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Father's Day tradition

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—David

Patient finds relief in treatment for inflamed esophagus

For David the simple act of eating had become a fear-inducing experience. David suffers from eosinophilic esophagitis, a chronic allergic immune condition that causes his esophagus to become inflamed. At any given moment, the tube that sends food from his mouth to his stomach can swell, making swallowing difficult and extremely painful. When the inflammation is most severe, food gets lodged in his esophagus. The only remedy is an emergency endoscopy.

“Once you’ve had a couple of these episodes, there’s always this fear when you’re eating that you’re going to have another episode,” said David. “You get to a point where you’re very careful about what you eat and how well you chew. But even then, you never know when it’s going to happen again.”

“Eosinophilic esophagitis is a chronic inflammatory disease,” said Fernandez-Becker, MD, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Gastroenterology & Hepatology at Stanford Health Care. Inflammation causes the esophagus to become stiffer and narrower over time, and some patients develop scar tissue, which leads to food blockages.

According to David, managing his condition for the past 10 years has been a series of trial and error, working with multiple doctors unsuccessfully to resolve the issue. His general practitioner suggested he see Dr. Fernandez-Becker at Stanford Health Care because of her extensive experience treating this condition.

“My experience with Dr. Fernandez-Becker has been nothing but positive,” said David, who began his care at Stanford in 2012. “The first time I came here, I quickly realized I was in the right place,” he said. “She was somebody who got it. She understood what I was going through. She had the background, and there was no question that I was in the right spot.”

In that first appointment, Dr. Fernandez-Becker and David discussed the frequency of his

swallowing difficulties and food blockages. They talked about what triggers might be at play, and considered further allergy testing or an elimination diet. To confirm the diagnosis of eosinophilic esophagitis, Dr. Fernandez-Becker adhered to an evidence-based approach, taking a tissue sample of David’s esophageal lining, examining it under a microscope for the presence of eosinophils, and then correlating those findings with his medical history and symptoms.

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“For a lot of these patients, I’m the fourth or fifth gastroenterologist they’ve seen, so they don’t come in completely naïve,” said Fernandez-Becker, who uses her PhD training in molecular genetics to tease out factors that may be causing the inflammation. “I have a very frank discussion with them about what’s happened before, why I think they’re having these symptoms and what the plan is for us to sort it out.”

Discovering the cause of the allergic reaction can be difficult. Allergy testing is often inconclusive, she said, which is why she also prefers having patients undergo a six-month elimination diet. But David, who travels extensively for work, worried that he wouldn’t be able to adhere to a

strict diet. Instead, Fernandez-Becker put him on a proton pump inhibitor (PPI), a medication commonly prescribed for patients with acid reflux. The medication has been found to help some patients with eosinophilic esophagitis.

“Fortunately for me, the proton pump inhibitor seems to have helped manage it,” said David, who has only had two food blockages since going on the medication more than five years ago.

Because the condition is chronic, and requires constant management, Becker follows patients like David for years. “Every time I meet a new patient, it’s a great journey,” she said. “I get to know them as a person, which is a real privilege. They feel like family.”

“I feel like she cares about me personally as a patient,” said David. “When I’m there, I have her undivided attention. She knows me, she knows my history and she remembers it all.”

Today, David’s quality of life is improved and his condition is mostly under control. “I’m no longer walking around all the time concerned that this is going to happen again,” he said. “It’s something that Dr. Fernandez-Becker and I are managing together right now.”



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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Livermore's Marchand, aka the mayor of Seville, seeks re-election

Livermore Mayor John Marchand launched his bid for re-election before nearly 200 supporters at a crowded airplane hangar at the city's municipal airport.

There was just one problem: Marchand's gala, including food, beverages and a DJ, started just as Game 1 of the NBA Finals was getting underway between the hometown Golden State Warriors and Cleveland Cavaliers.



JEB BING

Livermore Mayor John Marchand at campaign launch party.

"When we scheduled this get-together, we had no idea this would also be the first day of the finals," Marchand apologized. "The fact that you all came here to support me is truly appreciated."

Introduced by local Realtor Momy Nop, Marchand said a recent survey showed that 95% of residents queried called Livermore "a great place to live and raise a family."

"In my final term, if re-elected, I will work to keep Livermore that way," said Marchand, who was first elected to the City Council in 2005 and has served as mayor since 2011.

In citing a long list of achievements, Marchand said he was especially pleased to join in the groundbreaking a few weeks ago for Stockman's Park. The centrally located downtown park will be built in a horseshoe shape with a half-acre of grass, trees, a plaza and public art to celebrate the city's rodeo history.

Also ahead, Marchand wants to stay in the mayor's seat to follow through with the development that he favors of a new small theater downtown, a science museum, artisan shops, galleries and a boutique hotel.

But staying in office may not be easy.

He'll likely face an opponent and vigorous opposition from at least one citizens' group. The Friends of Livermore worked to successfully defeat two Marchand allies up for re-election in 2016: council members Stu Gary and Laureen Turner. Newcomers Bob Carling and Bob Coomber, both backed by the Friends, are now on the council.

Friends opposed Marchand's re-election as well, but the group failed to field a viable candidate before the 2016 filing deadline. This year, filing deadlines will likely be met.

By striking out early, Marchand hopes to solidify a strong base and win at the polls in November. He's in active pursuit of voters, including the cheering, though somewhat small crowd he had at the Attitude Aviation hangar.

In April, he led groundbreaking ceremonies for a new \$6 million Livermore City Council meeting hall next to the city's civic center and an 1,800-square-foot emergency operations center long sought by the Livermore Police Department. Both projects Marchand won City Council support to finance.

Earlier, he also joined the four other Tri-Valley city mayors in a trip to Washington, D.C. to advocate for regional priorities with federal officials.

And, he's a regular at the annual Mayors' Summit, where traffic, transportation and housing dominate the discussion.

Marchand is a chemist by background, an oceanographer and actor. He's been a member of the American Water Works Association for more than 30 years. In its AWWA Connections newsletter, the association notes that Marchand's resume is four pages, single-spaced, and that's the abbreviated version.

When Marchand isn't tied up with mayoral duties — and the 28 local and regional boards and committees he sits on — he acts in community theater. According to Connections, he's performed in more than 25 musicals, plays and operas, many in Livermore. Hands down, his favorite role was in 2013 when he played the mayor of Seville in "Carmen." ■

About the Cover

Thousands crowded downtown Pleasanton last year for the inaugural cattle drive to open the county fair. The second annual cattle drive arrives downtown today, opening day for the 2018 Alameda County Fair. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu. Vol. XIX, Number 21

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Introducing NEW, GROUNDBREAKING SERIES: Back Pain Secrets Revealed, Part 1: "Is My 'Old Age' Causing My Back Pain?"

By Tri-Valley's Leading Physical Therapist, Kevin Mao

Are you worried about chronic back pain, and it doesn't seem to be getting better on its own? Are you concerned about a losing your mobility and having a hard time keeping up with friends or family? Are you tired of doctors who only seem to push pills and surgery? Do you want a more natural solution to your problem so you can stay active, mobile, and get back to living a normal lifestyle?

If this sounds like you, then these next 9 weeks will certainly help bring some clarity to all of the madness going on out there...

Low back pain is one of the major health crises in our world, and is increasing at a very alarming rate. There are a lot of myths, misconceptions, and misunderstandings about back pain, and I've found too many innocent people end up victims of bad medical advice, a lack of personalized care, and are not given the proper support needed to heal their backs properly...

Why? Because there is a lack of general knowledge and understanding of the TRUE 'root causes' of back pain.

This is why I've created this 9-week educational series, where I will talk about some of the biggest problems, and challenges our community is facing when it comes to dealing with back pain. And to also bring guidance, clarity, and knowledge from experience that I've gained in over a decade of helping hundreds of people overcome their back injuries.

Who this series is for:

This series won't be for everybody, since I believe there is NO singular, universal 'fix' for back pain.

It is for those of you who are health conscious, active (or want to be more active), and want to **protect your independence and mobility**. It's for those who are **frustrated** with the medical system, and just want nothing more than to get better and feel more mobile again....

To start this off this series, I talk about one of the most common concerns out there, and one of the biggest 'myths' continuing to be spread out there...

Back pain is due to your 'age' and you need to just accept it...

The most FRUSTRATING thing I heard recently from my clients (Pam, aged 60) was when she was told by her doctor... "Your pain is due to your age, and arthritis, and you need to just 'accept it'" She'd been given painkillers to 'manage her pain' and was even facing a surgery, if her pain didn't improve...

Nothing could have been further from the truth!

But if it wasn't because of her age, then why was it hurting?



Because of something called 'inflammation'...

Inflammation occurs when the body is trying to heal itself. It happens when the physical (or emotional) stress we place on our bodies exceeds its capacity. Inflammation builds up over time, and causes 'scar tissue' to form over the damaged area...A cycle of scar tissue, and inflammation will only cause **more stiffness, more pain, and more frustration** if not dealt with appropriately...

And for Pam, tight hips and weakened core muscles developed from too much sitting at work. This created increased stress and strain on her back when she tried to exercise. But trying to push through this 'stiffness' created inflammation and pain in her back, rather than improving her strength or mobility...

But just by restoring the mobility in her hips, getting rid of some of the 'scar tissue' that'd built up in her back, and re-developing strength with the 'proper' core exercise...Pam was moving more freely than she had in years! (and was able to get back to walking 30 minutes/day and she's now able to pick up her grandkids without ANY fear of her back going out!)

All because we were able to find (and fix) the CAUSE of her problem!

Could YOUR problem be due to inflammation? And what can you do about it?

Sadly, most people (doctors included) mistakenly believe medications such as 'anti-inflammatories' fix the problem. While it may 'temporarily alleviate the 'symptom' of pain, it does NOT answer the critical question of 'what' is causing it?'

The root cause could be coming from SO MANY different sources, but I cannot explain all of the causes this week. But the good news is I will be sharing this exact information on how to fix the ROOT causes of pain over the next SEVERAL weeks in this series...

That's it for this week's installment. Next week I will discuss the topic of 'sciatica and 'bulging discs', and what you can do if you're struggling to sit, bend, drive and lift, due to that nagging pain in your butt!

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Streetwise

ASKED ON MAIN STREET

What are your plans for Father's Day?



Lucas Oxsen
Technician

I'll be spending the day with my parents. We're planning to do the backyard Father's Day barbecue thing. I'm looking forward to it.



Bonnie Krichbaum
Retired

I'll be spending much of the day with family members who are coming in from out of town to celebrate my grandson's high school graduation. And then later in the day we are heading down to San Diego to see "Mamma Mia" at the Moonlight Amphitheatre. It's going to be such a wonderful day.



Fred Krichbaum
Retired

My daughter and son-in-law are coming in from out of town. I'm so looking forward to spending the day with my family. It's the best Father's Day gift I can imagine.



Steve Gilbert
Operations director

My daughter, who lives in Oakland, is coming out to spend the afternoon and have dinner with us. We usually meet up somewhere in the middle, but she is eager to come all the way out this way because she just loves Pleasanton. What's not to love?



Valea Enno
Retired

My plan is to celebrate the day with my spousal equivalent and his daughter. I'm very fond of her. I'm sure we will do a lot of talking, laughing and eating.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Duerig's new gig

Jill Duerig, who stepped down in April as general manager of the Zone 7 Water Agency for retirement, has taken a position as interim executive director of the newly created Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority (DCA).

She was hired at the May 17 inaugural meeting of the DCA, a JPA founded by Zone 7 along with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Santa Clara Valley Water District and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.

Also at the meeting, the DCA approved and signed an agreement with the state's Department of Water Resources regarding their joint partnership in constructing the California WaterFix project.

Zone 7 Director Sarah Palmer serves on the DCA's Board of Directors, acting as board secretary.

Blood donations

Blood supplies are shrinking nationwide and a recent survey found that misconceptions about blood needs and donation may be the leading factor, according to the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross is joining an international movement as it launches the Missing Types campaign to combat this trend, calling for new blood donors and those who haven't given in a while to help fill the gaps and ensure lifesaving blood remains available for patients.

Eligible blood donors can contribute throughout the month at the Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, located at 5556-B Springdale Avenue. To make an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, use the organization's Blood Donor app or call 1-800-733-2767.

DSRSD digesters

The Dublin San Ramon Services District last month topped off the \$13 million fourth and final digester under construction at its Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Using a 350-ton crane, GSE Construction placed the 40-ton steel lid on the district's newest anaerobic digester, which works like mechanical stomachs, providing a warm environment where bacteria decompose the organic solids in wastewater and destroy pathogens. The process produces biogas, a renewable fuel DSRSD captures and uses to generate electricity and heat to power the plant.

The digester holds one million gallons of biosolids; total capacity of all digesters is three million gallons. With the lid in place, the digester is slated to be complete and ready for operation in August. ■

School board rewards Haglund

Superintendent receives standard raise, extra bonus after finishing first year at PUSD

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Pleasanton school board approved a contract amendment for Superintendent David Haglund on Tuesday night that retroactively increased his annual salary and awarded him an extra \$10,000 bonus after completing his first year with the district.

The unanimous decision came at the conclusion of a four-hour-long open session.

"We as a board feel strongly that stability and longevity in leadership are crucial for effectively progressing our district on its important goals," said board president Mark Miller after reading aloud the amendment.

Trustee Joan Laursen added, "We're delighted to have your continued

work with us."

The amendment gives Haglund a 2% salary raise for the 2017-18 school year, along with a one-time bonus worth 1% of his salary — compensation increases aligned with the percentages recently approved for the Association of Pleasanton Teachers (APT), the California School Employees Association (CSEA), deputy superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa and assistant superintendent of educational services Odie Douglas.

Haglund was also given a bonus



David Haglund

of \$10,000 "in recognition of an outstanding performance and service," staff wrote in their report. This additional payment will not affect his annual base salary amount.

The salary bump is retroactive to July 2017, the time Haglund began working for the district.

With the updated compensation increases (\$7,950 for both the 2% ongoing raise and 1% one-time bonus) Haglund's salary for the 2017-18 school year will total \$270,300. The \$10,000 bonus will "be made as practicable following ratification of this amendment," staff wrote.

In other superintendent-related news, the board announced results from Haglund's public employee evaluation from May 14. Miller

lauded him for forging a strong relationship with the board.

"Through his leadership, we are also focused on supporting superior academic achievement for all of our students and increased organizational effectiveness and efficiency," Miller said. "In addition, transparency, trust and openness are improving in our district."

Haglund's one-year employment anniversary in July will mark the first time the district will have a sitting superintendent reach their second year of employment since Parvin Ahmadi's tenure ended in June 2015.

The open session meeting ended at 11:10 p.m., at which point the

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Hacker found guilty on all counts in attack on Weekly's website

Federal jury convicts Richmond man last week

By SUE DREMANN/
PALO ALTO WEEKLY

After a six-day trial that involved hours upon hours of technical testimony, a federal jury last week convicted former San Francisco resident Ross M. Colby of two felonies and three misdemeanors relating to computer hacking that preceded the Sept. 17, 2015 takedown of PleasantonWeekly.com and four other websites of parent company Embarcadero Media.

The jury of eight women and four men deliberated for a day and a half, rendering their verdict in San Jose on June 6.

Sentencing is set for Sept. 19. For each of the felony convictions, Colby faces a fine of up to \$250,000, a prison term not to exceed 10 years, or both, according to indictment documents. He also faces a fine of up to \$100,000 and a maximum one year in prison for each of the three misdemeanors. (The actual sentence will be affected by factors including past criminal record, if any, cooperation in the case and the judgment of the court.)

The 35-year-old Colby, who now lives in Richmond, at one time worked for the former EMC Corporation as a software engineer. He was also employed as the chief security officer and IT administrator at Earnest, a San Francisco-based lending firm.

Colby did not express emotion as the five guilty verdicts were read. He did not testify during the trial nor were there any witnesses



FILE PHOTO/VERONICA WEBER

Ross Colby walks with attorney Vicki Young outside the Robert F. Peckham Federal District Courthouse in San Jose on May 24, 2017. Colby was convicted on June 6 on all five counts.

called for the defense, which relied on raising doubts about the prosecution's evidence. He declined comment after the verdict.

Jurors found Colby guilty of one felony count for transmitting a program, code, command, or information to a computer, intending to cause damage; one felony count of attempting to do the same; and three misdemeanor counts of unlawfully obtaining information from a protected computer.

During the trial, the prosecution presented as evidence a trail of IP addresses linked to Colby that had been used to access Embarcadero Media's accounts and data — including the accounts of the three IT employees — more than 200 times.

Three jurors, who asked not to be identified, said the jury deliberations were extensive and difficult. They said the jury ultimately

rejected the defense's theory that another person could have been responsible for the hacks.

"The most compelling evidence was his (Colby's) access via the VPN (a private internet address allowing user anonymity) and to his email account," said juror 11, a statistical research manager. There was enough of an overlap between his access to the Embarcadero accounts and his own email accounts from the same IP addresses to find he was the culprit, she said.

Juror 10, a software engineer, said it wasn't believable that another person might have hacked the company, as had been suggested by Colby's attorney.

Juror 11 agreed.

"The common-sense explanation stood out to me versus it all being a setup," she said. "I believed

Council OKs \$28M pension trust

Investment offers higher returns, more local control

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council last week signed off on investing \$28 million in a trust account to help raise additional funds to offset rising employee pension costs, a move city leaders see as leaving Pleasanton better positioned for the years and decades down the line when higher pension bills come due.

The two-pronged strategy calls for investing \$6.7 million in a shorter-term, conservative portfolio and \$21.3 million in a longer-term, more active portfolio with the goal of earning better returns than the city's typical investments or the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

Based on performance trends of trusts administered by their firm, PARS, city officials hope to have their investment turn into \$43.9 million after 10 years — money that would be available to soften the annual budget impacts of higher pension payments to be required by CalPERS.

"This is something that this council can feel really good about, putting a plan in place for future councils to generate the funds that they will use to help us get out

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Pleasanton grads headed to U.S. service academies

Among six students nominated by Rep. Swalwell for academics, leadership, extracurriculars, more

By ERIKA ALVERO

Two recent Pleasanton high school graduates were among six students nominated this year by Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) to attend U.S. service academies.

Rohit Menon from Amador Valley High will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., while Foothill High grad Matthew Kim will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs, Colo.

They were joined by four other nominees selected from Swalwell's 15th Congressional District.

"This diverse group of young

men and women represents the best of California's 15th Congressional District: They are leaders in their schools and communities who are eager to apply their amazing talents and skills to the service of our nation," Swalwell said after a reception held in their honor Saturday in Dublin.

Students who attend a service academy are required to serve in the military for at least five years after graduating. Swalwell's nominations for the academies, according to the congressman's office, were based holistically on students' academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills,

physical aptitude, character and motivation.

Swalwell's selection panel consisted of veterans and distinguished community members from the 15th District, whom he thanked at the Saturday event.

Menon, a 17-year-old Pleasanton resident, is a track-and-field athlete who earned a varsity letter all four years of high school. He also received an All-American Bronze Medal in the 4x100 relay at the 2016 USA Track and Field Junior Olympics, and was a North Coast Section track-and-field finalist for three consecutive years in high school.

Off the track, Menon was named

a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist and competed nationally and at the state level for his school's mock trial and speech and debate teams. He enjoys playing the piano and digital music production.

Kim, 18, is the city's other nominee. He served as captain of Foothill's varsity swim and water polo teams, along with taking part in the school's marching band, playing clarinet, piano and tuba.

During high school, Kim founded his own company, Shard Designs, which manufactures portable sketching tools. He crowdsourced over \$25,000 for design and manufacturing costs, and so far has sold

1,500 tools. He will join his sister already attending the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Other local honorees were Amir Udler and Victor Wang from San Ramon, Isabella Adamos from Dublin and Bianca Greer from Hayward.

"Just as these students have earned reputations for their determination and success, the United States Service Academies have earned reputations for building character and academic excellence," Swalwell said. "I know Bianca, Amir, Rohit, Victor, Isabella and Matthew will give this challenge their all, and be great assets to our armed services." ■

City working to update Trails Master Plan

Community hike Wednesday part of public input process

By JEREMY WALSH

City officials and consultants are continuing their efforts to modernize the city's Trails Master Plan, the policy document that outlines objectives and strategies for Pleasanton's entire public trail system.

The initial master plan draft is available online now for resident review and comment through the end of this month, with the goal of finalizing the draft in the weeks afterward

and recirculating it for more public input before bringing the final document to the City Council for consideration by year's end, according to city staff.

"There is a lot here, and a lot's been accomplished," Vice Mayor Arne Olson said when the City Council received an update on the plan drafting process last month.

"My view is this really speaks to the quality of this community, that we've

got residents, prior councils, a current council and we've got staff that really cares about this. It really says a lot about Pleasanton," Olson added.

The city's first Community Trails Master Plan was created in 1993, designed to serve as a guide for future trail development and a tool for long-range planning. Pleasanton now has about 90 miles of trails, with another 60 miles proposed.

Last year, the council adopted the

new Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which included some focus on Pleasanton's on-street trails among other transit topics, but city leaders also recognized the need for holistic planning for the trails system, on- and off-road.

"A lot has changed in Pleasanton in the 25 years since the last Trails Master Plan was adopted and we wanted to ensure that our trail system receives the attention it deserves," city landscape architect Matt Gruber said in a statement after presenting to the council May 15.

"The Trails Master Plan addresses the off-street trails and is intended to supplement the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan so that we have a seamlessly integrated system of trails, paved and unpaved alike. This will not only encourage alternative methods of commuting but also entice residents and visitors alike to get outside and get active," he added.

The Trails Master Plan, being drafted by city staff with consultant firms TrailPeople and Fehr & Peers, will include background on the city's trail system, city goals and objectives, proposed policies, trail system design, implementation steps, project rankings and more.

A key trails priority will be connections, whether closing gaps among regional trails (such as connecting Iron Horse Regional Trail to Shadow

Cliffs Regional Recreation Area) or improving trail connections between schools, around bridges and to the Pleasanton Ridge, Gruber said.

"The way we connect those (city trails), and we connect those regionally, I think we'll have a wonderful trails system. So I really look forward to this master plan," Councilman Jerry Pentin said last month.

Having an updated plan in place will also help the city become more competitive for county and state funding available for trails projects, sources such as Senate Bill 1 transportation funds, Proposition 68 parks bond and Regional Measure 3 monies, Gruber said.

The 200-plus-page initial draft features months of research and public input compiled since last year, in addition to direct outreach to city's parks and bike-ped committee, East Bay Regional Park District and Tri-Valley Conservancy.

An online survey was issued last winter, and city staff have hosted community hikes at local trails as part of gathering feedback from residents. The next community input hike is set for Wednesday (June 20) at 9 a.m. at the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail main parking lot at 3200 West Lagoon Road.

Comments can also be posted online through June at www.pleasantontrails.com. ■

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Rotarians help others: Members of the Pleasanton Rotary Club recently traveled to Chile to distribute wheelchairs to residents in need in the South American country — and they took the Weekly along on the journey.

Stoneridge Shopping Center hires new marketing director

Also: JCPenney launches new sports shop, salon concept at mall

By JEREMY WALSH

Stoneridge Shopping Center has named Lafayette resident Amanda Fernandez as its new director of marketing and business development, bringing more than 10 years of marketing experience for retail, hospitality and food industries to the Pleasanton mall.

Fernandez, who joins Stoneridge after working at Westfield San Francisco Centre, will lead overall marketing strategies such as event programming, social media, guest services, public relations and overall communications as well as manage various business functions encompassing revenue generation and community, tenant and partner relationships, mall officials said.

"I am eager and excited to join the Tri-Valley and greater East Bay Area communities, and the extraordinary team at Stoneridge Shopping Center," Fernandez said in a statement.

"With summer around the corner, I look forward to cultivating

relationships with our shoppers, retailers and partners to ensure we are the premier lifestyle destination for shopping, dining and entertainment," she added.

Raised in Burlingame and a University of Arizona graduate, Fernandez most recently led initiatives on tourism, customer experience, community and retailer relations for the Westfield San Francisco Centre, climbing the ranks from a marketing contractor to the marketing director in under three years.

Her other career highlights include building the Bourbon Steak, Bourbon Pub and Michael Mina's Tailgate restaurant brands for chef and restaurateur Michael Mina and the San Francisco 49ers, for their joint venture at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.

She has also been a supporter of the Okizu Foundation, a local organization benefiting children and families battling pediatric cancer, by serving on the Art Inspiring Hope fundraiser gala committee.

In other mall news

JCPenney recently announced two new ventures at its Stoneridge Shopping Center store, one

focused on sports merchandise and the other on the in-store salon experience.

The company has partnered with online retailer Fanatics, Inc. to launch a shop inside the local JCPenney store to connect sports fans to more licensed team apparel.

One of four destinations in the Bay Area, the sports shop will offer 1,300 square feet of space filled with college and pro sports merchandise for men, women and children, representing all major sports leagues. The Pleasanton location is already open, in time for Father's Day and the Golden State Warriors' championship.

JCPenney's other partnership is with InStyle to revamp its in-store salon experience into The Salon by InStyle, set to open at the Stoneridge store today.

The new salon will offer a range of services, including haircuts, color, signature blowouts, hair treatments, extensions and natural styling — plus customers can shop for name-brand salon products, tools and accessories.

The JCPenney stores in Pleasanton and San Jose are two of 100 locations nationwide that will be receiving the updated salon experience. ■

PENSION

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of this, hopefully without cutting services and amenities," Councilwoman Kathy Narum said during the June 5 meeting.

Pleasanton has an estimated \$160 million in unfunded liabilities associated with city employee pensions, a figure that is expected to grow in the years ahead. The city's annual payments to CalPERS are also expected to increase each year before relatively leveling off in 14 years.

Knowing the pension problem was approaching, council members have worked to set aside more than \$20 million in recent years to pre-fund the city's pension liabilities. In March, they authorized staff to pursue investing that money through an irrevocable trust — a Section 115 pension trust administered by PARS.

The trust fund offers benefits including local control over assets, higher yields, pension rate stabilization, investment flexibility, addresses unfunded pension liabilities and improves credit rating, according to city finance director Tina Olson.

The irrevocable trust funds can only be used to pay the city's pension contributions, Olson noted.

The city's two-part strategy sees \$21.3 million — primarily funds set aside for future pension payments — invested in a custom active portfolio

that comprises 70% equities and 30% fixed income. City officials recommend not withdrawing from the investment for at least 10 years, though they will regularly track fund performance and can make adjustments if needed, Olson said.

The second allotment of \$6.7 million, an amount equivalent to the city's pension contribution for the 2018-19 fiscal year, would be a PARS conservative passive portfolio, designed to be kept in the account for up to three years.

Olson said the \$6.7 million is not money that actually needs to go to CalPERS next year, rather an amount equivalent to that total that the city would have otherwise set aside and invested with regular reserves for future pension payments.

Last year, the PARS conservative portfolio yielded 6.29% rate of return (net of fees) and the custom active portfolio yielded about 16.28% net of fees, Olson said. The city's average investment return was 1.7% and CalPERS' was 11.2% during that same time, she added.

Though city officials recommend not touching the investment funds for the initial terms, the council last week did adopt trust withdrawal policy guidelines in the event the city wants to pull from the account in the future.

The trust money would be used to make a pension payment that would otherwise come from the city's general fund. ■

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HACKER

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the testimony of the roommate," who testified that Colby had told him he had hacked a news website.

The fact that much of the evidence was circumstantial was not problematic, juror 11 said.

"With cyber-crimes, there are a lot of cases where you won't have direct evidence. You won't have video showing someone sitting at a keyboard committing the crime. It was all circumstantial," she said. In these kinds of cases, she added, jurors must ask themselves, "How do we convict people of cyber-crimes without direct evidence?"

Embarcadero Media Publisher and President Bill Johnson was present throughout the trial and as the verdict was read.

"We are grateful to the FBI and federal prosecutors for their hard work on this case, and for the jury's patience in digesting an enormous amount of technical information. This was not only a sophisticated

attack on our business but also on the First Amendment and the work we do as journalists in the public interest," he said.

U.S. Assistant Attorney Joseph Springsteen, during his closing argument prior to the jury deliberations, noted the gravity of the hack, which prosecutors said was strategic.

"Make no mistake. This was not a prank; this was not a harmless act. ... It's not vandalism. It was a serious and targeted attack on Embarcadero Media," he said on June 1.

The hack caused more than \$32,000 in damage, but there was also damage done to Embarcadero's reputation, Springsteen said. It is ironic that Embarcadero Media, which was the first newspaper in the United States to have published its news on the World Wide Web, should have been targeted, he noted.

"These acts brought (an institution) of the community for 40 years to its knees. Imagine how vulnerable they must have felt — how helpless," he said. ■

SCHOOL BOARD

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board adjourned to another closed session.

In other business

- During closed session, the board appointed Mary Jude Doerpinghaus as Pleasanton Unified's director of special education and Amber Carion as a new Foothill vice principal, replacing Marcel Baker.

Doerpinghaus joins PUSD from the San Carlos School District, where she has been serving as interim superintendent and assistant superintendent of educational services. Carion has been a math teacher within the district since 2006.

- The board officially recognized members of the Local Control and Accountability Committee and facilitators from the district's School Smarts Parents Academy, which aims to familiarize parents new to California or to the country with their new school system

- The board heard updates and held a public hearing on the proposed Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for 2018-21.

This was the first reading of the LCAP, which is a three-year plan, updated annually, that is part of California's funding formula established in 2013. The plan identifies the school district's key, state-aligned goals for students, action steps that will be taken to achieve these goals



HOPE HOSPICE

Hike for Hope raises \$90,000+

The eighth annual Hike for Hope raised more than \$90,000 to benefit Dublin-based nonprofit Hope Hospice, with 520 hikers participating in the memorial event and fundraiser May 19 at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. This year's event was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Peter Wong, a Hope Hospice physician and Bay Area hospice pioneer who died a month earlier. To learn more about the event, including team and individual fundraising results and corporate sponsors, visit TheHikeforHope.com.

(including expenditures), and how these goals will be assessed.

Some of the recommended goals in the proposed LCAP include increased support for PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports), increased employees to provide counseling support, support for intervention and integration specialists, more funding for ELD (English language development) sections at the secondary level, increase in the AVID coordinator's section time, and professional development for school site council and parent liaisons regarding family engagement.

As part of the reading, director of assessment and accountability Pam VandeKamp pointed to data tracking student performance both overall and within pre-identified, targeted groups, such as the CTE/ROP and mariachi programs.

VandeKamp also highlighted feedback garnered through the Local Control Advisory Committee's "listening campaign" earlier this year. She noted that the parents surveyed were especially concerned about student suspensions, and that tutoring services were perceived by the largest percentage of respondents to be most effective in supporting students.

In a discussion following the report, trustees honed in on student suspensions; in particular, they requested additional data on student vaping use.

- The board held a public hearing on the proposed 2018-19 district budget, presented by Tom Gray, executive director of fiscal services.


Per the proposed budget, the unrestricted revenue for the general fund is expected to total \$139,383,593, with unrestricted expenditures coming out to \$119,341,123.

Gray especially highlighted increases in STRS and PERS funding of 1.85% and 2.51%, respectively, along with an anticipated increase in average daily attendance (ADA) from 14,360 to 14,587 students, which in part determines funding a district receives from the state — the ADA projected, Gray said in response to a question from board vice president Valerie Arkin, is more conservative than the enrollment projections determined by demographers.

- The board heard an update on the Measure II Facilities Expenditure Plan, taking into consideration changes requested by board members on April 10.

The plan details how the \$270 million from the Measure II school facilities bond, approved by voters in 2016, should be spent, in five separate issuances.


The plan is set to be brought back to the board for approval at the June 26 meeting. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Three more fatal crashes in Tri-Valley

A 9-year-old girl died last week after her parents' car was slammed into by an apparently distracted driver as traffic slowed for construction on Interstate 680 near Sunol, representing one of three fatal car crashes within five days reported in the Tri-Valley.

The girl, identified as San Pablo resident Alma Aguilar Alvarez, was pronounced dead at Eden Medical Center, where her father and mother were also transported, for major and minor injuries, respectively, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The situation unfolded at 12:20 a.m. last Friday on northbound I-680 just south of Calaveras Road, where traffic in the two left lanes of the freeway was slowing to merge right due to Caltrans closures, the CHP said.

The driver of a black Dodge, identified only as a 56-year-old Tracy man, failed to notice that traffic was slowing and crashed into the back of a white Toyota car, officials said. The driver wasn't paying attention, although the reason wasn't immediately clear, according

to CHP Officer Tyler Hahn. Alcohol or drugs are not considered a factor.

The momentum of the collision pushed the Toyota into a gray Ford in front of it. The crash caused the Dodge to flip and land on its roof inside the Caltrans closure area, the CHP said.

The 9-year-old girl, who was restrained with safety equipment, was inside the Toyota with her 39-year-old father in the driver's seat and 32-year-old mother as the front passenger, the CHP said. The girl suffered ultimately fatal injuries; the condition of her parents wasn't immediately clear Friday afternoon.

The Dodge driver and the Ford driver — the only occupants in their cars — were not injured, according to the CHP.

The crash remains under investigation, and no arrests have been made to this point, Hahn said.

The investigation and cleanup caused all northbound I-680 lanes to be closed for just over two hours early Friday morning. The CHP is still looking for more witnesses, and anyone with information about the crash can contact the CHP-Dublin Office at 828-0466 and ask for Officer Teague.

• A woman killed when a tree fell onto northbound I-680 on Monday in Danville has been identified as Lyudmila Beyzer, a doctor of 15 years at John Muir Health.

Beyzer, 58, was driving a silver Mercedes-Benz sedan northbound on the freeway north of the El Pinado Road on-ramp around 8:55 a.m. when a 50- to 60-foot tree fell either on top of or directly in front of her car, California Highway Patrol spokesman Officer Brandon Correia said.

Beyzer was pronounced dead at the scene. John Muir Health officials released a statement Monday expressing their grief at her passing.

"We are deeply saddened to hear about the sudden and tragic passing of Dr. Lyudmila Beyzer. She was a member of the John Muir Health Physician Network for 15 years and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with her family, friends, patients, colleagues and staff at this very difficult time," officials wrote.

The tree blocked all but the far left lane on the highway. All lanes reopened by about 12:30 p.m. after crews removed the tree and vehicle from the roadway, according to the CHP.

Investigators do not yet know why the tree fell, Correia said.

• The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau has identified 41-year-old Adrian Avalos of San Lorenzo as the man killed when his motorcycle was struck by an SUV on Altamont Pass Road east of Livermore last week.

The incident occurred just after 6:30 a.m. June 6 when a woman turned her westbound SUV left into the path of the eastbound motorcycle, according to Hahn. Avalos was pronounced dead at the scene.

Drugs or alcohol are not considered factors at this time, Hahn said. The investigation is ongoing, and the SUV driver's name has not been released.

• Those three fatal crashes followed the June 2 death of Castro Valley resident Andrew Warhurst, who was struck by an SUV while standing on I-580 in the immediate aftermath of another crash near Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton ■

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

June 9

Theft

- 3:34 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 4:17 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
- 5:36 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

- 12:28 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road
- 5:25 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Koll Center Parkway

June 8

Fraud

- 8:21 p.m. on the 3000 block of Bolero Court

DUI

- 12:23 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue
- 7:30 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Utah Street

Theft

- 4:50 p.m., 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7 p.m. on West Neal Street; theft of bicycle

Graffiti

- 10 a.m. at Corte Monterey and Calle Altamira
- 2:59 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road

Fraud

- 9:48 a.m. on the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane

Vandalism

- 9:48 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

June 7

Drug violation

- 7:52 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 11:08 p.m. at Calle Alegre and Via De La Cruz

Alcohol violation

- 9:19 p.m. on the 200 block of Main Street

Theft

- 12:27 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 12:35 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:54 p.m. on the 4900 block of Valley Avenue
- 7:15 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft of auto

June 6

DUI

- 5:42 p.m. on Pleasanton Avenue

Fraud

- 5:09 p.m. on the 2000 block of Harvest Road

Missing person report

- 4:17 p.m. on Laurel Creek Drive

Theft

- 10:33 a.m., 6900 block of Koll Center Parkway; theft of auto
- 1:22 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 2:24 p.m., 3100 block of Cochise Way; theft from structure

Drug violation

- 9:37 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Burglary

- 9:07 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Alcohol violation

- 1:57 a.m. on the 4900 block of Hopyard Road

June 5

DUI

- 5:05 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 2 p.m. on the 4300 block of Black Avenue

Graffiti

- 6:45 a.m. at Santa Rita Road and Morganfield Road

June 4

Alcohol violation

- 8:51 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Fraud

- 5:56 p.m. on the 1400 block of Freeman Lane

Theft

- 9:10 a.m., 3400 block of Windsor Court; theft from auto
- 5:26 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

- 12:29 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 4:03 p.m. on the 2700 block of Hopyard Road

Robbery

- 3:11 p.m. on the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Graffiti

- 12:54 p.m. on the 5000 block of Case Avenue

- 1:21 p.m. at Morganfield and Santa Rita roads

- 1:27 p.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and Hopyard Road

Vandalism

- 8:53 a.m. on Grey Eagle Court

Burglary

- 8:11 a.m. on the 3500 block of Stanley Boulevard

Wayne Allen Dodge

December 26, 1946 – May 9, 2018

Wayne Allen Dodge died of a brain aneurysm at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley at the age of 71.

Wayne was born in Hilo, Hawaii to Chow Fung and Fred Dodge. The family relocated to Rubidoux, CA where he and his siblings grew up. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966-1972 and then earned a bachelor's degree from Cal Poly Pomona.

He married Roberta (Bobbie) Dodge on July 30, 1983 in Orange County. They moved north to Pleasanton in 1989 where they lived until his passing.

Wayne spent his professional career in the insurance industry, earning the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation from the Insurance Education Association. He taught underwriting classes for the institute for many years. He served as a loss prevention specialist in workers compensation. He retired as an Assistant Vice President of Republic Indemnity Insurance Co. after a 40-year career.

He will be remembered for his unconditional love for his family and friends, his incredible sense of humor, his devotion to Bobbie and his unfailing gift for happiness which he gladly shared through his radiant smile for all he met.

He was a wonderful husband, brother, uncle and "Papa" extraordinaire for his children and grandchildren.

Wayne was an avid golfer who was dedicated to improving his game. He also enjoyed watching sports, particularly golf. In his youth, Wayne chased his dream of becoming a professional auto racer and spent a year in England racing. Later in life, he became an A-rated tennis player. He did everything with zest and passion.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Bobbie of Pleasanton; his children Nicole Millard and Timothy Wright; his sisters Carol King of Pasadena and Pamela Coon of Maui; his brother Mark Dodge of Spokane; and grandchildren, Zachary, Shayla, Max, Celia, and Izzi. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Emma Wolff.

The family would like to thank all the medical caregivers, Pastor Mike Barris and his wife, Debra, of GraceWay Church and all the wonderful members of GraceWay.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton.

The family prefers contributions in his memory to GraceWay Church, P.O. Box 5550, Pleasanton, CA 94566

PAID OBITUARY

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Pleasanton Weekly

Nominate 2018 Tri-Valley Heroes

This October we will name the seventh group of Tri-Valley Heroes, and it is a good opportunity to revisit why our staff launched this awards program in 2012.

First, let's define "hero." The image that immediately jumps to mind is a person pulling a stranger to safety, like what has happened during some of the horrendous mass shootings in recent months, or first responders putting their lives at risk to save others as wildfires rage around them.

These courageous individuals who put their lives at risk for

the sake of others are certainly heroes, but there are other descriptions that accurately depict a hero: Perseverance. Strength. Character. Kindness. Conscience. Selflessness.

But often these words also describe heroes: Anonymous. Unrecognized. Unknown. Underappreciated.

Arlie Smith, a longtime popular greeter at the Danville Costco, was named our 2015 Role Model Hero for his work raising tens of thousands of dollars for UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, despite battling multiple sclerosis and cancer. Arlie

choked up when he accepted his Hero award and left most of the audience in tears as he talked about not feeling like a hero but that he could be "a hero for the children."

Arlie died last November. At his celebration of life, his wife Shari spoke of how happy she was that Arlie was recognized as a Tri-Valley Hero.

This is why we launched this program. True heroes don't do what they do for the recognition, but these people are effecting change in our world and in our lives and they deserve to be acknowledged. Like Arlie.

Next week we will begin accepting nominations at www.pleasantonweekly.com for the 2018 Tri-Valley Heroes awards in eight categories, open to all



who live or work in the Tri-Valley communities: Arts and Culture, Community Spirit, Courage, Environmental Stewardship, Innovation, Rising Star, Role Model and Lifetime Achievement.

We are also seeking sponsors; we cannot continue this important program without financial support.

As Arlie said at the 2015 awards presentation, "You're all heroes in your own way, and you walk around and you pick (people) up."

Be a hero and help us recognize those individuals and groups that are making a difference in the Tri-Valley and in the lives of the residents here. ■

LETTERS

Don't make Donlon campus a K-8 school

Dear Editor,

I am very concerned about the Pleasanton Unified School District considering making Donlon a K-8 school. The plan threatens the reputation of the Pleasanton Unified School District, and is a great disservice to the students.

Why do I feel so strongly about this? Because I am both a parent from San Lorenzo and an elementary teacher in the San Lorenzo Unified School District, which tried the same thing around 30 years ago.

At that time, when my daughter was a student there, the sixth- and seventh-graders stayed in one class all day, getting none of the socializing and higher academics offered by changing classes and having specialized teachers.

The elementary schools were not prepared for the behavior problems that the middle school students created, and the students had no electives, no dances, no cheerleaders and no sports. The experiment ended 20 years ago, when the district finally brought the middle schools back.

If Donlon included a middle school, would it be able to offer languages, algebra, geometry, pottery and home economics? How many portables would that take? Would Donlon be able to have a robotics club or advanced science classes?

Middle school students need large science labs, sports fields, a track and a large gym. Donlon has none of these. How can it serve lunch to both middle school and

younger students in one cafeteria?

Keep Donlon an elementary school, even if you have to increase the number of elementary students.

—Diane Dawson

Thank you voters

I want to thank the voters for the faith they have placed in me. I am truly humbled and honored to serve the community as a member of the Zone 7 Board of Directors.

I also want to thank all my supporters who helped me get elected. Because of your encouragement and participation — whether signs in your yard, a check in the mail or simply a pat on the back — we did it. I met many new people and made many friends during the campaign. I am grateful to everyone for their advice and kind words of support.

I was truly blessed to have such a talented campaign committee. They gave me invaluable advice and always did what needed to be done. They went beyond my expectations.

I congratulate Sarah Palmer and Bill Stevens for their re-election as well as fellow newcomer, Olivia Sanwong, for her election to the board. I also want to thank John Greci for his 24 years of service on the board. John is a true gentleman and dedicated public servant.

I now look forward to working with my fellow directors and pursuing my campaign priorities to assure a safe and reliable supply of water, set fair water rates and seek community input on key decisions.

—Dennis Gambis, Zone 7 director-elect

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICE

City Council

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
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- **Public Hearing:** Adopt resolutions approving 2018/19 annual assessments for Landscape Maintenance Districts 1984-1 Ponderosa, 1993-1 Windsor, 1993-2 Bonde Ranch, 1994-1 Oak Tree Farm, and 1995-1 Moller Ranch
- **Public Hearing:** Consider a resolution to approve rates for solid waste, recyclable materials and organic materials collection

Economic Vitality

Thursday June 21, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.
Remillard Room, Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road
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Housing

- Overview of meeting procedures for the Housing Commission
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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

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Former Foothill football players surprise coach Sweeney

Also: Registration underway for Pleasanton Junior Football League

In keeping with the theme of paying homage to former athletes or coaches that I covered in my 26 years as a local sports writer in the Tri-Valley, let's talk about former Foothill football coach Matt Sweeney.

Sweeney stepped down from the head post at Foothill at the end of the last season after 30-plus years. He is remaining as a teacher and softball coach at the school for at least another year or two, but felt it was time to walk away from football.

Last Saturday, Sweeney was honored by former players at a reception at the Highland Oaks Cabana Club. The event was put together by a number of players and spearheaded by former player and assistant coach Willie Brown.

It was a surprise party that, given Sweeney's avoidance of social media, was able to be promoted on Facebook. It was a wonderful event, and it was great for me to see so many players I had the joy to cover show up and honor their former coach.

Among the many in attendance included former quarterback Sean Mannion. Now a quarterback with the Los Angeles Rams, Mannion took the time to fly up and hang out with former teammates.

Among other highlights were the scrapbook collection that Sweeney's wife Trish had put together over the years. She made one book for each season, and it was incredibly nostalgic to go back through the years and almost relive the seasons.

Sweeney's teams captured 13 East Bay Athletic League titles and four



KARI DUKLETH

Former Foothill football coach Matt Sweeney, shown here being carried off the field following a win against Amador Valley, stepped down last season after 31 years of coaching.

North Coast Section championships in his time.

I had a great relationship with Sweeney over the years as we grew up in the same area of Pleasanton from the time we were little kids. The intensity he brought to coaching was developed from the competitiveness he brought to his playing career, whether it was formal team sports or pickup baseball games in the field behind his house.

His teams were never the biggest nor the fastest, but there were few, if any, teams that were better prepared, better conditioned or played with more heart than did Foothill.

There were countless games over the years where on paper Foothill was overmatched on the field. But come the end of the game, when the horn sounded, the Falcons had the edge on the scoreboard.

The most recent example had to be the 2015 NCS playoffs where in

the semifinals, the Falcons outlasted Antioch on the road in a 55-54 thriller. Antioch was led by current Alabama running back Najee Harris who ran around the Foothill defense throughout the game — until the very end.

Trailing by one point in the final seconds, Antioch went for the win on a two-point conversion. Harris had run for 390 yards in the game, so very few, if any, expected the Falcons to make the stop.

But after a timeout, Sweeney's team, true to form, came up big, stopping Harris just short of the line, forcing a fumble that the Falcons recovered in the end zone.

One play summed up years of Foothill football. Always work hard and never quit. That night they didn't, nor did they throughout Sweeney's time running the program.

PJFL

The Pleasanton Junior Football League is now taking registration for tackle, flag and cheerleading for the upcoming season.

Their coaches are passionate in teaching kids to be student athletes, as well as showing leadership on and off the field. PJFL has developed successful athletes who have continued to play in high school and college football. For more information, go to www.pjfl.com. ■

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 acesmag@aol.com.



COURTESY OF OAKLAND RAIDERS

Raiders visit Altamont Creek

The Oakland Raiders, including former player Chris Cooper, Raiderettes and the Raider Rusher mascot, traveled to Altamont Creek Elementary School in Livermore last month after the school won the NFL team's Spring Play 60 Challenge for the third straight year. The Raiders' contingent spoke to the students about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle, and then led them in youth football drills.

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Dolphins open swim season with win

The Pleasanton Valley Club Dolphins defeated the Sunset Cabana Club 1,106 to 700 in their first dual swim meet of the season. Among the highlights reported was Annika Frey (shown) shaving a combined 19 seconds off all her events compared to her last swims.



SAMANTHA GRANT PHOTOGRAPHY



2018 Alameda COUNTY FAIR

SUMMER SHOWCASE BEGINS 18-DAY RUN IN PLEASANTON

BY JEREMY WALSH

No need to worry about that rumbling near downtown Pleasanton this morning.

Those are the sounds and sights of cowboys and cowgirls herding steer to and from the fairgrounds via Main Street in the second annual cattle drive to usher in opening day of the 2018 Alameda County Fair.

The cattle drive, which drew thousands of onlookers downtown last summer, offers people a chance to hearken back to Pleasanton's Old West roots while also connecting to its present by visiting downtown shops and restaurants and watching the parade of fair entertainment accompanying this year's procession.

That bond — between Pleasanton's past and present — is a main reason the annual county fair resonates so much with the community, according to Mayor Jerry Thorne.

"First and foremost, the fair is about our community heritage, and when we hear the fair is coming to town, I think it takes us all back to our own childhoods and the excitement we felt when the fair came to town," Thorne said in an interview ahead of the 2018 fair. "It also signals that summer is really here and provides those opportunities that make for fabulous memories."

"But apart from the emotional value we get from the fair,

we also realize some local economic value when visitors come to our city and enjoy all we have to offer," the mayor added. "And since the Alameda County Fair has received top honors from industry leaders, it appears that the secret's out that our fair is one of the best."

Recognized as the seventh largest fair in California and ranked among the top 50 fairs in North America, the Alameda County Fair takes over the fairgrounds at Valley and Bernal avenues every summer — operated by the nonprofit Alameda County Fair Association, without any tax funding from the government.

Pleasanton's summer showcase, which runs on 18 days this year between today and July 8, offers a little something for everybody.

If the cattle drive is your cup of tea (or dark coffee, fireside in a metallic mug, as it were), all of opening weekend will have a Wild West theme, including rodeo events today and Saturday during which fair-goers can watch local cowgirls and cowboys show off their ranching skills with sorting, doctoring and roping.

The fair also pays respect to the Tri-Valley's rural and agricultural heritage with regular animal displays, the junior

livestock auction, pig races and more.

The fairgrounds is home to the nation's oldest one-mile race track, which will host 15 days of live horse racing starting opening weekend and continuing June 21-24 and 28-30, July 1, 4 and 6-8. Post time is 1:45 p.m. each day, except Fridays when it's 2:15 p.m.

Live entertainment is a hallmark of the fair.

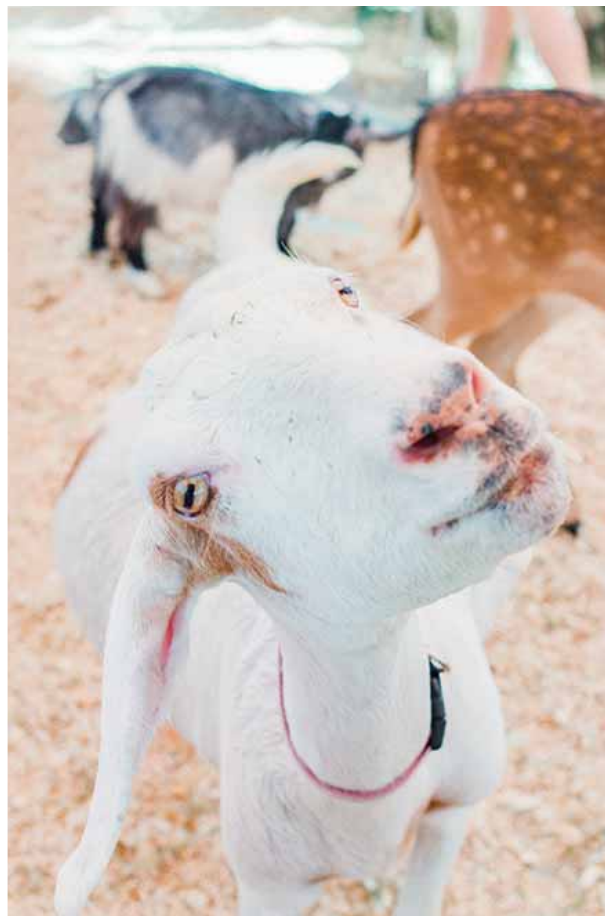
Monster trucks, demolition derby, extreme rodeo, Keith Sayers FMX Show, RV demolition derby and K9 Kings Flying Dog Show are among the highlights set for this year in the Action Sports Arena.

And on the main stage, 2018 Big O Tires Free Concert Series will draw hundreds to the fairgrounds each night.

Kicking the series off tonight will be American classic rock band Blue Öyster Cult, known for hits like "(Don't Fear) the Reaper" and "Burnin' for You."

The other opening weekend concerts are Jamaican rapper Sean Kingston known best for his debut hit "Beautiful Girls" on Saturday, and R&B/pop group and Oakland originals En Vogue known for hits "Hold On" and "My Lovin' (You're Never Gonna Get It)" onstage Sunday.

The rest of the concert slate features recognizable



ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

Clockwise from far left: The carnival midway with its games, rides and fried treats is among the most popular draws to the Alameda County Fair each year. The 2018 fair will also feature livestock displays, including photogenic goats. The Big O Tires Concert Series draws hundreds each night. Fried foods like corn dogs, along with family-friendly carnival games, are always a hit. The Action Sports Arena will include high-flying dirt bike tricks. And don't forget about live horse-racing, which starts today and continues on 14 other days of the fair.

acts across music, performers like Clay Walker, LeAnn Rimes, Smash Mouth, Sir Mix-A-Lot, 38 Special and WAR, plus tribute acts covering Neil Diamond, Queen, Prince and Journey.

The concerts will run from 8-9:15 p.m. each night, with general seating free with fair admission and premium seating available for purchase. Each concert will be followed by a fireworks show.

While fireworks have become synonymous with the fair, one notable omission from this summer's schedule is the Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular, which was canceled amid safety, security and traffic concerns. The fair will run special shorter hours on Independence Day, stopping admission at 3 p.m. and closing at 6 p.m.

Many other recognizable special events are back again, including the Snackdown FryDay competition June 22, Red, White and Brew Craft Fest on June 23, Festival Latino and Fiesta Del Charro on June 24, Sip, Savor and Wager Wine Festival on June 30 and Craft Cocktail Festival on July 7.

Another fan favorite every year — especially on those hot afternoons — are the indoor contest displays, from

artworks and photographs to calligraphy and poetry to baked goods and jams to place-setting and floral arrangements and, of course, the collectibles exhibit.

Various vendors will also have items on sale in other exhibition halls and on display outdoors around the grounds.

And who could forget the fair foods, carnival games and the rides? New this year will be the cross-grounds Sky Ride, with 70-passenger gondolas that offer a bird's eye view of the fair: \$5 one-way or \$8 unlimited.

The fair also offers a variety of discount days and promotions, plus fair officials have partnered with Wheels to offer the Wheels Fair Shuttle (Route 52) from the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART station to the fairgrounds — all day, every day, until closing (except Fourth of July).

Themed "Hello Summer!", the 2018 Alameda County Fair is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. from June 15 to July 8, except for closure days June 18-19, June 25-26 and July 2-3, and special hours for Independence Day. For tickets and other information, visit annual.alamedacountyfair.com. ■

FAIR INFORMATION

Open dates: June 15-17, June 20-24, June 27 to July 1, July 4-8

Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily (except July 4: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Gate admission: Adults (13-61) \$15. Seniors (62+) and Kids (6-12) \$10. Children under 6, free.

General parking: \$10.

Discount Days

Opening Day, today: \$1 rides, \$1 admission until 5 p.m.

Father's Day, this Sunday: Free admission for dads, until 5 p.m.

Kids Free Thursdays, June 21, June 28, July 5: Free admission for kids 12 and under, until 5 p.m.

Boomers Free Fridays, June 22, June 29, July 6: Free admission for ages 62 and older, until 5 p.m.

Fair Food Bite Thursdays, June 21, June 28, July 5: Food vendors offer samples for \$2, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Foster Kids Clothing Drive & \$1 Rides, June 20: Get one free admission with every donation of one new child's clothing item. Benefits foster children in the Bay Area.

Feed the Need Food Drive & \$1 Rides, June 27: Get one free admission for every donation of 4 nonperishable food items. Benefits Alameda County Community Food Bank.

First Responders Day, July 4: Free admission to first responders with valid ID, until 3 p.m.

Military Appreciation: Free admission with valid military or veteran ID, all day every day.

Big O Tires Concert Series

Tonight: Blue Öyster Cult

Saturday: Sean Kingston

Sunday: En Vogue

Wednesday: Clay Walker

Thursday: 38 Special

Next Friday: Smash Mouth

June 23: Boys of Summer: The Music of the Eagles

June 24: Sir Mix-A-Lot

June 27: Morris Day & The Time

June 28: Con Funk Shun

June 29: Queen Nation (Queen tribute)

June 30: The Tubes

July 1: Purple Reign (Prince tribute)

July 4: NO CONCERT

July 5: LeAnn Rimes

July 6: Journey Revisited (Journey tribute)

July 7: Super Diamond (Neil Diamond tribute)

July 8: WAR

** Concerts run 8-9:15 p.m. nightly, followed by fireworks show. General seating free with fair admission.

Hiking — a Deus family tradition

Murietta Falls stands out in Father's Day memories

Pleasanton resident John Deus and his son Tom began a tradition years ago to enjoy hikes together every Father's Day, sometimes even backpacking the entire weekend.

"One of our most interesting Father's Day backpacking trips was a three-day trip around and up to the tree line of Mount Hood in Oregon," John Deus recalled.

Tom now lives in Portland, where he specializes in walking tours of the area; he also spends six months of each year traveling the world, which is documented on his

adventure website: www.wanderlustmoments.com/traveling-the-world.

John Deus wrote this piece about his climb to the local Murietta Falls in the Ohlone Regional Wilderness when the falls were running rapidly, and he noted that he had also made the hike with his son Tom on Father's Day 2006.

"We arrived at Murietta Falls only to find it flowing at barely a trickle," he wrote. "Despite this big disappointment, we still had a great time and a great day together."

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

John Deus took this photo of Murietta Falls after the arduous hike revealed it cascading in all its glory Feb. 18, 2009.

Murietta Falls, a hidden gem

By JOHN DEUS

Little known and only rarely seen, the Bay Area's highest waterfall lies hidden away in the southern Alameda County wilderness where few venture.

Murietta Falls, named after Joaquin Murietta, a legendary outlaw of the 1800s, is set in the Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness, where a free-flowing creek falls through a rocky gorge, in all a 100-foot waterfall, the longest waterfall in the Bay Area.

Upstream, more small pools and cascades await, and along with Murietta Falls, they make this a destination like nowhere else in the East Bay.

The key, of course, is hitting it right when the waterfall is a cascading torrent and the view of it is breathtaking. The good news is that the trail is well-signed, and a map is provided with your wilderness permit by the East Bay Regional Park District.

Hit it wrong and none of that will matter long. The only thing breathtaking will be the climbs required to reach the spot and get back.

Why do so few people know about

John and Tom Deus on a Father's Day hike to Velma Lakes in Desolation Valley west of Lake Tahoe.

this place? Getting there requires a butt-kicker of a hike: It's 5.5 miles one way, most of it climbing a terribly steep ridge. You'll first ascend 1,600 feet in just 1.5 miles, the worst stretch of the Ohlone Wilderness Trail.

The route tops out at Rocky Ridge, drops 500 feet in 0.5 miles into Williams Gulch, then climbs again even higher, another 1,200 feet toward Wauhah Ridge. From the trailhead, you will gain as much as 3,300 feet in elevation before turning right on the Springboard Trail (signpost 35).

From there it's one mile to the waterfall. Walk along a ridge about a quarter of a mile, then turn left on the Greenside Trail, which descends into a valley and to the falls.

Unfortunately, you can't get a clear view of Murietta Falls from the Greenside Trail. A cutoff route is available that leads to a good viewing area. This unsigned side road/trail off the Greenside Trail is located past the stream. Turn right on this road/trail, which drops in a looping turn down to the floor, providing a better view of the cascade feeding through a rocky gorge into the plunge pool.

When Murietta Falls first comes into view, it stands in contrast to the East Bay hills, a grassland/oak habitat where one does not expect to find steep cliffs and waterfalls. But there it is, all 100 feet.

In the springtime the rapidly greening hills frame the falls, providing a spark of freshness, only a few miles from suburbia, concrete and traffic jams. But given the difficulty of the hike, many are disappointed by how little water there can be here. It can be like a bad joke, where you stay with it all the way to the end only to be disappointed.

Even in big rain years, the creek is reduced to a trickle by early summer and sometimes even goes dry. In addition, it gets hot out here in the summer, really smokin', like 100-plus degrees.

By July the hills are brown, the waterfall has disappeared, and only the ghost of Murietta remains to laugh as you struggle on the 3,300-foot climb. ■

Hiking, anyone?

Learn more about this and other hikes in the East Bay Regional Park District at www.ebparks.org.

Opera stars to perform in vineyards

Fundraiser features favorite singers from local performances

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Valley Opera is bringing its stars to town to sing for aficionados as they enjoy picnic suppers and wine in lovely outdoor settings. Opera in the Vineyard events will take place 5-8 p.m. on two summer Sundays, June 24 at Nella Terra Cellars and July 15 at Retzlaff Vineyards.

“Opera in the Vineyard has become a popular LVO summer event that has created a wonderful community of music lovers,” event co-chair Raquel Holt said.

“This will be our third year offering two events, and we are fortunate to have two distinct vineyards where more guests and friends can come to enjoy beautiful music, share delicious food, and have fun toasting and savoring

the vineyard’s wines in a lovely setting,” she continued.

“Each venue will include unique performances of opera arias, show tunes and maybe even a little cabaret. Many of our guests attend both events, as each offers a unique experience.”

Diners bring their own picnics to the event and purchase beverages from the hosting wineries.

The first event, at Nella Terra Cellars in Sunol, has a tented area

so the performance will be out of the sun. Singers include local favorite baritone Eugene Brancoveanu, mezzo soprano Molly Hill and soprano Shawnette Sulker. Tenor Dane Suarez, a resident artist with Opera San Jose, will make his local debut at the event, and pianist Chun Mei Wilson will accompany the singers.

‘Enjoy beautiful music, share delicious food, and have fun toasting and savoring the vineyard’s wines.’

Raquel Holt,
event co-chair

Guests for the Nella Terra event can purchase wine vouchers in advance for quicker service. Vouchers will be available for pick up at check-in. All wine options at Nella Terra will be \$25 with proceeds benefiting Livermore Valley Opera.

The July event at Retzlaff Vineyards will offer a different program of musical selections, again with Brancoveanu, Suarez and Hill performing but adding soprano Erin O’Meally and music director Alexander Katsman at the piano.

Both events will include the popular “Arias a la carte,” when guests have the opportunity to purchase songs from a “menu of delectable



Opera in the Vineyards, a fundraiser for Livermore Valley Opera, will have two events this summer.

arias” for the singers to perform at the purchaser’s table or seating area.

Tickets are \$50 each in advance, and \$55 at the door. Tickets can

be purchased at www.livermorevalleyopera.com. Tables of eight are available for purchase in advance for \$360. ■

Museum on Main offering Family Days

Fun learning experiences for kids, parents, grandparents

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum on Main staff and volunteers invite families for a free afternoon of hands-on fun on the museum lawn from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month beginning this weekend and continuing through September.

“Our goal for each Family Day is to provide families with free, unique and fun learning experiences during those long summer days,” education director Sarah Schaefer said. “This year, with help from our community sponsors, the Pleasanton North Rotary Club Foundation and the Korean Parent Association, we are bringing back some old favorites from last year and adding a new theme, Han Ga Wi, which will celebrate Korea and the Korean community here in Pleasanton.”

This year’s themed Family Days are as follows:

- Saturday: County Fair! Participants will learn about exhibition booths and animal judging and try their hand at making quilt squares, winning at carnival games, and picking winning horse at the races.
- * July 21: Games and Toys: From



Museum on Main celebrates Old Time Toys and Games at last year’s Family Day.

the Past to the Present. Activities will include making corn husk dolls and propeller toys, and playing with a variety of old time and retro toys.

- Aug. 18: Life in Early Pleasanton. Activities will include making adobe bricks, dipping candles, stamping leather and making tortillas as everyone learns about early life without modern conveniences.
- * Sept. 15: Celebrate Community

Day — Han Ga Wi. “Han Ga Wi means “the great middle of autumn” and is a three-day harvest festival in Korea. The event will include Korean dancing, music, Taekwondo demonstrations, fan making and more.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. For more information about current exhibits and programs, call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org. ■

‘E.T.’ kicks off summer of family movies

Family Fun Film Series happening at Bankhead

The Bankhead Theater will introduce the Family Fun Film Series at 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings once a month this summer featuring three beloved films of the 1980s — “E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial,” “The Princess Bride,” and “Honey, I Shrunk the Kids” — shown on the theater’s large screen.

The series of PG-rated movies opens next Wednesday with one of director Steven Spielberg’s most groundbreaking films. “E.T.” is the heartwarming story of a small and gentle alien left behind on earth, whose rescue by a young boy jeopardizes both E.T. and his rescuers’ lives.

On July 25, the Bankhead will

screen the swashbuckling tale of love and adventure, “The Princess Bride.” And the last film in the series, “Honey, I Shrunk the Kids,” the hilarious story of a scientific invention gone awry, will be shown Aug. 15.

Tickets are \$5 each and all ages must have tickets. Concessions will be available in the lobby. Tickets are on sale now through the Bankhead Theater ticket office at 373-6800 or lvpac.org.

The new Film Series builds on the success of the Classic Film Musicals Series, which was launched at the Bankhead earlier this year and will resume in September. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



ALEXANDRA VALENTI

Shawn Colvin coming to Bankhead

Known for her Grammy Award-winning single “Sunny Came Home,” folk-pop songstress Shawn Colvin will bring her unique storytelling style to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday (June 21). The singer-songwriter is known for infusing even the toughest tales with tenderness, empathy and a searing sense of humor. Tickets are \$30-\$60; \$17 for students and active military. Visit lvpac.org or call 373-6800. A VIP package for \$160 includes early access to the venue, premium seating in the first three rows, a pre-show acoustic performance, meet and greet, photo opportunity and a gift bag.

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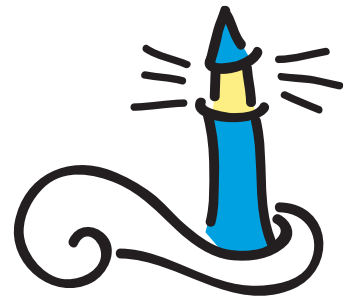


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fictitious business name listed herein MAY 21, 1997. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MAY 16, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: HERMAN Y. RICE III, OWNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, MAY 25, JUNE 1, 8, 15, 2018)

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)

Valley Catering, Inc. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 545351

The following person doing business as: Valley Catering, Inc., 7087 Commerce Circle, Suite F, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Valley Catering, Inc., 7087 Commerce Circle, Suite F, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Valley Catering, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein January 1, 1994. Signature of Registrant: Joseph E. Rodrigues, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 24, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2018).

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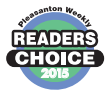
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SOLD



5 Beds | 3 Baths | 3,600sf. | 9,600sf. lot

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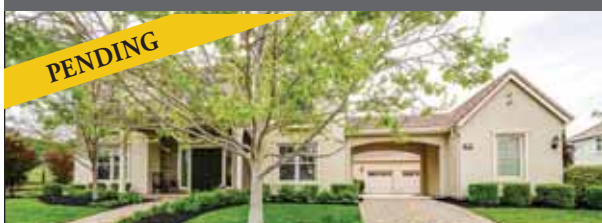
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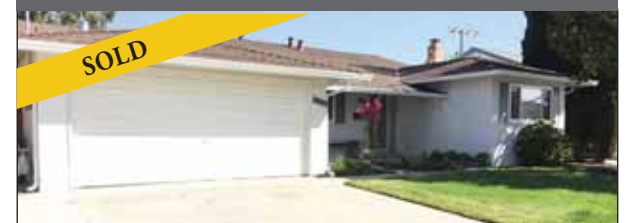
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\$795,000

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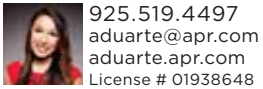
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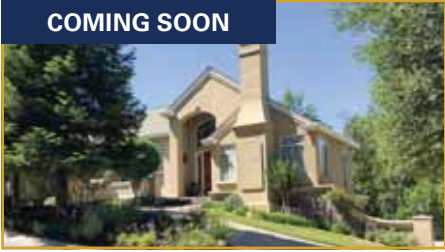
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A: Thanks for the question Amy. I can certainly understand how upsetting it is to you, and how unfair it must seem. The short answer to your question is yes, the seller has the legal right to cancel (rescind) their counter offer before it is signed. It may seem unfair, but the seller has the legal right to do that. Usually it is because the seller received a better offer, and no longer felt the terms on the counter offer they sent you were good enough. I know it is disappointing, but the law is the law. In general, the seller is perfectly entitled to act in their best interest, and as long as the buyer had not yet signed the counter offer, they can rescind it.

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