries have.

“I am very proud. This is a big to-do, it’s quite the ceremony. I don’t know if they were expecting this big of a crowd. They probably just thought they would show up and drop (the medal) off,” Dan’s wife Lynn Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez received basic training

at Fort Ord in Monterey before shipping off to Korea in 1951. He would serve there for a year as an army cook at the 35th Regiment headquarters, which followed just two miles behind the front lines.

“We were behind the lines so a little closer to trouble, but it wasn’t terribly bad,” Rodriguez said, reflecting on his time there. “There were some times we got kind of weary but most of the time the real party was up front.”

After the war, Rodriguez returned to his pre-military job at the post office and took advantage of the GI Bill, going to school to study accounting.

“After two years a friend of mine at the post office talked me into switching to optometry, so I switched and then I dropped out and got married and just lived a regular life after that,” he said. ■

Amador Valley, Foothill VPs leaving for principal posts

Hurtado to head Valley High in Dublin, Baker moving to Sacramento middle school

By ERIKA ALVERO
AND JEREMY WALSH

Vice principals at each of Pleasanton’s comprehensive high schools are resigning at the end of the school year to take principal positions for the first time in their careers.

Amador Valley’s Mario Hurtado has been hired as the new principal of Valley High School, a continuation school in Dublin. Across town, Foothill’s Marcel Baker recently announced he has accepted the principal job at Natomas Middle School in Sacramento starting next year.



Mario Hurtado



Marcel Baker

Hurtado, a 1999 Dublin High School graduate, served one year as vice principal at Amador Valley following five years teaching history, economics and leadership at Pleasanton’s continuation high

school, Village High — a tenure that included being named PUSD Teacher of the Year in 2017.

“Valley High is an integral part of our secondary school offering,” Dublin Superintendent Leslie Boozer said. “It provides an option for students to achieve their high school diploma in a more flexible environment. Mr. Hurtado is committed to building a culture of excellence where students can reach their maximum potential. We are pleased to welcome him back to Dublin.”

Hurtado is one of four vice

principals at Amador, joining Terry Conde, Nimarta Grewal and Doris Kwok.

For Baker, this was his fourth year in Pleasanton Unified and his second at Foothill — previously, he served as vice principal at Hart Middle School for two years.

“I would like to say thank you to so many people: students, family and staff who have made Pleasanton a great place to work,” Baker said in an email to the Weekly. “I have known many of our current students and families for four years, making it hard to leave. I will miss Pleasanton.”

Baker is one of three vice principals at Foothill, along with Josh Butterfield and Jennifer Friesen. Before coming to PUSD, Baker served as a middle school assistant principal in Oakland Unified School District.

“I’m very excited for Mr. Baker and his opportunity to be a middle school principal,” Foothill principal Sebastian Bull said in an email to the Weekly. “It is a big gain for Natomas Middle School but a big loss for Foothill. Mr. Baker is a strong advocate for students and will be missed.” ■

Tri-Valley transit projects receive state, federal grants

List includes Livermore Transit Center, BART to Livermore planning

By JEREMY WALSH

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) recently announced that it was awarded a \$440,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Transit Administration for capital improvements at the Livermore Transit Center.

Work is already underway at the transit center, after Livermore’s historic train depot was moved there last July. Efforts to restore the depot building so it can house LAVTA’s sales office and museum displays is expected to be completed during the summer.

“This grant provides the funding necessary to really complete the Livermore Transit Center project and greatly improve the customer experience for Wheels and Rapid riders through improved passenger amenities, updated lighting and better signage,”

said Livermore City Councilman Steven Spedowski, who also sits on the LAVTA Board of Directors.

Pleasanton City Councilwoman Karla Brown, who is LAVTA board chair, added, “We are very pleased that our project was selected for funding through this highly competitive FIA discretionary grant program. The LAVTA staff is to be commended for developing a compelling grant application that was favorably received.”

LAVTA also announced in recent days that the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority received \$750,000 in state grant money for its continued planning efforts to connect the ACE Train and BART rail systems to alleviate congestion along the Interstate 580 corridor.

“The I-580 freeway serves the Alameda Corridor and ranks as one of the most congested freeways in the

Northern California Megaregion due to high volume commuter, freight and other traffic,” said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who also serves as the rail authority’s board chair.

“With traffic on the I-580 expected to increase 60% in the near future, this is a very important rail connection that will not only improve our quality of life, but will also have a positive impact on our economy and the environment,” he added.

Those two grants came on the heels of LAVTA receiving a nearly \$21 million grant from the California State Transportation Agency, through its Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, to support the project to build a new parking garage at the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART station. The state program includes Senate Bill 1 and state cap-and-trade funds. ■



PTSCA

30 delegates from Mexico visit Pleasanton

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association celebrated its 35th anniversary last month when 30 association members from Tulancingo visited Pleasanton. An opening night gala at Castlewood Country Club with music from Amador Valley High School musicians was followed by a day touring municipal services such as the city offices, Pleasanton Police Department, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and Dublin San Ramon Services District. Other activities during the trip included a tour of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, wine-tasting, a San Francisco Bay cruise, dinner with individual Pleasanton families, a public picnic and farewell dinner.

Zone 7 board opts to leave McGrail's seat open until election

Also approves contracts for flood control repairs, environmental services

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors commemorated late director Jim McGrail, who died last month after a recent illness, with an official moment of silence at last week's meeting, and then formally decided to leave his board seat vacant for the remainder of his unexpired term through June.

McGrail, who besides serving on the Zone 7 board was a well-known vineyard owner and local attorney, died at his home in Livermore on April 29 at age 63.

"I've known Jim for 45 years, not only as a director, as a very close friend for many years," said board president John Greci, when calling for a moment of silence, early on in the 2-1/2-hour-long meeting May 16. "He's been a very strong community person, he's given so much back to the community, and very well-liked by our community."

"Our loss, and his absence, is going to have a very strong effect on a lot of people's emotions, and he's loved by a lot of people," Greci added.

McGrail's term was set to expire June 30, and he had previously decided not to run for re-election. So, the board voted 6-0 last week

that it wasn't worth the effort to fill the vacancy for one meeting in June, with a newly elected director already set to join the board after the June 5 primary results are confirmed.

The board also officially approved a commendation for Carl Morrison, a Zone 7 environmental consultant who died April 6 when his single-engine plane crashed in Petaluma.

"He's been a friend to all of us, he's helped to make sure that we all know the people we should know when we go to meetings, and has just been an amazing source of friendship and knowledge," Director Sarah Palmer said. "He's done quite a bit."

In other related news, former Zone 7 general manager Mun Mar died May 6, although the board did not officially remark on Mar's death

at the meeting.

In other business

- The board awarded a contract of just under \$2.8 million to Fanfa, Inc. for repairs to the agency's flood control facilities.

These Phase 1 repairs include 26 sites along Arroyo Mocho, Chabot Canal, Alamo Canal and South San Ramon Creek. Facilities there were among a total 208 sites on Zone 7-owned channels identified as damaged due to storms of January and February 2017.

Funding will come from Fund 200-Flood Protection Operations.

- Directors unanimously approved a resolution authorizing General Manager Valerie Pryor to negotiate and execute two contracts for environmental vegetation technical services: one with Ecological Concerns, Inc. for

as-needed services for an amount not-to-exceed \$330,000 annually, and one with RECON Environmental, Inc. for existing projects at ADLL Verona and Arroyo Mocho Stanley Reach for an amount not-to-exceed \$165,000.

Both contracts will be paid for through Fund 200 and will be for an initial three-year period with the option to extend the contracts and budgets for two additional one-year periods.

- The board approved an updated investment policy.

- Four students who were recently awarded by Zone 7 for their water-related projects at the Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair presented their work to the board.

The awardees were Shreyas Kallingal from Amador Valley High School, Lakshmi Sajith from

Harvest Park Middle School and a duo from Dublin's Quarry Lane High School, Eesha Pamula and Ritika Peddamallu.

- The public comment period for the Arroyo Mocho Medeiros Reach floodplain and riparian restoration project has been extended by two weeks to June 8. A draft initial study/mitigated negative declaration for the project was released April 25, and the final declaration will address public comments and concerns received.

Comments can be sent via email to Emily Moshier, P.E. at emoshier@zone7water.com, or in hard copy to Moshier at Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, 100 N. Canyons Pkwy., Livermore, CA 94551.

Agency staff expect the final document will be considered at the Zone 7 board meeting July 18. ■

CONCERTS

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can damage lawn-mowing equipment, and the use of plastic tarps, which can burn the grass, is also prohibited.

Beer Baron, one of the presenting sponsors of the series, will be serving different meals at the park each week. Attendees can also visit the PDA information table near the stage to enter free raffles for gift cards and prize baskets from local businesses.

The other presenting sponsors are Omni Fight Club and Pleasanton Garbage Service, with each concert also sponsored by a different local business.

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 June 8: Cooltones, big band
 June 15: Michael Beck Band, country
 June 22: The Groove Doctors, high-energy hits
 June 29: Crawdad Republic, folk/bluegrass
 July 6: Audio Illusion, '50s to today
 July 13: Michelle Lambert, indie
 July 20: The 925 Band, funk/rock/pop dance
 July 27: The Dropsticks, classic rock
 Aug. 3: The Apes, contemporary rock
 Aug. 10: Tommy and the 4 Speeds, 1950s to 1970s
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Amador senior wins state's National History Day contest

Chen now advances to nationals in Maryland for her paper

By ERIKA ALVERO

A senior from Amador Valley High School was named a state champion in the National History Day 2018 state competition and will now move on to nationals.

Sandra Chen's paper, "The Chinese Must Go: Conflict and Compromise in California Pre-Exclusion Act," was one of two Alameda County projects to be named a California champion, meaning it was deemed one of the two best in its category at the state-level competition on May 5-6 in Rocklin.

Chen, whose entry was selected in the senior division Historical Paper category, will go on to the next level of the National History Day program, which aims to encourage students to explore local, state, national and world history. She and 35 other California champions will attend the finals June

10-14 at University of Maryland, College Park.

This year's theme was "Conflict and Compromise." The other Alameda County champion was Kanchan Raju from Fremont's Mission San Jose High School, for her senior division individual exhibit "Life Before Birth: Robert Edwards and the IVF Revolution."

Three students from Hart Middle School were also named finalists at the state competition, meaning their projects were judged to be in the top 12 in their categories.

Murphy Fenzl was recognized for his individual documentary "Roger Williams," and Kevin Hobbs and Anthony Mitine were finalists for their group exhibit "The Feuding Fathers."

Next year's theme will be "Triumph and Tragedy in History." ■

Tri-Valley hospice pioneer Dr. Peter Wong dies at 74

Physician also known for contributions to cancer treatment, palliative care

By JEREMY WALSH

Dr. Peter P. Wong, an early founder of Hope Hospice and a pioneer in the Bay Area in the medical fields of cancer treatment, hospice services and palliative care, died peacefully April 16, according to family. He was 74.

The Tri-Valley community is set to remember Wong and reflect on his innovative accomplishments during a memorial service next month at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

"Dr. Wong compassionately served our patients and led our hospice team for more than 32 years," Hope Hospice CEO Bob Boehm told the Weekly. "He was one of the early founders of Hope Hospice and was passionate about providing hospice and palliative care to families in our community. We are grateful to have had him as a leader."

A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Wong earned his medical degree from the Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. It was a medical school assignment to a cancer ward that inspired him to pursue a career in cancer treatment, family said.

He is credited with advancing the delivery of cancer care in the Tri-Valley by founding Valley Medical Oncology Consultants, a group that has been providing comprehensive cancer care to Bay Area patients for the last 40 years. The group has grown from a single office to 10 locations in four counties with services that include medical oncology, radiation oncology, clinical trials and palliative care.

Wong was an original member

of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and previously served on the medical staffs at East Bay hospitals including ValleyCare, San Ramon Regional Medical Center and Eden Medical Center.

"Patient-centered care for both patients and their families with personalized expertise was the foundational belief upon which the practice was built. His goal was to treat the person not the disease," family said in Wong's obituary.

Wong is also remembered as a pioneer in the Tri-Valley and Bay Area in hospice and palliative care. He was among the first certified specialists in those fields.

Wong served as physician and medical director for Hope Hospice for 32 years until retiring in 2014, devoted to helping patients with end-of-life medical needs, family said. Most recently, he served as medical director for Continuum Hospice.

Away from the office, Wong's passions in life included his family, handball and Cal sports. Wong is survived by his wife Shirley, sons Christopher (daughter-in-law Michelle) and Nicholas, and grandchildren Danielle, Colin and Tyson.

A memorial service for Wong is set for 1-3 p.m. June 3 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. In lieu of flowers, his family encourages donations in his name to Hope Hospice, Cal Athletics or the Wayne State University Medical School. ■



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KOTTINGER

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from residents interested in the 185 units. The waiting list is much shorter than that, coming in around 300-400 parties that meet the requirements, but this high demand truly highlights the growing need for affordable senior housing in the Tri-Valley, according to Abby Goldware, associate director of housing development at MidPen.

"We all know that our golden state is turning gray," Thorne said at the celebration. "By 2030 one out of every three Californians will be over the age of 50, and there will be 9 million over the age of 65."

In light of the increasing need for senior housing, the addition of the new homes at Kottinger Gardens is a welcome sight for its residents.

"When I came to Kottinger

Gardens, I took a look at my apartment and thought 'I love it it's beautiful', I felt like I was home it was everything I ever wanted and a place of my own," resident Mary Davenport said.

The vision of Kottinger Gardens was formed by the Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force, a group of participants assembled by the city with representatives from the City Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Housing Commission, current residents, neighbors, Pleasanton Gardens Board of Directors and other community advocates. Many of those people attended last week's ceremony.

"All of my neighbors and fellow residents are very nice, it seems like everyone is happy," Davenport said with a smile. "I know we need more communities like these." ■

Art and Wind Festival returning to San Ramon

20,000 attendees expected at two-day event

By RYAN J. DEGAN

The San Ramon Art and Wind Festival returns this Memorial Day weekend, with a plethora of family-friendly events celebrating a diverse group of artists from around the Bay Area.

Last summer's festival reportedly saw more than 10,000 attendees at the two-day event. This year, organizers expect that number to be closer to 20,000.

The free festival at San Ramon's Central Park will feature fine arts, crafts, specialty food vendors, three entertainment stages headlining international music, children's puppet shows and a kite-making workshop. But the main attractions, as always, are the breathtaking kite stunts performed by some of the nation's top kite fliers.

"We will have kites flying controllable kites to music, individuals select a piece of music and choreograph the kite's movement to the music. We'll also have two four-person teams and two pairs teams flying in unison to their music," professional kiter Brian Champie told the Weekly. "We will also put up a few large show kites during the day, wind permitting."

Champie, who has been a kiter for over 25 years, is returning to this year's festival, and will be accompanied by national kite-flying champions, many of whom live right here in the Bay Area.

"Very few people get paid to fly kites so the term 'professional kite flier' doesn't mean money," Champie said. "However, many of us spend a lot of time being invited to different events to do kite shows similar to the San Ramon Art and Wind Festival. This group just did the Morro Bay kite festival last month."

Kids better keep their eyes to the skies, as organizers say that twice a day during the kite performances,



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Kites will fly high above San Ramon Central Park fields this weekend during the annual Art and Wind Festival.

the kites will do several aerial candy drops, raining sugary sweets around unsuspecting festival-goers below.

Champie said the park does not offer the best flying conditions, but assures festival-goers that the best kites in the Bay Area will be sure to put on a great show anyway.

"The wind in Central Park can be very challenging. Mostly because it is located in a tight valley so any wind that does get in there is very squirrely," he said.

Performances will be held daily on the Lucky A's ball field, the first field behind the skate park.

Kids or adults who are inspired by the performances will be given the opportunity to make their own kites at the Fountain Room inside the San Ramon Community Center.

Kite flying is not the only wind-centered attraction. Last year's popular RE/MAX hot air balloon will be making a return to give participants a higher view of the Tri-Valley. Starting at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the balloon will inflate and allow people to take a tethered ride 50-80 feet in the air. The balloon will be on Ball Field 3 behind the Community

Center.

"Folks should come early if they want to see the balloon inflating and hopefully taking off. It will all depend on how windy it is," said Mary Ann Simmons, recreation supervisor of the city's Parks and Community Services Department and festival organizer.

Other event highlights are the new East Bay Regional Park District Mobile Visitors' Center, free bike helmet fittings by Street Smarts, gourmet food courts, free valet bike parking, and of course the over 150 artisans from across the country who will be showing off their work.

"My advice would be for people to ride their bikes to the festival if possible," Simmons said. "Sports Basement will be providing a free bike valet at their store along the Iron Horse Trail. They will also have free giveaways and discount merchandise coupons."

The two-day Art and Wind Festival will be held Sunday and Monday at Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Pets are welcome, and admission is free. ■

Educators, staff honored for impacting students' lives

PTA Council singles out PUSD employees at annual ceremony

Twenty Pleasanton Unified School District teachers and staff were honored earlier this month at the annual Excellence in Education Awards.

The Pleasanton PTA Council distributes the awards in order to honor teachers and staff who have had a positive impact on students' lives, with nominations submitted by students and parents.

The awards were handed out May 7 at the Firehouse Arts Center

at the 28th annual ceremony, attended by friends and family of the honorees, along with community members.

The 20 awardees heralded from schools and departments across the district were: Diane Anderson (Foothill), Jennifer Berrigan (Lydiksen), Julie Castillo (Vintage Hills), Jeremy Detamore (Foothill), Cassandra Fuller (Alisal), Jana Halle (Harvest Park), Gary Johnson (Foothill), Kelly Lack (Fairlands),

Lisa O'Connor (Donlon), Laura Peters (PUSD), Jill Battilega (Amador Valley), Willie Brown (Hart), Kristine Cozzo (Walnut Grove), Laura Ditto (Walnut Grove), Scott Gorsuch (Foothill), Stacey Holder (Fairlands), Cindy Johnson-Eckersley (Harvest Park), Brian Ladd (Amador Valley), Amy Patnode (Harvest Park) and Pam Smith (Walnut Grove). ■

—Erika Alvero

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Jean Ramos

December 15, 1927 – May 16, 2018

Jean Ramos, age 90, passed away on May 16, 2018, in Pleasanton, California. Jean was born December 15, 1927 in Monrovia, California, to parents Finis William "Bill" Smith and Jean Frances Martin.

Jean is survived by two brothers, Page Williams and Bobby Smith, three sons, Bruce, Lynn (Cheryl) and Craig (Lisa) Ramos. She is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Joseph Ramos. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Johnny (Allison) Ramos, Ryan (Allison) Ramos and Katelyn (Chi-Chao) Peng, and four great-grandchildren, Kaitlynn, Haley, Chloe and Ella Ramos.

Since early childhood, Jean had a special love and appreciation for horses. Her Grandfather gave her a horse when she was a very young girl which she loved riding in Horse Shows. On June 14, 1946, Jean met Joe, who also loved horses and was a thoroughbred racehorse trainer at Santa Anita Race Track and Hollywood Park. Two weeks later, Joe proposed and said, "You are the one for me." They were married in Santa Barbara two months later.

She and Joe lived in Southern California, Palo Alto and eventually brought the family to Pleasanton in 1962. She was a homemaker, dedicated wife and a loving mother. Jean loved Joe, their horses, her family, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Time with family was one of her life's greatest joys.

Jean also loved the San Francisco Giants, the Golden State Warriors and of course, the horse races. Jean could tell you the bloodlines of many of the horses in the big races she watched. She just enjoyed watching the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby.

A Celebration of Jean's life will be held Saturday June 2, at 10am at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street Pleasanton, CA. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jean's name can be made to Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy at www.cureepilepsy.org/get-involved/donate



PAID OBITUARY

Character Awards

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative honored the four winners of the 2018 Juanita Haugen Awards during a luncheon at the Veterans Memorial Building on Tuesday afternoon. The recipients were (from left) Sherri Leal, John Houston, Valley Humane Society (represented by Melanie Sadek) and Ed Westmoreland. The collaborative also recognized four high school seniors with this year's Juanita Haugen Scholarships: Abbie Cooper and Nicole Zhang of Amador Valley and Kathryn Lee and Rachel Mundaden of Foothill.



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PROMOTION

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Williams' new position, the school board appointed Kathleen Rief as director of student services. Rief started in PUSD about 12 years ago and has been serving as interim director of student services for nearly a year.

Board president Mark Miller was absent from the meeting.

In other business

- It was standing-room-only at the start of the four-hour meeting, as parents and friends gathered inside the district board room for the flurry of recognitions and presentations honoring students in particular for stand-out character, and academic and extracurricular prowess.

First on the docket, students from all school levels who had been singled out for demonstrating the character trait of "integrity" were honored, followed by recognitions of the valedictorians and salutatorians at Foothill and Amador Valley high schools, respectively.

The board then recognized student board members who had represented Foothill, Amador and Village high schools, and Middle College at board meeting throughout the school year.

"Students are the heart of everything that we do as a school district, and we are grateful to our student board members for helping us to ensure that student voice is heard

at every single one of our board meetings," Superintendent David Haglund said.

The Foothill and Amador We the People teams and mentors from this year and years past were also appreciated, and finally, the board honored Amador's Project Lead the Way team for coming in second at the state finals for the design challenge.

- A team from the district's career technical education program and the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program gave an overview of the program, along with plans for the upcoming school year.

They highlighted their program expansions in all realms, especially focusing on the Criminal Justice Academy — a cohort of students from the academy was present at the meeting in uniform.

"I have learned more about a specific subject in this class than I ever have in any other class I have ever taken," said Blake Zimmerman, a Foothill senior in the program.

The team also spotlighted the new Mentoring through Agriculture program that has taken hold (or "blossomed," in the punny words of administrators) at Harvest Park Middle School.

- The board approved a bid for roof replacement at Amador Valley High School to Premium Roofing for a total of \$297,000, paid for through the district's Deferred Maintenance Fund.

- The board approved a resolution

on the possible use of the Education Protection Account. Funds from the account are not additional funds from the state, staff emphasized, but rather are related to cash flow.

- It was a big night for public comments.

A fifth-grade Girl Scouts troop kicked off the first public comments period, sharing feedback on their school experience — their overall consensus was that teachers are nice and caring, but school lunches could use some work at times.

Three parents voiced support for Hart Middle School special day class (SDC) teacher Kaycie Woldhuis, whom they said they had heard may not be returning to Hart, for undisclosed reasons. They all credited Woldhuis with inspiring their students in the SDC program to make substantial academic progress.

And as the board considered approval of the consent calendar, a collection of items deemed routine and voted upon all at once unless pulled for separate consideration, community member Kathleen Ruegsegger pulled an item for discussion on a previously approved memorandum of understanding between the city and school district, with an amendment to the MOU up for approval.

The MOU in question had allowed for a pilot project at Amador in which ninth-grade students could use their student identification cards as Pleasanton Public Library cards, with interested families asked to "opt-in" to the program. The primary idea behind this program, staff said, was to grant students access to the extensive subscription services available through the public library.

The amendment would expand this program to other high school students at Foothill and Village, as well as changing the process to "opt-out" rather than "opt-in."

Ruegsegger and John Bauer, another community member, questioned the "opt-in" component of the amendment, and Trustee Steve Maher expressed some concerns regarding sharing student data. But staff and other board members pointed to the benefits that come with connecting students to the library's services, along with furthering the district's partnership with the library.

The board approved the amendment 3-1, with Maher voting no. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Building a house in Mexico: From left: Shawn Ye, Tony Zhao, Henry Li, Brian Li, Mark Zhao, Patrick Lin, Jessica Xiao and Jonathan Ye stand on the roof of a house that they helped build in Tijuana, Mexico for a family in need. They finished on Dec. 29, 2017.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

PUSD: Graffiti threat deemed not credible

Pleasanton Middle School saw increased police presence on campus last week due to threatening graffiti discovered in a bathroom, but no incidents occurred, according to district officials.

The graffiti was found the morning of May 15, and included a possible threat involving a school shooting, according to district spokesman Patrick Gannon. The Pleasanton Police Department was alerted immediately, and in response to parent concerns, there were police officials on campus throughout the week, including at the eighth-grade promotion dance last Friday evening.

The investigation is ongoing, Gannon said.

"The school and PPD conducted interviews with individuals who may have had information related to the graffiti and collected handwriting samples as part of the investigation," he said.

In an email update sent out to parents, principal Jill Butler said that classes and lunch had been held as usual on Friday and encouraged families to have conversations with their children in light of the "stressful week," especially to speak to their children about

reporting any suspicious activity.

She added that even if a threat is made in jest, school officials take it very seriously.

"Given the heightened sensitivity around security and our desire to help each student feel safe at school, we also would like to stress the importance of speaking with students about joking or commenting about potential threats at school," Butler said.

"As school administrators, we take every potential threat seriously and respond to it accordingly. While a student may make statements as a joke, it may not be interpreted that way by others. And whether a student intends to make a threat or a joke, there are real consequences that may follow," she added.

In other news

A 34-year-old Danville man died after a Tesla Model S vehicle was found in a pond off of Crow Canyon Road just outside San Ramon in unincorporated Alameda County on Sunday night, a California Highway Patrol spokesman said.

The man, identified by the Alameda County coroner's bureau as Keith Leung, died when the Tesla apparently went off the roadway while traveling north in the 11000 block of Crow Canyon Road and ended up in the water about 65 feet from the edge of the pond, CHP spokesman Officer Dan Jacowitz said.

Alameda County fire officials received the report at about 8:30 p.m. A dive team from the county sheriff's office responded in what Jacowitz described as challenging conditions including zero visibility and heavy brush.

The blue Tesla was found with Leung still seated inside, according to Jacowitz. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation, including whether the Tesla's autopilot function was engaged while Leung was driving on the windy, two-lane county road.

An engineer by trade, Leung was also active in the arts around the Bay Area, serving as an orchestra manager at Stage 1 Theatres in Newark as well as an assistant equipment manager, conductor, musician and charter member for the Danville Community Band.

"Our thoughts and condolences are with the family of Keith Leung who was lost in a single-automobile crash yesterday. Keith was a charter member of the Danville Community Band and was one of Bob Calonico's Cal Band members in his days at Cal," Danville Community Band said on Facebook. "We will miss Keith, dearly. RIP Keith."



Keith Leung

Leung was a versatile musician, starting off at the community band playing the bass clarinet, before transitioning to his forte instrument, bassoon, according to George March, business manager for the band. Leung also played all the saxes, virtually all the clarinets and flutes and even dabbled in some trumpet, horn, violin and cello.

"His primary reasoning for playing 'everything' was because he was very much a team player and wanted to make sure as much music got

covered as possible. For pit orchestras this is a pretty valuable skill," March said. "Keith was fairly social in the DCB, happy to talk with anyone. He loved to travel, and ... loved playing in pit orchestras."

A University of California at Berkeley graduate, Leung was pursuing a chemical engineering career as a process engineer at Criterion Catalysts and Technologies in Bay Point, according to his LinkedIn profile. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

Sharon Cozzette

Well-known Pleasanton area realtor Sharon Cozzette passed away on April 18, 2018 in Castro Valley after a long illness.

Sharon was also a spiritual teacher, and directed the Pleasanton Psychic Institute. She had retired from her real estate career and later opened her own spiritual center in Castro Valley. She will be missed by her many friends.

A memorial and celebration of Sharon's life will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St, Pleasanton, CA 94566, beginning at 2:00 p.m.



PAID OBITUARY

John E. Harding

September 5, 1963 – April 30, 2018

John E. Harding loved life. He loved time with his family, good friends and food, traveling the world, and practicing law. He managed cancer for nearly nine years with a singular focus to keep doing the things he loved with the people loved. His truly courageous battle ended on April 30, 2018, surrounded by his family. At 54, he was not able to live a full life, but he most definitely lived his life to the fullest.

John was born in San Francisco and raised in San Ramon. He played baseball at Cal Poly, graduated undergrad from St. Mary's College, and focused on his future at Golden Gate University School of Law, where he met his wife, Lisa. John practiced law for 29 years, becoming a certified family law specialist and a fellow in the American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers, serving as the organization's president in 2016. He was also an active member in the International Association of Matrimonial Lawyers and always looked forward to their annual gatherings around the globe.

John had a passion for traveling the world and was always looking for a new adventure. He visited over 40 countries on six continents, and prided himself on knowing just about everything.

John is survived by his wife Lisa, son Jack, daughter Ryan, mother Trudy Harding, sister-in-law Jay Elliott, and mother-in-law Molly Elliott.

His love, friendship, and incredible sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Per John's wishes, there will be no services.



PAID OBITUARY

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 19

Drug violation

■ 9:38 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Sex offense

■ 12:07 a.m. on Hummingbird Road

DUI

■ 1:05 a.m. at Sunol Boulevard and Castlewood Drive

■ 6:38 a.m. at Owens and Andrews drives

May 18

Drug violation

■ 10:59 p.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

Weapons violation

■ 7:55 p.m. at Parkside Drive and Joanne Circle

Domestic battery

■ 7:37 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft from auto

■ 6:56 a.m. on the 6300 block of Carriage Drive

■ 9:02 a.m. on the 300 block of Brienne Court

■ 9:13 a.m. on the 300 block of Brienne Court

■ 1:47 p.m. on the 1400 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 3:30 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Assault/battery

■ 6:22 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

May 17

Theft

■ 7:13 p.m. on the 4000 block of Payne Road

Drug violation

■ 6:44 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Weapons violation

■ 10:29 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

May 16

Drug violation

■ 5:22 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 4:26 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Burglary

■ 7:06 p.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Vandalism

■ 6:35 p.m. on the 6200 block of Camino Del Lago

Theft

■ 7:48 a.m., 4400 block of Black Avenue; theft from auto

■ 8:30 a.m., 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; theft of bicycle

■ 10:16 a.m., 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 4:33 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 5:22 p.m., 3900 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto

Alcohol violation

■ 2 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

May 15

Theft

■ 8:04 a.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto

■ 8:55 a.m., 5100 block of Monaco Drive; theft from auto

■ 9:26 a.m., 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard; shoplifting

■ 10:48 a.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto

■ 4:19 p.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

■ 7:22 p.m., 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto

Drug violation

■ 7:21 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

■ 5:29 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

■ 6:01 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

May 14

Shoplifting

■ 4:37 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 7:43 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

■ 11:21 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

May 13

Drug violation

■ 7:33 p.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

■ 9:09 a.m., 5800 block of Parkside Drive; theft from auto

■ 1:17 p.m., 2200 block of Westbridge Lane; theft from auto

■ 3:48 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

DUI

■ 1:24 p.m. on the 7100 block of Johnson Drive

Assault/battery

■ 12:49 a.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road



From the top down: U.S. Sea Cadets' rifle squad fires off a series of volleys in tribute to fallen soldiers at the 2016 Memorial Day observance in Pleasanton. Members of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band strike up patriotic music at last year's Memorial Day ceremonies in Pleasanton. They'll be there again Monday. Air Force Veteran Bob Fenton shakes the hand of Army combat veteran Julie Rather. Both are members of Pleasanton American Legion Post 237.

FROM SOMBER OBSERVANCES TO WEEKEND OF FUN

By JEB BING

Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley are among the best places to spend this Memorial Day weekend.

Danville, San Ramon, Livermore and Pleasanton have a plethora of events to mark the holiday, including the festive yet somber observance Monday that will honor the reason for the special day — remembering the fallen soldiers who served and sacrificed for our country.

Pleasanton will observe Memorial Day with an outdoor ceremony starting at 10:30 a.m. Monday next to the Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams, will play a variety of patriotic music.

At 11 a.m., the ceremony will begin with members of Pleasanton Post 237 of the American Legion and Post 6298 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars posting the colors as they pay tribute to the men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to the country.

Speakers at the ceremony will include Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne; David Caldwell, commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post; and Fire Chief Shawn Sullivan of Fort Hunter Liggett/Camp Parks.

Also included in the program will be presentations by members of the Pleasanton military community, including the reading of the honor roll of Pleasanton soldiers who died in service to the country.

The ceremony also will feature a three-round rifle volley by a military honorguard and the playing of Taps. A “Laying of the Wreath” ceremony will be accompanied by a bagpipe rendition of “Amazing Grace.”

The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes.

Prior to Monday's ceremony, Pleasanton Scouts will place flags and medallions on the graves of the more than 500 veterans who are buried at Pioneer Cemetery and the adjoining Catholic cemetery on Sunol Boulevard. Scouts also will help place American flags along the walkways at the Senior Center and put up shade canopies and chairs.

On Monday, Danville will host the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley to honor fallen veterans with a ceremony starting at 10:30 a.m. at Oak Hill Park.

American flags will line Stone Valley Road, serving as a guide to this special commemoration.

The event will include live music, entertainment and a ceremony with guest speakers and tributes to past and present service members.

Also on Memorial Day, observances will be held at 11 a.m. on the hangar deck of the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, one of the most decorated ships of the U.S. Navy that is berthed at 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, in Alameda.

The 30-minute ceremony will be followed by a wreath-toss off the ship's fantail.

The Hornet will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day. General admission applies; free for veterans and museum members. For more information, sign on to www.uss-hornet.org or call 510-521-8448.

Memorial Day, once known as Decoration Day, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I, the U.S. found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date first selected. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a

‘While many observe the holiday by visiting cemeteries or memorials, the three-day weekend also unofficially marks the beginning of summer.’



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Flags representing the U.S., California and the five branches of the country's military fly above a veterans' memorial at Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery, where more than 500 veterans are buried.



FJK IMAGING

Flags and medallions placed this weekend by Pleasanton Scouts decorate the graves of the more than 500 veterans buried at Pioneer Cemetery.

three-day weekend. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also made Memorial Day a federal holiday.

While many observe the holiday by visiting cemeteries or memorials — or with civic observances as scheduled on Monday — the three-day weekend also gives many the time to take camping trips or throw parties and barbecues, perhaps because it unofficially marks the beginning of summer.

This Sunday, the Spring Antique & Collectibles Faire returns to downtown Pleasanton from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be up to 400 dealers selling antiques and collectibles with vendors required to offer only items at least 20 years old. The show is expected to fill Main Street, which will be closed for the event.

Also Sunday, the Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet will return to the Firehouse Arts Center at 2 p.m. with their salute to veterans of all ages with songs from the 1940s and '50s.

In classic Andrews Sisters style, these singers will entertain with a variety show featuring live music

and a lot of swing. Tickets are on sale from \$17-\$27.

In San Ramon, the city will host its annual Art and Wind Festival, a free event to be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both Sunday and Memorial Day in San Ramon Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. The festival has become one of the Tri-Valley's most popular and colorful events on the Memorial Day weekend.

Memorial Day weekend activities at the Livermore Municipal Airport will include a return of World War II B-17 and B-24 bombers from Sunday through Tuesday. Also on display will be a WWII P-51C Mustang, a dual-control fighter aircraft.

These aircraft will be on display and available for viewing for a fee ranging from \$5-\$17 from noon to 5 p.m. all three days.

Then next Saturday (June 2), the Pleasanton Military Families organization will hold its eighth annual Hometown Pancake Breakfast and Troop Pack-out from 7:30-11 a.m. at Delucchi Community Park alongside Farmers' Market on Angela Street in downtown Pleasanton. ■



FJK IMAGING

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne addresses families attending previous Memorial Day observance next to the Pleasanton Senior Center. Thorne will be a speaker at Monday's ceremony, too.



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Bob Williams will again conduct the Pleasanton Community Concert Band at Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday.

Opinion

LETTERS

Gambs for Zone 7 director

Dear Editor,

I wholeheartedly endorse Dennis Gambs for Zone 7 Director. I've known Dennis since 1981 and find him to be a very conscientious and dedicated servant for the Zone 7 community. He's a registered civil engineer whose work was beyond reproach throughout his 34-year career with Zone 7.

In the early 1980s, Dennis worked to transfer responsibility for local flood control program from the Alameda County Public Works Agency in Hayward to Zone 7. He provided on-site construction inspection to many of the flood control improvement projects.

Dennis was on the ground floor of many key water supply decisions to increase the water supply and reliability of the Livermore-Amador Valley, including the initial ag-to-urban water transfers from the Central Valley and partnering in out-of-area groundwater banking programs.

Dennis was the point-man in renewing the 30-year water supply contracts with the four major water retailers in the Livermore-Amador Valley. He has always maintained a fair and equitable approach in calculating water rates and developer fees based on the principle of beneficiaries pays. Fee-setting and rate-making were often complicated, but Dennis could provide clear and reasonable alternatives for his superiors and ultimately the policy makers.

While bringing a fresh approach to the Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors, Dennis can provide an historical perspective on the inside workings of this vital agency.

—*Vincent Wong,*

Former assistant GM, Zone 7

Support for DA O'Malley

As a longtime community member, I am appalled at the outside money that has come into our local district attorney race. Billionaire George Soros has put \$1.5 million into his PAC to try and unseat several district attorneys, including our own District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

I am voting for Nancy because she is a career prosecutor for over 30 years. She has been the district attorney since 2009 and has created many innovative programs. She has created collaborative courts to reduce recidivism and incarceration. She has received many awards for her service nationally and has the endorsements of all the law enforcement agencies, Sen. Kamala Harris, Congressman Eric Swalwell, local supervisors, mayors and the Sierra Club.

Her opponent is unqualified to be the district attorney. She would only prosecute felony crimes — not misdemeanors. That means many crimes, including drunk driving, domestic violence, some sex crimes, property crimes including car break-ins.

—*Erlene DeMarcus*

Vote Peters for Congress

Vote for Rudy Peters for Congress. Rudy will bring calm, competent, commonsense leadership to Washington.

As a longtime resident of Alameda County, Rudy understands the issues of Alameda County and the cities within its boundaries. He has the knowledge and understanding for national, state and local needs.

Rudy joined the Navy and worked for the Navy and Defense Security Group and the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. Rudy will promote individual freedom and enable economic security in California.

—*Phyllis Couper*

Vote Baker, Blackwood, Viswanathan

As a 30-year advocate/watchdog, I have exposed past wasteful and illegal practices against taxpayers and asked for accountability on behalf of our community. We should all be concerned about the very serious statewide pension crisis.

Irella Blackwood has a record as a tenacious guardian of public funds, having uncovered past wasteful practices as chief auditor for the city and county of San Francisco.

Vivek Viswanathan has a mastery of the seriousness and the causes of the state's pension crisis that his opponents do not seem to have. He understands the need to implement pension correction.

Catharine Baker is a hard-working representative who has the courage to cross party lines. Our government would be smarter and more productive if all elected officials worked for what they believe is right, not a party position.

We need to elect state and local candidates who are committed to strong social leadership while protecting our taxpayer dollars.

Please join me, and vote Catharine Baker for Assembly, Irella Blackwood for Alameda County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder and Vivek Viswanathan for California State Treasurer.

—*Julie Testa*

Vote No on Measure A

Alameda County's Measure A is asking for more money for childcare. This proposition was developed long before the recent tax overall by President Trump. In it

were credits for childcare and other children needs for families. Alameda County should have pulled this proposition after this.

It seems like the residents of Alameda County are being asked to give more and more for something that has already been taken care of. Further, the state coffers have had money overflowing with your taxes. The schools are going to be getting a lot more funds from the state too. The state and county should be managing the funds better. Alameda County is not only the most taxed county in California but also the country.

Not an election cycle comes that Alameda County is always asking for more of your hard-earned money. You have already paid taxes and are left with little to take care of your families. We should be asking how the money the state and county already have is being spent rather than keep giving more and more to bureaucrats.

Vote No to A and any other tax propositions. Stop the taxation lunacy.

—*Rajinder Ghatoaura*

Chabad playground and outside uses

I live very close by the new Chabad. I am not a member of their community but I do support their wishes to have a playground and use their outside spaces. Nothing is more beautiful than an outside wedding ceremony, no matter what religion.

I am a retired preschool teacher, and I walk by both nearby churches and who have outside play yards. I enjoy listening and watching the children playing.

Children learn by playing. Children learn math by measuring sand in a pail. They grow stronger in large motor skills by running and climbing.

Honestly, I would like to know: Do the neighbors want the children to stay inside all day long? Also, I'd like to know do the neighbors object to the churches' preschools or just a Jewish preschool? I was not at the meeting, but a friend told me some of the things said were reminiscent of past time in Europe, if you get my meaning.

I know Rabbi Raleigh and he is a very honest, sincere person. If he says no music after 10 p.m., trust him. He will stick to his word.

Do not blame Chabad for the sins of the previous owners. We all want to be judged and treated fairly. If they say they want to be good neighbors, give them a chance and don't put ridiculous restrictions on them like don't open your windows.

Pleasanton is a wonderful town and we all should be made to feel welcome.

—*Elyse Maltz*

Need to grab a quick bite? Think again

It appears the days of grabbing a bite to eat or a quick cup of java has ended. Where have all the workers gone?

Ironically, the high cost of living in the Bay Area has not appeared to impact the huge influx of people. The housing market just can't seem to keep up with the demand, no matter how fast they build.

Unfortunately for us, the influx of residents doesn't seem to include the workers which serve us that quick lunch or latte. How could we expect that? Who can afford to live in this area on \$15 per hour?

A few weeks ago, I spoke with a kind gentleman at CVS as they were just about to close. As we exchanged pleasantries, he mentioned he was going straight home to catch four hours of sleep so he can get to his third job on time by 4 a.m. Why three jobs? Well, this was so he could pay his rent.

So, when I'm waiting in that long line at McDonald's or Starbucks, I need to remind myself that we have reverted in time, to before McDonald's created their quick service concept. I used to think that the good old days were the best. I'm beginning to rethink my position.

And don't get me started on how long it takes to get through a green light to get to one of these establishments.

—*Cindy Deagan*

Humane Education

As I'm sure you know, animal agriculture is extremely detrimental to human health, the environment and animals. There is an opportunity for teachers to bring a presentation (including virtual reality) into their classrooms for free. The program that provides this is called Humane Education and you can find more information online.

This is a unique and progressive opportunity that I think all teachers in Pleasanton should know about. Teachers can request presentations before school ends or for their classes next year.

—*Katherine Marotto,*
Amador Valley High senior

Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on election-related issues until 5 p.m. this Sunday (May 27). Letters are published based on order of receipt and space availability, among other factors. We will publish only one letter per person per election topic this spring, and we reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Send via email to letters@pleasantonweekly.com.

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AGELESS AVIATION

Seniors take to the skies in open cockpit

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Al Baer is no stranger to cockpits. He flew 35 missions in Vietnam in the '60s in a Douglas C-133 Cargomaster when he was a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He continued his passion for flight with a career as a pilot for Pan Am and United Airlines.

But Baer was thrilled to celebrate his 80th birthday recently by taking to the skies again, this time in a Boeing Stearman biplane, the aircraft used to train military aviators in the 1940s.

This was a new experience for the veteran pilot.

"I've never gotten the chance to fly in an open cockpit plane like this before," Baer said before the flight, "and I'm very excited for the opportunity. I'm looking forward to sightseeing over the city."

He was one of eight Stoneridge Creek residents who took an Ageless Aviation Dream Flight recently at Livermore airport.

"Our mission is to give back to those who've given," said Darryl Fisher, president of the Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation. "We're honoring the greatest generation by giving them an experience of a lifetime."

Since 2011, the non-profit foundation has provided more than 3,000 flights in 41 states. Its volunteer crew travels the country year-round honoring veterans and other seniors by giving them the once-in-a-lifetime flights.

"Something special happens when they strap on that helmet, hear the raspy engine, and then feel the wind on their faces," Fisher added. "By



the time they land, they feel 20 years younger."

Susan Filice, life enrichment director for Stoneridge Creek, applied for the flight experience earlier this year. Once it was approved, the Pleasanton senior living community received 68 applications from residents and had to draw names for the eight available spots.

"We received applications from residents of all different backgrounds," Filice said. "Some are World War II veterans, while others are residents who never served but were excited for the chance to take the flight."

'We're honoring the greatest generation by giving them an experience of a lifetime.'

Darryl Fisher,
Foundation president



SUSAN FILICE

Clockwise from top left: Retired U.S. Air Force pilot Al Baer celebrates his 80th birthday with an Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation flight. Lester Dever, 94, a resident of Stoneridge Creek and a World War II veteran, took a flight in Livermore with Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation. Dever with pilot Christopher Culp. Stoneridge Creek resident Eleanor Murray, 70, with Culp following their flight in a Boeing Stearman biplane.

Baer's name was pulled, and others selected included Army veterans Capt. Tom Horton and 1st Lt. Eugene Heiman, and 94-year-old Lester Dever, a veteran of World War II.

"We have more than 90 World War II, Korean, Cold War and Vietnam veterans who call Stoneridge Creek home," Filice noted. "This flight was a great way for us to give back to them for their service and sacrifices."

Families and friends were invited to the airport for a hangar party from 9 a.m.-3

p.m., Sunday, April 29, as the lucky ones enjoyed their 20-minute flights.

"This will be a fantastic memory for all of us," Filice said.

Baer grinned widely as he strapped on his headset and leather helmet.

"I've always had a love of flying," he said. ■



'Ansel's Apprentice' works on display

Museum on Main exhibiting photos and artifacts

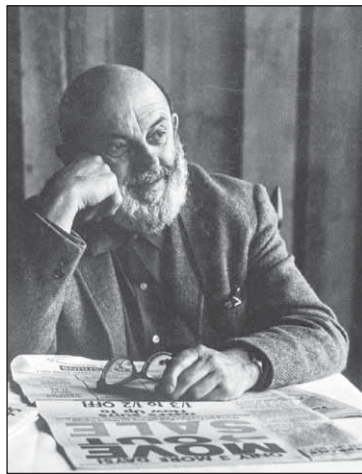
By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

In January 1965, an ardent 28-year-old photographer named John Newstrom called upon the legendary Ansel Adams before enrolling in one of his workshops.

Adams, 62 at the time, was one of the best known photographers in the world, and Newstrom had been pursuing the art for less than a year. Nonetheless that meeting was the start of a friendship that lasted until Adams died in 1984.

Museum on Main's newest exhibit is "Ansel's Apprentice: The Photography of John Newstrom," displaying his work in all its facets: the art photography of his late-1960s camera club days, wedding and portrait work from his professional life, family and personal shots from throughout his adult life, and examples of his printing work.

"Ansel Adams had a tremendous influence on the art of photography," museum curator Ken MacLennan said. "And in John Newstrom's work we can see an excellent



"Ansel Adams, 1969" by John Newstrom.



Self portrait of John Newstrom, undated.

example of that influence, as well as the development of Newstrom's own eye as a photographer."

The exhibit includes cameras from Newstrom's collection as well as documents and artifacts from his life, obtained by the museum courtesy of Newstrom's daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Soumya Das, who are Pleasanton residents.

Newstrom was born in Oakland and also lived in Fremont, Pleasanton and Dublin until he retired in Arizona in 2002. He photographed weddings, events and portraits around the Bay Area for two Oakland studios.

The exhibit opened Wednesday and runs through Aug. 5. Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. ■



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Swingin' Blue Stars to salute veterans

The Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet are bringing their annual Memorial Day Weekend Salute to Veterans to the Firehouse Arts Center at 2 p.m. this Sunday. The popular USO Variety Show Revue is making its eighth appearance with songs from the '40s and '50s in classic Andrews Sisters-style and with a host of guest stars. Tickets are \$17-\$27, with child, senior and group discounts available. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Vintage aircraft open for tours and flights

Wings of Freedom Tour in Livermore for Memorial Day weekend

The Wings of Freedom Tour will be flying its vintage aircraft into Livermore airport this weekend for tours and flights from Sunday through Tuesday.

The aircraft include the following:

- B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine," one of only eight in the country;
- Consolidated B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft," the only one left in the world;
- B-25 Mitchell "Tondelayo" bombers, famous for being used in the Doolittle raid; and
- P-51 Mustang "Betty Jane" fighter, which received Grand Champion award for restoration at the EAA Oshkosh AirVenture.

Visitors will be able to explore the aircraft inside and out, for \$15, adults; and \$5, children under 12.

Flights of 30-minute duration are available on the B-17 or B-24, for \$450 per person. P-51 flight training is being offered at \$2,200 a half hour, or \$3,200 for an hour. B-25 flights are \$400 per person. Call 800-568-8924 for flight reservations.

The flights are scheduled before and after the ground tours, which are from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

The Wings of Freedom Tour is presented by the Collings Foundation, which organizes living history events, as a tribute to everyone involved in their building, maintenance and flight, as well as those they helped protect. For more information, visit www.collingsfoundation.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Wiest honored as Eagle Scout

Pleasanton native Kevin Wiest was honored recently at the Veterans Memorial Building for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts' highest honor.

Wiest joined Tiger Cub Pack 916 in 2005 and progressed through the ranks to achieve his Arrow of Light. As a member of Pleasanton Troop 998, he held leadership positions and participated in high adventure outings, including an 88-mile backpacking trip through the mountains of New Mexico and a 62-mile canoeing experience in the swamps of Louisiana.

He participated in numerous community service projects, including building bikes for underprivileged children, posting flags at the cemetery to honor veterans and assisting with projects of other



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

New Eagle Scout Kevin Wiest with Pleasanton police Sgt. Benjamin Sarasua.

Eagle Scout candidates.

Wiest took part in a summer youth program with the Pleasanton Police Department, then coordinated with Sgt. Benjamin Sarasua on

his Eagle Scout project — the design and construction of a picnic table and benches for the department. He orchestrated every aspect of the project, from fundraising to detailed drawings and instructions to leading a team of volunteers in the sanding, staining and assembly phase.

A soccer player since the age of 4, Wiest was recently named assistant director for the Rage College Showcase. He is a 2017 graduate of Foothill High School and was recognized in 2016 with a Foothill High Coach's Award.

Wiest, son of Kelly and Nancy Wiest, is a freshman at San Jose State University, majoring in biomedical engineering with hopes to advance the functionality of prosthetic devices. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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'Bang! Bang!' artistry revisits the 1920s

Montreal-based artistic collective Cirquantique will bring "Bang! Bang!" — a combination of cabaret, burlesque, circus, aerial and trapeze dance — to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 7:30 p.m. June 5. The show evokes the Roaring '20s era with its music, scenery and costume design as it presents a world of sensational physical and visual art. Audience members are invited to dress up accordingly to interact with the performers before and after the show and at intermission. The show is rated R, for ages 17 and older. Call 373-6800 or visit www.lvpac.org.



COLLINGS FOUNDATION

The Wings of Freedom Tour offers people the chance to tour and fly in vintage aircraft. The tour stops in Livermore this weekend.

Symphony to finish season with crash of symbols — and cymbals

‘Romantic Expressions’ from Berlioz to Elgar to Tchaikovsky

By PATRICIA BOYLE

The finale of Livermore-Amador Symphony’s 55th regular season will be “Romantic Expressions” at 8 p.m. June 2 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The program opens with “Roman Carnival Overture,” Hector Berlioz’s most popular.

Music director Lara Webber said the overture is “sparkling, dazzling music.”

“This overture has it all,” Webber said. “Exuberant energy and sentimental song, rhythmic drive, humor and a full range of orchestral color and texture. Berlioz is a musical personality like no other, and we feel it immediately in his music.”

Next, cellist Jennifer Kloetzel will join the orchestra to perform Edward Elgar’s Cello Concerto in E Minor.

Webber describes the concerto as “deeply personal music, written in the midst of World War I and in reaction to the extraordinary losses and destruction.”

“This is music full of profound grief, seared with hope and poignant memory,” she said.

Kloetzel is an adjunct professor of cello and chamber music at UC Santa Barbara and a founder of the San Francisco-based Cypress String Quartet. She has a long history with Elgar’s Cello Concerto.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Cellist Jennifer Kloetzel.

“I’ve had a relationship with the piece since I was 15,” Kloetzel said. “It’s a personal, poignant and private piece.”

“The concerto is cyclical: It starts and ends in the same way and goes through a vast journey in the center,” she explained. “It’s a brilliantly conceived work — unique to Elgar and the time, and overall, the work is a little dark. Yet the third movement is like a fervent prayer.”

“There’s something really special there,” Kloetzel added. “I love

considering how works of art survive the test of time, like this hauntingly elegant concerto.”

The concert will conclude with Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 2, “Little Russian.”

“We balance the grief and loss felt in the music of Elgar with unabashed joy and humor in perhaps Tchaikovsky’s sunniest symphony,” Webber said. “Rooted in Ukrainian folk song, this symphony is loaded with memorable melody. Its masterful pacing and inventive variation create surprise and excitement all along the way.

“There are moments where we feel like the ballet is beginning in the midst of a symphony,” she added. “The finale takes the roof off the building. Count the cymbal crashes at the end.”

The 8 p.m. concert will be preceded by a prelude talk from 7-7:30 p.m. The Symphony Guild will host a post-concert reception in the lobby.

Tickets are \$25-\$35. Purchase at www.bankheadtheater.org; at the ticket office, 2400 First St., Livermore; or by calling 373-6800. ■

—Patricia Boyle, president of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley branch, has been writing about the Livermore-Amador Symphony for six years.

Wine & Wags — a perfect pairing

Wineries partnering with animal rescues for a day with the dogs

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Valley wineries are hosting a day for friendly dogs and their wine-loving owners at their first Wine & Wags event from noon-4:30 p.m., Sunday, June 3.

More than 25 wineries are pairing with 12 Bay Area animal rescue organizations to hold a day of wine tasting, dog adoptions and fun activities for man and his best friend.

All those attending with their leashed dogs will receive a welcome gift from EntirelyPets.com at check-in and they can then enjoy grassy lawns, doggie obstacle courses, dog pools and other treats throughout the day. Food, pet-themed gifts and special activities will be available for purchase at many of the locations.

Activities will include the following:

- Doggie bandana decorating — Big White House Winery
- Obedience demonstration — Cedar Mountain Winery
- Dog photo booths — Darcie Kent Vineyards, Page Mill Winery
- Doggie obstacle courses — Garre Vineyard, Fenestra Winery
- Police dog demonstration



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• Doggie pools — Wente Vineyards
Pinot’s Palette will be set up at Longevity Wine and BoaVentura de Caires Winery so dog owners can paint portraits of their own pets. To participate in their “Project Pet” a \$69 reservation must be made in advance and a high quality photo of the pet submitted. The photo will be enlarged to fit a 16-inch by 20-inch canvas, and an artist will coach each painter on creating the perfect portrait. Painters must be at

least 21. A \$10 donation to a rescue organization will be made for each participant.

A Cruising for Canines drawing will be limited to 1,000 tickets at \$1,000 each for a chance to win a wine-themed cruise for two provided by AMA Waterways and Vino Cruising. Tickets will be for sale during Wine & Wags at winery tasting rooms, and in advance from participating rescue organizations and at the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association office.

Other drawing prizes include a dog house, a dog bed, and a food and water bowl, all handcrafted from wine barrels, and a Pet Food Express “My Mut” photoshoot to feature the winner’s dog on a poster in stores for six months.

Tickets for the Wags & Wines event are \$30 in advance at www.LVwine.org or \$35 at the door, and they include two tastings at participating wineries; a commemorative Livermore Valley Wine Country GoVino glass, and special event activities. Although pets are welcome at the event, they are not required for admission. ■

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First Tee provides comfort for grieving former Amador golfer

Also: Foothill softball repeats as EBAL playoff champs

Life has come full circle for former Amador Valley golfer Natalie Baylock when it comes to the First Tee of the Tri-Valley.

Baylock, formerly Natalie Bodner, started in the first year of the program around the age of 9, and now, about to turn 24, Baylock is a full-time employee for the organization, working as the office manager as well as a teacher/coach.

Life certainly has been a roller coaster ride of emotions for Baylock, more than someone of her young age should have to deal with.

In her early career she found success as a junior golfer, twice playing in what started as the First Tee Open at Pebble Beach where the juniors are teamed with golfers from the PGA's Champions Tour.

"The whole experience was great," said Baylock of playing in the tournament in 2009 and 2010. "Playing at Pebble was awesome. It was cool to know what it was like to be inside the ropes. I also got to meet some of the legends of golf like Tom Watson."

It was just the beginning for Baylock. After starring at Amador, she got a scholarship to Sacramento State.

She enjoyed her college career before graduating in 2016 with a degree in communications and public relations.

She took a job as a tech recruiter in San Jose to be with her boyfriend Nick. The two moved in together and even though the job was not Baylock's ideal occupation, life was pretty good.

It all began to unravel a short time later when Nick was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. The two owned a home in Belmont and decided to get married. Natalie quit work and focused on taking care of Nick full-time. In March 2017, Nick passed away and it left Natalie alone.

"I was in Belmont and my family and friends were back in Pleasanton," said Baylock, who shows amazing maturity and grace. "I needed to come home."

She was all of 22, coming off the horrific tragedy of losing her husband and having her life shattered. She needed comfort and was able to find it with both her families — nuclear and the First Tee.

"I came back and ran into Jill (Womble, a former Foothill star)," said Baylock of the First Tee program director. "She told me I was always



Left: Natalie and Nick Baylock while getting in a few swings. Nick died of cancer in March 2017, leaving Natalie a widow at just 22 years old. Right: Natalie Baylock shown with some of her First Tee of the Tri-Valley students.

welcome here. I used to come back and help during the summer, so I came back in the summer of 2017. This has always been home to me — I know everyone here. It was a traumatic and confusing time for me, but everyone knew my story and it was not going to be an issue if I was having a bad day."

By January of this year Baylock was a full-time office employee, something she really needed.

"It was helpful being around everyone," Baylock said of the First Tee family. "It made dealing with it a lot easier and helped a lot."

Baylock has jumped into the First Tee of the Tri-Valley with both feet, including donating to name the organization's spring break camp, the "Nick Baylock First Tee Spring Golf Camp." The first one was held in April and drew 40 junior golfers.

"I know how precious life is," Baylock said. "Golf is the greatest sport and the life skills you can learn are so important. There are so many different things you can learn in the sport and the First Tee."

Top athletes/teams

Former Amador Valley volleyball star Sophia Dunworth certainly makes the list as one of the top athletes I have covered in my

sports-writing career.

The 2007 Amador grad was the East Bay Player of the Year from every news service and earned a scholarship to Duke University. She was as dominant a player as I ever saw on the girls' side of the ledger.

But perhaps even more amazing was that Dunworth was a member of the award-winning Amador band as well — an amazing accomplishment given the time commitment for both endeavors.

Oh yeah, on top of everything else, she was an honors student. When she was a senior at Duke, she was the ACC Volleyball Scholar Athlete of the Year and carried a 3.904 GPA as a biology major.

Softball

Foothill won a pair of games in the East Bay Athletic League playoffs last week to bring home its second straight title.

In Tuesday's semifinal against Carondelet, the Falcons rallied from a 2-0 deficit. In the top of the sixth, Lauren Hermes singled home Hailey Hayes to cut the gap in half. Foothill then scored three runs in the top of the seventh to put the game away.

Giana Lyng singled to start the inning then made it to third on a single by Hope Alley. Hayes then executed a

successful squeeze bunt scoring Lyng and ending up safely on first. A triple from Courtney Beaudin brought in Alley and Hayes for a 4-2 win and a trip to the championship game.

In the finals, the Falcons faced crosstown rival Amador for the third time of the season. Pitchers Danielle Williams (Amador) and Nicole May (Foothill) battled it out through four innings before Foothill got on the board.

With two outs in the top of the fifth, May singled and Beaudin was intentionally walked. On the next pitch, Hermes sent the ball over the right field fence for the 3-0 lead. The Falcons added five more in the top of the seventh to blow the game open.

Chloe Engel and Williams had the two hits for the Dons. Williams finished with 12 strikeouts.

The Dons had advanced to the finals with a 3-2 win over California earlier in the week. Allyson Kim and Mia Hildebrand drove in runs for the Dons. Williams allowed only two hits and struck out 17 in the win. ■

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



Left: The RADD Roadrunners athletes and coaches celebrate medal-winning performances during track and field regionals at Amador Valley High earlier this month. Right: RADD A and B teams gather together after each earned a medal after the volleyball competition at Amador.

Strong showings for RADD teams at regionals

Amador hosts Special Olympics track, volleyball competitions

BY JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton RADD (Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled) athletes earned a variety of medals earlier this month during the Special Olympics Northern California's Regional Spring Games at Amador Valley High School.

Hundreds of Special Olympics athletes from seven counties competed in volleyball and track and field events during the May 5 tournament, which served as the final regional meet before the Summer

Games at the University of California at Davis next month.

A dozen delegations took part in the 39-event track and field competition, with the seven RADD Roadrunner athletes combining to bring home 12 gold, two silver and two bronze medals while also achieving several personal best performances, according to coach Kay King. The Roadrunners trained for an hour and a half each week since March to prepare for the regionals.

Inside the Amador gym, 10

teams squared off in the volleyball competition. The RADD A and B teams, also in training since March, each earned medals — with RADD B taking silver and RADD A taking bronze.

"RADD Roadrunners, RADD A, RADD B and their coaches are especially grateful for their amazing volunteers, who cheered them on to their victories, got them promptly to staging and then to awards presentations," King said. "We couldn't have done it without them." ■

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Fundraisers

8TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND TROOP PACK OUT Pancakes in the Park Fundraiser Breakfast, June 2, 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Delucchi Park, Downtown. Breakfast for a donation that will help directly support the Pleasanton Military families Care Package Program. After breakfast, we will move to the Veterans Hall to pack boxes for the deployed troops. For further info email: pmfsg@gmail.com.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION DINNER Polenta and Chicken Dinner, Saturday, June 2, 6 p.m., St. Augustine Church Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave. Reservations required. Contact Christine at 461-3704. RSVP by May 29. Tickets \$25.00, children ten and under \$10. Proceeds benefit Tri Valley Scholarship Program and other ICF Charities.

Galleries

WILD FOLDS ORIGAMI EXHIBIT BY ROBERT LANG Dr. Robert Lang's origami art, as seen in the PBS program 'Nova' as well as CNN and TED Talks, will be exhibited at the LAA Gallery from April 11 thru June 29. The LAA Gallery, in The Carnegie Bldg., 2155 Third St., Livermore; this exhibit is free to the public. www.livermoreartassociation.org.

Food & Drink

LIVERMORE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON SERIES The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting the first in its 2018 Wine Country Luncheon series on Thursday, May 31 at the LARPD Robert Livermore Community Center, 2157 First St., Livermore. For info and to make reservation or sponsor the May luncheon and LVCC luncheon series, visit www.livermorechamber.org or call 447-1606. Luncheon

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CANCER SURVIVORS EVENT Cancer survivors are invited to the Tri-Valley Celebration of Life Event, Wednesday, June 6. Cancer survivors and their caregivers are invited to the 26th Annual Tri-Valley Celebration of Life program on Wednesday, June 6, at the Dublin Holiday Inn. "The Celebration of Life" will include motivational and educational speakers, info on community resources, and refreshments. Registration and the reception begin at 6:30 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m., 6680 Regional Street, Dublin in the Tralee Ballroom. Please RSVP no later than May 27 by leaving your name and the number of people in your party at 357-6498 or juliane.lee@cancer.org. There is no charge for the event.

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

Sports

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14TH ANNUAL DBMG SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC Scramble Tournament, shotgun start at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, 1 p.m. at the San Ramon Golf Course, San Ramon. \$135 per golfer; includes greens fees, golf cart, box lunch, BBQ buffet dinner. To raise money for our scholarship fund for minority students in the Bay area. Complete your online registration for your foursome at: dbmggolf18.eventbrite.com or DMBG.org. Deadline for registration is June 1. Call 829-6644 for any questions or more info. San Ramon Golf Club, San Ramon Village.

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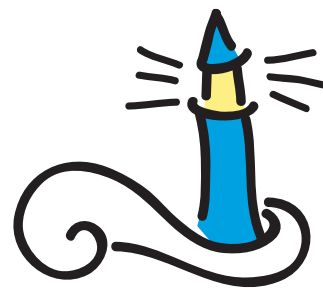


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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 525872
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name. The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME: Pampered Nails and Spa, 6900 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568. FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: Dec. 29, 2016 UNDER FILE NO. 525872. REGISTRANT'S NAME: Trongle Tan Le, 7378 Tamarack Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY Trongle Tan Le, an Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on April 30, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 2018).

Pampered Nails & Spa FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 544406
The following person doing business as: Pampered Nails and Spa, 6900 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Lanh Nguyen, 1118 Eureka Lane #6, Concord, CA 94520. This business is conducted by Lanh Nguyen, an Individual. Registrant has

not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Lanh Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 30, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 2018).

MEN THAT MOVE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 543873
The following person doing business as: MEN THAT MOVE, 4549 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Trevor Copeland, 4549 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Trevor Copeland, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Trevor Copeland, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 17, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 2018).

THE B.R.A.T. HOUSE DAY SPA CENTER OF HOLISTIC WELLNESS;BODY REJUVENATION CENTER OF HOLISTIC WELLNESS DAY SPA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 544935-544936
The following person(s) doing business as: THE B.R.A.T. HOUSE DAY SPA CENTER OF HOLISTIC WELLNESS;BODY REJUVENATION CENTER OF HOLISTIC WELLNESS DAY SPA, 4725 FIRST STREET, SUITE 253, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ELIZABETH JEAN COVINGTON-BONSER, 6330 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD E212, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business names listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MAY 14, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: ELIZABETH JEAN COVINGTON-BONSER, OWNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, MAY 18, 25, JUNE 1, 8, 2018)

WORLD OF POSTERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 544288
The following person doing business as: WORLD OF POSTERS, 7479 GINGER COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: HAMOON GOUDARZI NOZARI, 7479 GINGER COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on APRIL 25, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: HAMOON GOUDARZI NOZARI, OWNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, MAY 18, 25, JUNE 1, 8, 2018)

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS SYSTEMS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 545063
The following person doing business as: EXECUTIVE BUSINESS SYSTEMS, 4847 HOPKINSON ROAD, STE. 4-344, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: HERMAN Y. RICE III, 5016 PORTA ROSSA CIRCLE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein MAY 21, 1997. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MAY 16, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: HERMAN Y. RICE III, OWNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, MAY 25, JUNE 1, 8, 15, 2018)

GALS BY DESIGN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 545207
The following person doing business as: GALS BY DESIGN, 3608 VINE STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: LORI WREDEN, 3608 VINE STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein JANUARY 2013. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MAY 21, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT, LORI WREDEN, OWNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, MAY 25, JUNE 1, 8, 15, 2018)

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360 Abbie Street Richards Trust to Evolution Real Estate for \$560,000

1158 Baur Court Dalton Trust to T. Greenberg for \$1,800,000

5136 Blackbird Drive Magagnini Trust to L. Lin for \$1,358,500

7635 Canyon Meadow Circle #H W. Lewis to M. Wu for \$676,000

6 Deer Oaks Drive S. Sheikh to N. Falk for \$2,100,000

627 East Angela Street Catalano Trust to R. Spano for \$1,150,000

2550 Glen Isle Avenue Butzbach Trust to V. Jain for \$1,050,000

4131 Graham Street Thomson Trust to R. Parige for \$1,020,000

1654 Holly Circle G. & B. Townley to M. Rapp for \$1,061,000

2504 Larrikeet Court Relja Trust to J. Hedges for \$1,200,000

7429 Laurel Court Mares Trust to Manduri Trust for \$1,260,000

3727 Platt Court #N Hoffman Trust to A. Rajurkar for \$1,200,000

2471 Pomino Way Tangney Trust to J. Yang for \$2,290,000

3302 Prairie Drive P. & S. Harvey to S. Seethaapathy for \$1,515,000

6424 Randall Court Connors Trust to M. Arouni for \$1,450,000

4142 Rennellwood Way Roeser Trust to T. Nguyen for \$880,000

4892 Saginaw Circle Dombrower Trust to T. Su for \$673,000

5689 San Jose Drive W. Nosil to J. Fan for \$1,710,000

5650 San Juan Way Morse Trust to C. Tung for \$1,300,000

2606 Sanderling Way N. & T. Falk to H. Korubilli for \$1,535,000

4802 Sutter Gate Avenue L. Ashburn to M. Kang for \$1,375,000

3760 Trenerly Drive Nocerino Trust to Y. Gong for \$2,505,000

4199 Alvarado Street M. Cano to M. Gowda for \$850,000

5738 Belleza Drive C. & Y. Han to A. Nuthalapati for \$766,000

1571 Calle Enrique S. Singh to X. Zhang for \$790,000

4553 Carver Court E. Au to R. Chahwala for \$1,120,000

5901 Corte Espada R. Hudson to L. Feng for \$1,180,000

4078 Cristobal Way L. Hofherr to A. Gnanamani for \$969,500

4448 Del Valle Parkway R. Banaag to W. He for \$683,000

3191 Delicado Court Patel Trust to Y. Song for \$765,000

784 East Angela Street M. Gallinelli to Jtdbm Trust for \$1,150,000

260 Joseph Lane B. Costello to Mishra Trust for \$2,106,500

5164 Liveoak Court P. Healey to American Funds for \$800,000

8211 Moller Ranch Drive Marshall Trust to J. Ko for \$1,799,000

7729 Olive Drive H. Phan to E. Marroun for \$1,260,000

1185 Piemonte Drive Cavallo Trust to T. Leng for \$2,586,500

5600 San Antonio Street Willy Trust to H. Zhang for \$1,150,000

4411 Seminole Way Torre Trust to H. Fan for \$620,000

1012 Shotwell Court J. & J. Risher to J. Wahab for \$3,495,000

3813 Stone Pointe Way Chen Trust to H. Shen for \$1,085,000

4002 Suffolk Way Frago Trust to K. Vangipuram for \$1,220,000

7264 Valley Trails Drive D. & S. Soska to W. Jiang for \$870,000

Dublin

7864 Bristol Road J. Hummell to R. Namachivayam for \$920,000

7629 Cardigan Street Morsilli Trust to J. Shah for \$930,000

7998 Castilian Road R. Jones to A. Gines for \$1,050,000

3607 Central Parkway K. Whelan to A. Kayhani for \$860,000

9530 Christina Joy Place E. & M. Weng to S. Hasan for \$1,303,000

5287 Gilford Court R. Tejavath to P. Raina for \$950,000

3272 Giovanni Way Z. Karamat to W. Li for \$935,000

5429 Iron Horse Parkway Urbach Trust to I. Sopin for \$867,000

11677 Juarez Court Adolph Trust to S. Boora for \$1,065,000

7530 Kilrush Avenue T. Yoon to X. Zhang for \$930,000

4066 Kinsale Street J. Zheng to T. Schirmer for \$860,000

5275 Montiano Court M. & D. Korb to Akkineni Trust for \$1,600,000

5227 North Forestdale Circle M. Bohra to K. Madireddy for \$1,170,000

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