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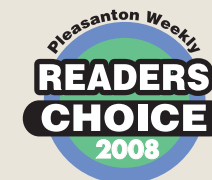
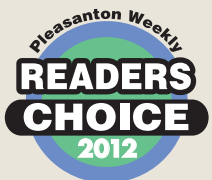
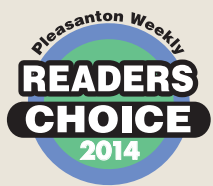
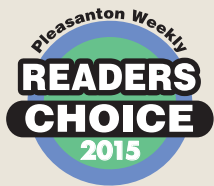
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



PLANT WITH PURPOSE

Dave Luebkehan looks at banana trees in Dominican Republic planted with help from Plant With Purpose to provide shade for cacao trees.

Plant With Purpose families growing out of poverty

It's estimated that 800 million people suffer from hunger daily and 85% of them are subsistence farmers, living in rural areas of the world, totally dependent on their environment.

Dave Luebkehan, a Danville businessman and active in the town's Community Presbyterian Church, got a feel for those statistics in 2007 when he ventured to Burundi for his first-ever mission trip. He saw that real people live on the other side of the world living their lives just as we do, but without access to abundant resources.

After a few more visits to Africa and South America, Luebkehan knew at some point that he wanted to work with a faith-based organization seeking to improve people's lives.

"Never did I imagine that my trip to Burundi would lead me to Plant With Purpose, yet here I am, its regional representative for the San Francisco Bay Area," Luebkehan said in remarks at a recent luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

Although he knew nothing about the organization, Luebkehan found Plant With Purpose's website inspiring. Its work in training and educating people in sustainable farming techniques and savings methods to help secure a better future was different than most nonprofits.

He found Plant With Purpose's methods to build people's dignity by having those it serves do the work to better their life appealing.

"It's not about handouts; it's about empowerment, and I knew I wanted to be a part of it and tell others about it," Luebkehan said.

So, after 30 years of work in the finance field, including 14 years at Bank of America and 14 years as chief financial officer of Brookfield

Residential Properties' Bay Area division, he seized the opportunity to join Plant With Purpose.

The nonprofit "restores the world one farmer at a time," he said. "That's a bold statement, perhaps, but our programs help families to increase farm yields, heal damaged ecosystems, improve nutrition, increase household savings and provide greater economic opportunity."

He said that combined, this integrated program solves two major issues facing the world today: environmental degradation and rural poverty.

Those 800 million people who don't have enough food are Plant With Purpose's market, according to Luebkehan. Many of these are farmers who, when they find their land turning sour, chop down more trees to clear more land for farming. It's a vicious cycle that deprives the farmland of soil nutrients and shade.

Representatives from Plant With Purpose partner with these farming families to help them learn the needs of forest preservation skills and forest conservation, increasing crop yields and also equipping them with financial tools so they can save income from their farms.

"The first thing we do is to convince the farmers to plant trees," Luebkehan said, explaining that trees help provide top soil, shade and ground stability. "We focus on trees because they are the cornerstone of everything that the farmer has to work with."

Since Plant With Purpose started in 1984, the organization has helped plant more than 26 million trees around the world.

"The farmers we help tell us that they've never had a future before, but because of Plant With Purpose, their farms are thriving again," Luebkehan said. ■

About the Cover

Officer Michael Wilson and his four-legged partner Vader are one of three K-9 units in the Pleasanton Police Department. Photo courtesy of PPD. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

Do you do any volunteer work that you really enjoy?



Sharon Tietgens

Retired

Oh, yes, absolutely. My husband Dick and I love volunteering through our church in Pleasanton. We work at the Senior Center serving meals, and in the summertime we have the privilege of working at the Alameda County Fair, doing whatever is asked of us. All of the money we earn goes to Open Heart Kitchen.



Zachary Benson

Elementary school student

I volunteer at my church as an audio/visual assistant. I like doing it because it comes easily to me and because I like having people see me doing good things for the people at my church.



Joshua Benson

Middle school student

I do. I volunteer for Kids Against Hunger, packaging up nutritious, life-saving meals to be sent to kids in Haiti. It makes me feel very happy to know I can do something helpful for children who are so far away and have so little.



Tom Mazza

Retired

Well, I'm very busy helping to take care of my grandchildren whenever I'm able to. My goal though is to start doing volunteer work on a local level in order to make a difference right here in the community where I live.



Gladys Mazza

Retired

I haven't started doing it yet, but I am planning to start doing volunteer work with an animal shelter that provides therapy dog services to the elderly and others who benefit from interacting with dogs. I am certain I will enjoy it immensely.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Altamont Pass fire

Crews had fully contained the Grant Fire nearly eight hours after it burned 640 acres near the Altamont Pass and Interstate 580 in unincorporated eastern Alameda County, Cal Fire officials said Monday morning.

The blaze was first reported shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday west of Grant Line Road and prompted the closure of I-580 in both directions. The westbound lanes reopened at 9:10 p.m. and the eastbound lanes reopened shortly after midnight.

The cause of the brush fire remains under investigation.

Caregiver skills

Local nonprofit Hope Hospice is hosting its latest class in its Family Caregiver Education Series, with Saturday's session focusing on essential skills for caregivers.

Many family caregivers are asked to perform a variety of medical or nursing tasks in order to help their loved ones remain at home. The class from 9:45 a.m. to noon will center on basic skills such as wound care, operating medical equipment, bathing, toileting and transferring, understanding medical terminology, and implementing personal and home safety measures.

The session in Dublin is open to the public and offered free-of-charge — though donations are appreciated. Register online at HopeHospice.com.

Blood supply shortage

An emergency blood shortage is prompting the American Red Cross to issue an urgent call for eligible donors of all blood types — especially type O — to give now and help save lives, officials with the nonprofit said this week.

The Red Cross escalated its call for blood and platelet donors after a difficult Independence Day week for donations. More than 550 fewer blood drives were organized by businesses and other community groups last week than during a typical week as individuals across the country celebrated the holiday and enjoyed summer activities.

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

Correction

The June 29 article "Pleasanton's 20th annual Fourth of July celebration" misidentified the American Legion Post involved in the ceremony. The local chapter is American Legion Post 237. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

City Council approves new garbage collection rates

Monthly bills to decrease for many residential, commercial customers

By JEREMY WALSH

Residents and businesses in Pleasanton now have new garbage rates — lower monthly costs, in many cases.

The Pleasanton City Council last week signed off on a new rate structure for refuse and recycling collection for the first year of the new franchise agreement with Pleasanton Garbage Service (PGS), a deal that included a 13.3% reduction in overall annual costs for the city.

Approved with a 5-0 vote during a special meeting July 3, the

new rates include a nearly \$8-per-month reduction for 35-gallon residential cart service, no changes for the 96-gallon residential and lower costs across various commercial service levels.

The new structure, which took effect retroactive to July 1 and runs through June 2019, achieves the city's policy goals of setting rates to incentivize residential recycling and to make Pleasanton customer costs closer to prices in neighboring Dublin and Livermore, according to staff.

City officials, the council's

Subcommittee for Refuse and Recycling, and ultimately the council itself weighed several rate structure options.

Those included applying the 13.3% reduction evenly across all residential and commercial service levels, a residential-focused option, a commercial-focused option and a balanced scenario that favored residents with the smaller 35-gallon cart and commercial customers with fewer weekly pickups.

The subcommittee and city staff recommended the balanced option,

but PGS officials were concerned that those lower rates would entice more residents to convert from the 96-gallon cart to the 35-gallon cart, resulting in significant revenue loss compared to budget estimates — city staff disagreed since the 96-gallon price would remain the same under that scenario.

In the end, the council unanimously supported a hybrid of the balanced option that still dropped the 35-gallon residential fee overall

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JEREMY WALSH

Crews were hard at work last Friday afternoon conducting initial repairs on the Harvest Park Middle School library, which sustained heavy damage in a late-night fire three days earlier.

Harvest Park fire

School board OKs urgent repairs for damaged library

By ERIKA ALVERO AND JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton school board unanimously approved a resolution allowing for emergency corrective repairs at Harvest Park Middle School, at a special meeting last Friday night set to address a fire that broke out in the school's library days earlier.

The resolution allows Pleasanton Unified to avoid the usual public bidding process, in light of the serious extent of damage inflicted and the fast-approaching date of the first day of school.

"It is allowable by public contract code, if a Board of Trustees passes a resolution that is then approved by the county Office of Education, that allows the district to move forward with immediately

needed repairs and restoration on something that has been damaged in an emergency," said Myla Grasso, director of maintenance, operations and technology for the district, who presented the resolution at the 10-minute-long meeting on Friday.

"In this case, it's things like extracting water from the carpet, getting the library books out and cleaned. Possibly installing portables to set up a temporary library," Grasso added.

The vote was 4-0, with Trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke absent. Costs, which haven't been determined yet, will be completely covered by insurance, and because of this, Grasso said, the insurance company will have a vested interest in making sure costs are reasonable.

The fire broke out in the library late at night on July 3 and caused significant damage from flames, heat, water, smoke and soot, according to district staff.

Firefighters from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and Alameda County Fire Department responded to the incident that Tuesday night. When they arrived on-scene a little after 10:30 p.m., the library at the center of the campus was on fire, according to deputy fire chief Joe Testa.

After extending the fire hoses about 250 feet to reach the flames, firefighters were able to bring the fire under control by 11:01 p.m., Testa said. The cause is still somewhat hazy, though fire and police

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Want to run for local office?

Candidacy filing period opens Monday for November election

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Any resident interested in pursuing elected office this year is in luck because Pleasanton has several public service positions up for election this November and the application process begins next week.

Pleasanton residents who want to compete for local office on the Nov. 6 ballot — alongside the race for governor and Congress, among other seats — can file their candidacy nomination paperwork with election officials starting Monday through Aug. 10.

The city of Pleasanton has three seats up for election this year, two on City Council and the mayor's seat. There will also be two available positions on Pleasanton Unified School District's Board of Trustees and two seats on the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors.

For city government positions, prospective candidates must file their nomination paperwork with the City Clerk's Office at 123 Main St., while PUSD and DSRSD candidates should contact the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

While some positions have different requirements to run for public office, some general qualifications are necessary for all Pleasanton

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TAKE US ALONG



Trip back home: Rui Zhang, who has lived in Pleasanton for 15 years, recently traveled back to her hometown of Benxi in Liaoning Province, P.R. China. Her parents, sister and extended family still live there.



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Feed Tri-Valley drive underway

Three-week program seeks to alleviate hunger in local communities

By ANDY LI

The cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore have joined together again this year for the annual Feed Tri-Valley Food Drive, which is running through July 22.

Feed Tri-Valley focuses on raising awareness on the epidemic of hunger in local communities and encouraging citizens to donate food for those who cannot afford a meal.

"Hunger is on the rise and one in five children struggle with hunger and food insecurity," Pleasanton city spokeswoman Tracy Dunne said. "Because no one should go hungry, we are encouraging everyone to donate food and grocery store gift cards anywhere you see the Feed Tri-Valley logo or collection barrel."

Founded in 2016, Feed Tri-Valley began as a collaboration among all three cities and Tri-Valley Haven, Open Heart Kitchen, Interfaith Sharing and the Valley Bible Church. Together, Tri-Valley charities have provided assistance to over 775 households and served over 25,000 meals each month.

Residents can contribute by donating either grocery store gift



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Feed Tri-Valley donation barrel at Towne Center Books.

cards or nonperishable food to any of the participating stores or organizations in the Tri-Valley this year. Gift cards have become popular for the program because

Participating locations

- Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, 3560 Nevada St., Pleasanton
- Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton
- Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton
- Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton
- Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin
- Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin
- Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin.

it allows food providers to purchase perishable foods such as fresh dairy, meat and vegetables instead of canned staples.

For more information on the 2018 Feed Tri-Valley initiative, visit www.ptownlife.org/feedtri-valley/. ■

Swalwell, Peters holding meet-and-greets Saturday

Candidates facing off in Nov. 6 general election

Tri-Valley residents will be able to meet with each candidate for the 15th Congressional District at public events this Saturday.

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) is hosting an "Expresso Yourself" event at In-king's Coffee and Tea in downtown Pleasanton from 11 a.m. to noon.

The town hall will be informal so that residents will be able to meet with the congressman in a

more personal manner and ask questions about current federal policy, according to Swalwell's office.

Swalwell has stated that he plans on holding a more formal town hall event in August.

Meanwhile, Republican challenger Rudy Peters is holding a meet-and-greet event at Eight Bridges Brewing, Inc. in Livermore from 6-9 p.m.

Peters has stated that he wants

to be able to address local concerns from Tri-Valley residents about gridlock in Congress and rising costs of living. He said that he plans to hold more public events in the upcoming months across the district, which in addition to Pleasanton includes Hayward, Union City, Dublin, San Ramon, Livermore, Castro Valley, Sunol and parts of northern Fremont. ■

—Andy Li



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PUSD mourns noon supervisor who drowned in rescue attempt at coast

Principal calls Aarti Senthilvel kind and compassionate, says she's 'not surprised' by selfless act at beach

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Pleasanton woman who drowned last week while trying to save three young adults from the undertow at Cowell Ranch State Beach has been identified as a part-time employee for the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Aarti Senthilvel, 47, served as a substitute noon supervisor in the district since 2013, primarily at Vintage Hills Elementary School for the past two years. Those who knew her describe her as "sweet" and "compassionate."

"Aarti was a quiet, kind and compassionate noon supervisor," said Ann Jayne, principal at Vintage Hills. "She was always thoughtful, smiling and willing to help students. I, and the whole Vintage Hills staff, am devastated by this loss. We are not surprised by her selflessness for others. We wish the Senthilvel family peace in this time of great pain."

Senthilvel was with family at Cowell Ranch State Beach south of Half Moon Bay the evening of July

1. Three families were together at the time, the youngest member present being a 14-year-old, according to California State Parks officials, who are handling the investigation along with the San Mateo County Coroner's Office.

Parks officials said that it seems "the incident started as a photo opportunity at the beach," based on follow-up interviews.

"A wave washed through the group of people and at least three of them were swept into the water," officials said. "Friends and family rushed to save them. As the chaotic scene unfolded, as many as seven people were in the water."

The three people carried out by the undertow were all young adults, and one of them was Senthilvel's 18-year-old daughter, according to spokeswoman Detective Rosemerry Blankswade from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Early reports indicated that the three swept out by the undertow were children, but Blankswade clarified this week that all

those involved were age 18 or older.

Senthilvel was one who went into the water to try to save them, but she was carried away herself. While others rescued the three in the water, they weren't able to reach Senthilvel, Blankswade said.

Emergency crews from the sheriff's office, Coastside Fire, AMR and California State Parks responded to the incident at around 6:30 p.m. and performed a water rescue, but they were unable to revive Senthilvel. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Parks officials say the investigation is ongoing and further information will be released as it becomes available.

"Ms. Senthilvel was a valued member of our Pleasanton Unified community," PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon said. "Our hearts go out to her family and friends during this very difficult time."

Memorial service details for Senthilvel have not yet been made public. ■



PURNELL FAMILY

Messy Donlon

Val Vista residents Audrey and Mark Purnell sent photos of the grounds at Donlon Elementary to the Pleasanton school board and city council members as well as the Weekly, noting the scraggly, unkempt appearance at the school this summer and expressing the concern that Donlon was getting ignored in terms of upkeep. PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon told the Weekly that district staff have a rotating schedule for weed abatement at school sites, and that Donlon is scheduled for this weekend. The district is also trialing an eco-friendly weed remover, which functions a little slower, Gannon added.

FIRE

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investigators concluded that it most likely started in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in the attic and roof areas.

"We worked with the Police Dept. on the investigation," Testa said. "There was no indication of arson, fireworks or other human involvement. This fire appeared to have started in HVAC mechanical equipment, but beyond that we could not specify."

Though the fire's cause is still unclear, it should be noted that HVAC upgrades at schools throughout the district (all except Valley View Elementary, Village High School and the district office) were listed on the Measure II Facilities Master Plan approved at the June 26 school board meeting.

The damage at Harvest Park was confined to only the library building.

"Unfortunately the roof is very impacted," including the roof's supports, Grasso said. Though walls are largely intact, it's not yet clear what will happen to them once the roof is removed, as will need to happen.

Fortunately, computers were not in the area where water first came, so most of those remain intact, Grasso said. Infrastructure, though, was all impacted — which affects the school's operations too.

"The cabling ran through (the library)," Grasso said. "So right now,

in-house we're in the process of basically pulling that back to the main office."

Fire and burglar alarms are back up, and they're working on phones, she added. The intercom and bells were "pretty damaged" but they have parts on order for those. Reinstalling internet is expected to be the lengthiest infrastructure-related task, Grasso said, but as a back-up plan they could install some wireless hotspots on campus if need be.

"Hopefully, by the start of school, most of that should be in place," she said.

In the meantime, staff are looking into putting four portables — a "four-wide structure" — in the library's place, though the temporary facility won't be able to hold the entire books collection.

An exact figure hasn't yet been released, but repair costs are expected to exceed \$45,000 — state law dictates that construction contracts over this amount be publicly bid.

However, staff says, state law also allows the board to make a contract without soliciting bids, in the case of "an emergency where any repairs, alterations, work, or improvement is necessary to any facility of a public school to permit the continuance of existing school classes, or to avoid danger to life or property."

The first day of school is Aug. 13, which makes the repair needs all the more urgent, staff says.

Trustees and staff thanked first responders, Grasso and the city for all their support. ■

BACK PAIN SECRETS REVEALED! Part 4:

Doctors Told her She Needed Back Surgery, But She Said NO!

Discover How One Brave Woman Restored 80% of Her Mobility and Got Her Life Back, Even With Severe Degenerative Arthritis and Stenosis (without taking a single pill)

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

In recent weeks, my goal has been to present natural, alternative solutions to ending back pain without pills or unnecessary surgeries.

This week I'd like to share a success story of Barbara, who has successfully avoided back surgery.

She'd struggled with chronic back pain on and off for several years. But over the past year it progressed to a point where she "couldn't even stand to cook a meal for her family without being in tears by the end of it". She felt like life was passing her by because just doing simple things like laundry was such a struggle, never mind trying to pick up and play with her 5 grandchildren.

62 years old, diagnosed with degenerative disc disease and stenosis, she'd been told by a surgeon she'd need "multi-level back fusion", and it would "take 3 months just to walk normally again".

But Barb said NO! and decided she'd find another way. But she had tried EVERYTHING under the sun, and nothing seemed to work. Massage, acupuncture, chiropractor, and even traditional physical therapy did nothing for her...

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No criminal charges for teen's drowning death in SRVHS pool

DPD deems death accidental, finds no criminal negligence

By RYAN J. DEGAN

Danville police confirmed last week that no criminal charges will be filed in connection with the death of San Ramon Valley High freshman Benjamin Curry, who drowned in the school's pool nearly two months ago.

Detectives found no signs of foul play nor criminal negligence with regard to the 15-year-old's death, determining the boy's death was accidental, according to Lt. Doug Muse. After "extensive review" of the case, the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office will not be filing criminal charges, Muse said July 5.

Detectives have determined that Curry drowned while participating in his fourth period physical education class, confirming findings from the county coroner's office.

The coroner's autopsy report, which was released publicly by the boy's family nearly a month ago, concluded that the drowning in the school pool was an accident and not self-inflicted as some initial reports suggested.

"As class ended, students were seen swimming to the edge of the pool and leaving the pool area.

Based on camera angles, it was unclear if the decedent left the pool with the other students or if he remained in the pool. Video surveillance captured no further activity in the pool area until approximately 1:40 p.m., when fifth-period swim class arrived at the pool area," Danville police Officer Kyle Rhoton recounted in the coroner's report.

Curry's body was found by students at approximately 1:40 p.m. May 8, and they alerted school staff who, after pulling Curry out of the water, attempted CPR, according to the coroner's report. The boy was then transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police have confirmed that Curry did know how to swim, but they were unsure of how to answer when asked about his skill level.

"The coroner's report is only one part of the investigation," said Danville Police Chief Allan Shields, who explained that the DA's Office gave an extensive review before

electing not to file any sort of charges.

Muse added that investigators reviewed video footage from the pool area as well as "numerous interviews with family, classmates and SRVHS staff."

San Ramon Valley Unified School District officials have vowed to conduct their own internal review in order to determine if safer regulations can be put in place to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

"This has been a tragic loss for the student's family and friends, as well as the entire community. From the beginning, we have asked our staff, students and parents to not engage in speculation or the spreading of rumors and to give Danville police time to complete their investigation," SRVUSD spokeswoman Elizabeth Graswich said last week.

"Now that the police investigation has been completed, we intend to commence our own internal review. We will be examining our policies and procedures in an ongoing effort to try to ensure the safety of our students," Graswich added. ■



Benjamin Curry



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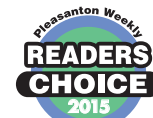
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House heavily damaged in afternoon fire

Resident displaced after blaze on Heatherlark Circle

By JEREMY WALSH

A fire caused serious damage to a house in central Pleasanton on Monday afternoon, leaving the lone resident displaced, according to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

The situation unfolded around 3:40 p.m. when LPPFD firefighters responded to a structure fire reported on Heatherlark Circle, just off Hopyard Road south of the Valley Avenue intersection.

Arriving crews found heavy

fire and smoke coming from the interior of a single-story house, according to battalion chief Paul Legasa. Firefighters immediately began working to control the blaze and search for potential occupants, ultimately determining no one was inside the home.

Firefighters would soon contain the fire, but the house itself and much of the personal property inside were heavily damaged, according to Legasa. No injuries were reported, but the resident of

the house has been displaced.

The cause of the afternoon fire remains under investigation, Legasa said.

In all, 29 fire personnel responded to the incident, including seven fire engine teams, one fire truck unit, a breathing support group and four chief officers. Pleasanton police, Alameda County Fire Department and Paramedics Plus ambulance personnel assisted in the response. ■



JEREMY WALSH

The scene on Heatherlark Circle on Tuesday morning, nearly half a day after a fire caused serious damage to this house and charred much of the personal property inside.

CANDIDACY

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residents looking to run, including: candidates must be U.S. citizens, be registered to vote during the filing period and not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction.

Regardless of positions, officials from the registrar's office recommended that candidates think long and hard about their campaign, taking into consideration campaign email, ballot designation, campaign finances and website details.

As for municipal costs, this year a \$25 filing fee will be charged by the city clerk, who will also collect a \$600 deposit to cover the cost of a candidate's statement, which will be sent out to voters in the local voters guide.

No filing fee is necessary for the PUSD board, but a \$1,822 deposit for an optional candidate statement is available. Several forms must be submitted during the PUSD application process. Forms will be distributed to candidates who make an appointment at the Registrar of Voters' Office in Oakland, 1225 Fallon St., Room G-1.

Pleasanton is guaranteed to have at least one new face join its City Council with Vice Mayor Arne

Olson deciding to not seek re-election after serving on the council for one term. Incumbent Councilwoman Kathy Narum, on the other hand, has confirmed that she will seek a second full term come November. It would be Narum's final term as Pleasanton has a two-term limit for council.

Mayor Jerry Thorne has announced he intends to seek his fourth term. If elected it will be Thorne's final year in the position, as Pleasanton limits its mayors to four two-year terms.

For PUSD, challengers would have to unseat one of two incumbent board members if they want to serve their district's school system, as incumbents Joan Laursen and Mark Miller have announced their intentions to run for re-election.

No challengers have yet to announce their intent to run against Pleasanton city or school board incumbents.

Two board seats are up for election for DSRSD, which provides water and wastewater services to Dublin and parts of San Ramon as well as sewer service to Pleasanton by contract. Any interested candidates should note that applications must be filed with both Alameda and Contra Costa counties' election officials.

Pleasanton's representative seat on the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, for Ward Area 5, is also up for election.

The official candidacy nomination deadline for all local elections is Aug. 10, but a five-day filing extension will be given in each race where an incumbent does not file for re-election.

Local residents will share the ballot with candidates from three runoff elections for regional representative seats — in addition to U.S. Senate and statewide positions such as governor.

For Alameda County, Newark real estate tax attorney Phong La and Jim Johnson, chief of the Assessor's Assessment Services Division, will compete for the position of county assessor.

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-Dublin) is seeking a third term for the 16th State Assembly District, running against attorney and political newcomer Rebecca

Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda).

Three-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) will look to maintain his position as the representative of California's 15th Congressional District when facing

off against Republican challenger Rudy Peters, a business owner from Livermore.

Alameda County voters can learn more by visiting www.acvote.org/candidates/how-to-run. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

UPCOMING MEETING

City Council
Tuesday July 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Public Hearing:** Consider adoption of an urgency ordinance prohibiting the issuance of specified approvals and permits for new or expanding massage establishments within the Downtown Specific Plan area

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GARBAGE

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but not as steep a reduction (\$1.16 difference) as the recommendation — bringing the rate to \$26.06 per month, in line with Dublin but still well below Pleasanton's prior price of \$33.80 per month.

The 96-gallon residential plan was unchanged at \$45.48 per month, almost \$25 lower than Dublin and \$45 lower than Livermore.

The new rate structure results in reductions across all commercial categories for waste, recycling and organics collection.

As part of their approval last

week, council members directed PGS and city staff to meet after six months and one year to review whether the mass migration of residential customers to the 35-gallon plan, as PGS feared, was actually occurring and impacting the company's ability to cover first-year operating expenses.

The council agreed to earmark \$1 million from garbage rate reserves to help cover a potential operating shortfall.

The rate structure could be changed slightly in the coming months, however, as the city works to solidify a contract with an outside vendor for processing of

organics and green waste, according to Becky Hopkins, assistant to the city manager.

The new 11-year franchise agreement with PGS stipulates that the city will outsource processing of organics and recyclable materials after PGS officials said it was too expensive for the company continue providing those services. PGS will still collect the materials from customers, but the firm will instead deliver the materials to the city's future processing contractor(s).

Hopkins said city staff expects to bring an organics processing contract to the council in September, but "we do not anticipate a

significant change to the current organic/green waste rates."

As for recyclable processing, negotiations will take place in the months ahead with the goal of bringing a contract proposal to the council next spring, Hopkins said. Any rate increases because of that contract would take effect starting July 2019.

The city's end goal is to achieve net savings for customers compared to last year's costs, according to staff.

The revamped franchise agreement with PGS also offers customers a range of new services, including free bulk curbside waste pickup up to three times per year,

with each collection available for up to five cubic yards of garbage, recycling or yard waste, or large items such as appliances, furniture, mattresses, tires or carpets.

PGS will also collect used motor oil and filters, offer E-waste and U-waste (batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and mercury switches) recycling at the Busch Road transfer station for free to city residents, improve its website and social media outreach, and increase public education on recycling and organics diversion.

For more information on the new offerings, customers can contact PGS at 846-2042. ■

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton golf pro accused of sexually assaulting students

A Pleasanton resident and long-time golf instructor in the East Bay has been charged with sexually abusing multiple girls under his tutelage, and investigators believe more victims could be out there, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Detectives have arrested 52-year-old Ki "Kenny" Kim after prosecutors filed eight felony counts of sexual assault against the golf pro following the sheriff's office investigation, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly.



Ki "Kenny" Kim

Kim worked for years out of the now-closed Country Drives Golf Center in Sunol, but he also taught at other golf facilities throughout the Bay Area, according to Kelly.

The sheriff's Special Victims Unit believes there may be more child victims who have still not come forward in the case, according to Kelly. Those families can call Det. Patrick Dolan at 510-225-5831.

Court records indicate Kim was also charged last year for an apparently separate sexual abuse of a minor in 2016. At the end of a preliminary hearing on March 15, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Paul

Delucchi ordered Kim to stand trial on the charge that was filed last year.

Kim is being held at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in lieu of a combined \$1.35 million in bail on the two cases he faces.

Kim's arrest marked the second time this year that a Tri-Valley golf instructor has been accused of abusing a young female student.

Kwangson "Sonny" Kim, a private golf coach who operated the Sonny Kim Golf Academy, was arrested by Dublin police on suspicion of abusing a girl he taught over a three-year period. Sheriff's officials have not confirmed any relation between Kenny Kim and Sonny Kim.

On May 10 the Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged Sonny Kim with one count of the ongoing sexual abuse of a minor, six counts of lewd acts on a child and one count of sexual penetration of a foreign object. He pleaded not guilty on May 31 and currently is free on bail while he awaits further proceedings in his case.

The latest arrests follow three years after the local golf industry was rocked by the conviction of Livermore's Andrew Michael Nisbet, a nationally renowned golf pro from Las Positas Golf Course, for sexually abusing three boys he was teaching and then trying to solicit a hit man to kill them.

In other news

- Pleasanton police said there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of a man inside a car parked at the new Starbucks on

Owens Drive on Saturday morning.

The situation unfolded just after 9:30 a.m. last Saturday when Pleasanton police and Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department personnel were dispatched to the coffee house at 5900 Owens Drive on a report of a man possibly experiencing a medical emergency in his car, according to Sgt. Steven Ayers.

First responders found the 55-year-old man dead in the driver's seat, according to Ayers. The man's name has not yet been released.

The police department's criminal investigations unit soon arrived and determined there were no suspicious circumstances and no signs of foul play, Ayers said. The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau then responded to the scene, took custody of the body and notified the man's family.

- Detectives believe a naked man captured on security camera outside a Pleasanton home last week is the same man wanted in connection with four previous indecent exposure incidents in Fremont.



The most recent incident was reported on the night of July 5, when a Pleasanton resident's security camera captured a nude man engaged in lewd conduct, police said.

A screen grab from the video shows a distinct tattoo encircling the man's upper arm. The tattoo is similar to one reported on a suspect's arm in an incident on June 21 in

Fremont. That tattoo was described as a thin green ring or band that was similar to barbed wire or a rose stem with thorns.

The suspect is described as a white man in his early 20s, with dirty brown-colored hair kept in a fade-style haircut.

Fremont police say the first case connected to the suspect was reported at 12:39 a.m. on June 15, when two females inside a home on the 42800 block of Deauville Park Court looked outside and saw a man touching his genitals.

The second occurred shortly after 2 a.m. June 21, when a burglary suspect exposed himself to a resident on Andromeda Circle. The woman awoke after hearing someone inside the home. The naked suspect, who had entered through an unlocked sliding glass door, was standing near her bedroom doorway masturbating, police said. The woman screamed to

alert other residents at the home and the suspect fled on foot.

The third and fourth incidents were reported on June 27. About 9:15 p.m., two victims sitting in a car on the 39000 block of Blacow Road saw a naked man touching his genitals approach them. He tried to speak to them, police said. The suspect fled and got into a vehicle described as a newer model Cadillac SUV crossover four-door, with dark-tinted windows.

Less than an hour later, about 10:07 p.m., in the 1400 block of Red Hawk Circle, the naked man approached a female victim who was walking her dog at an apartment complex.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Pleasanton police at 931-5100 or Fremont police at 510-790-6900. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 3

Drug violation

- 1:17 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

- 1:16 p.m. at Willow Road and Ingledwood Drive

- 11:46 p.m. on I-580 eastbound and Santa Rita Road

Robbery

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

Shoplifting

- 3:12 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 7:28 a.m. on the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 9:53 a.m. on the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive

Fraud

- 9:49 a.m. on the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

July 2

Theft

- 7:25 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Fraud

- 7:09 p.m. on the 1200 block of Quarry Lane

Robbery

- 3:57 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 10:55 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Graffiti offense

- 10:17 a.m. on the 4400 block of First Street

Drug violation

- 1:32 a.m. on the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

July 1

Drug violation

- 1:34 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

- 8:36 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

- 10:30 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 5:49 p.m. on the 4300 block of Foothill Road

Burglary

- 4:05 p.m. on the 3200 block of Bernal Avenue

Robbery

- 2:27 p.m. at Springdale Avenue and Stoneridge Drive

June 30

Burglary

- 10:13 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 9:03 p.m. on the 6400 block of Owens Drive

Theft

- 9:46 a.m., 7500 block of Stonedale Drive; theft from auto

- 2:31 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

- 6:04 p.m. at Morganfield Road and Kolln Street

Fraud

- 10:57 a.m. on the 500 block of Main Street

Trespass/prowling

- 10 a.m. on the 1500 block of Mendoza Court

Drug violation

- 2:29 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

June 29

Drug violation

- 7:51 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

- 10:44 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

- 6:18 p.m. on the 4100 block of Moller Drive

Fraud

- 3:16 p.m. on the 4700 block of Harrison Street

Assault

- 2:51 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Domestic battery

- 8:29 a.m. on the 300 block of Oaks Bridge Place

Theft from auto

- 5:19 a.m. on the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

June 28

Domestic battery

- 10:08 p.m. on St. John Street

Theft

- 8:56 a.m. on the 3700 block of Fairlands Drive

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Sally J. Jantzen

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Sally Jean Jantzen passed away on July 3, 2018 at the age of 80. She was a long time resident of Pleasanton who hailed from Alameda. Although she had been in frail health for sometime, she was a fighter and always rallied back. She is now at peace and can rest.

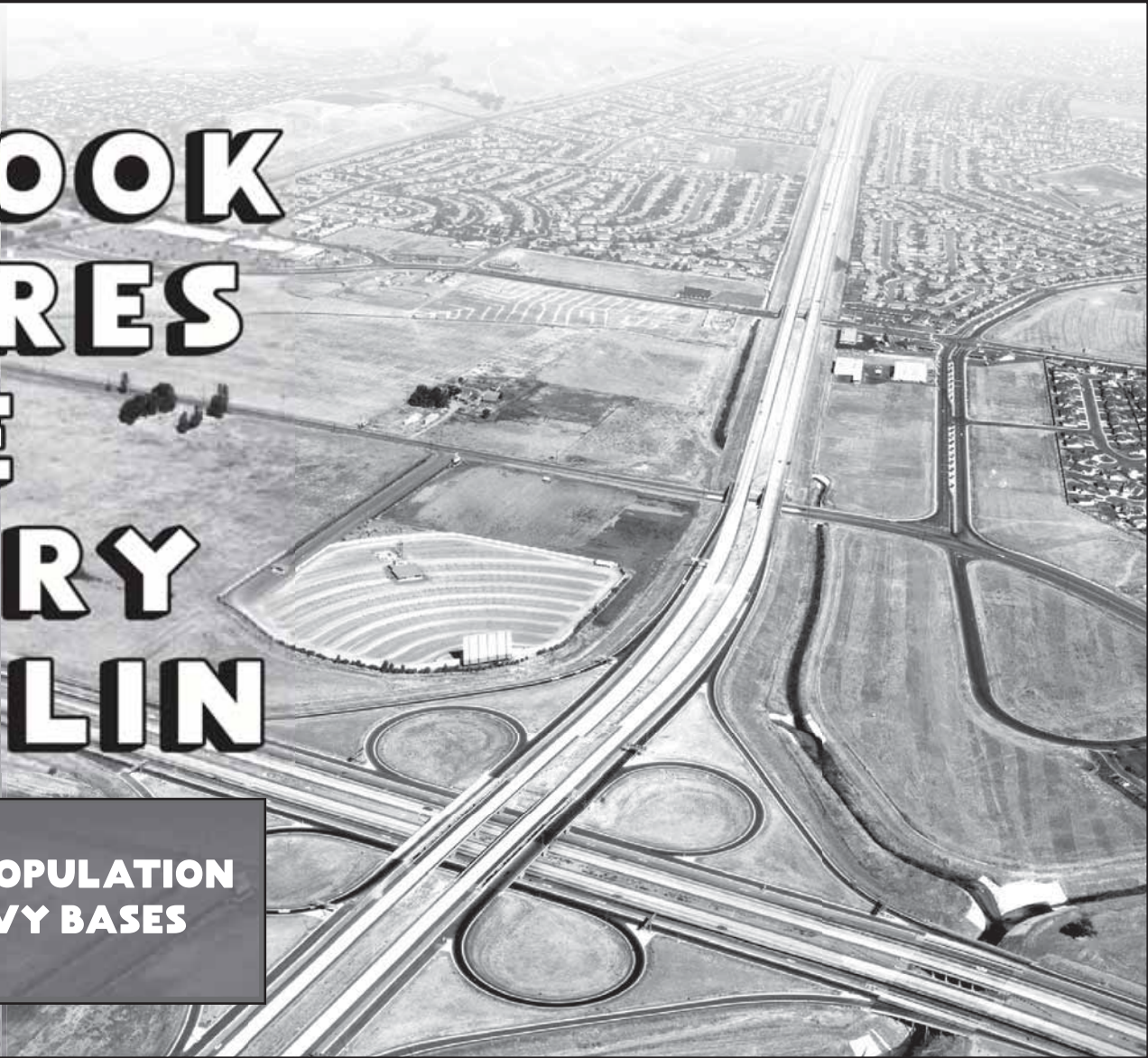
Sally is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Lloyd Martin Jantzen, along with their children- Cindy Jantzen Ford (Jim), Cathy Jantzen Rivenes (Andy), and Jeff Jantzen (Christine). She is also survived by her grandchildren whom she loved very much — Keith, Collin, Logan, Drake, Haley and Reed. Her surviving siblings Mike Davies, George "Bud" Davies III (Evea), and Nancy Horton (Ken) will miss their eldest sister. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her youngest sister, Barbara Webb.

When her children were young, she was active with 4-H and Girl Scouts. She also worked as a bookkeeper for 19 years prior to retirement. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

PAID OBITUARY

NEW BOOK EXPLORES THE HISTORY OF DUBLIN

WORLD WAR II SAW A POPULATION EXPLOSION DUE TO NAVY BASES



CALTRANS

In 1967, Interstate 680 through Dublin was completed, and there was a new connection with Highway 50 (now I-580). The empty land quickly filled in with businesses.

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

How did Dublin get its name? Local author-historian Steven Minniear said this is the question he gets most often.

"There are lots of fun stories," he replied, although no hard and fast answer.

According to one tale, Dublin had three or four hotels where stagecoaches from the two main roadways intersected, and overnight guests had to "double up in" beds when hotels were crowded.

Another legend says that when traveling the steep incline toward Hayward, stagecoach drivers would have to "double up" the horses to ascend the hill.

"My favorite was about James Witt Dougherty, who wanted everything to be named after him," Minniear said. "He had a hotel and was able to make it the post office (Dougherty's Station). His brother was visiting him, and they were standing on the porch looking out, and his brother said, 'What's that called?' James Witt Dougherty said, 'There are so many damn Irishmen over there, it had oughta be called 'Dublin.'"

This rundown is included in Minniear's newly released book, "Dublin, California: A Brief History," put out by Arcadia Publishing and the History Press.

Minniear is also co-author of "Dublin and the Tri-Valley: The World War II Years," and it



Steve Minniear

was the local military bases that captured his attention as a young boy. He lived in San Jose and the family would travel along Highway 50 (now Interstate 580) to see relatives in the Central Valley.

"I was a little kid in the back seat, bored out of my mind," Minniear recalled. "When we would get to Highway 50, my mom would say, 'There is the prisoner of war camp.' I could see the old guard towers. There were fascinating old wooden structures on the side of the road."

"Why is this place here? What does it mean?" he asked himself.

Fast forward to 1987 and, after living throughout the Bay Area and beyond and earning a master's degree in government from Georgetown University, Minniear and his family settled in Dublin.

He continued to explore local history and was enthralled by Dublin's 1982 incorporation effort.

"One of the things that fascinated me early on was living in a city that was just created in 1982," Minniear said. "It is not often that you can talk to the people that chose to create a city. You can ask, 'Why did you do this? How did it happen?'"

The answer, he found, was in part because people were dissatisfied with the county taking the huge tax revenues from the lucrative car dealerships in Dublin while Dublin itself needed better roads.

"Also people didn't like the fact that we got this blue-collar, entry-level housing," Minniear said. "There was incipient snobbery, especially in the '60s and '70s that people

don't always talk about."

Developers Volk McLain bought huge amounts of land and sold homes beginning in 1960 that straddled the county line.

"They built starter houses in Dublin and executive houses in San Ramon, with a golf course centered around the executive community that was slightly more expensive," Minniear said.

Dublin was always the crossroads, from Native American times to the early settlers to today, he pointed out. And its population exploded during World War II when the Navy discovered it could acquire land at the convenient location for a low price and built two large bases, a hospital and a jail.

"Dublin history used to go: We had Native Americans, and Spanish and Mexicans, then these Irish guys (Jeremiah) Fallon and (Michael) Murray, and there was not much until 1960 when Volk McLain first put in its development," Minniear said.

"But that is forgetting about the thousands of sailors here during World War II," he added. "On any given day in 1945, there were 70,000-80,000 sailors."

He noted that Santa Rita Jail was originally a Navy brig. Due to frequent escapes and overcrowding, the original jail was closed in 1989, replaced by a state-of-the-art facility a mile away.

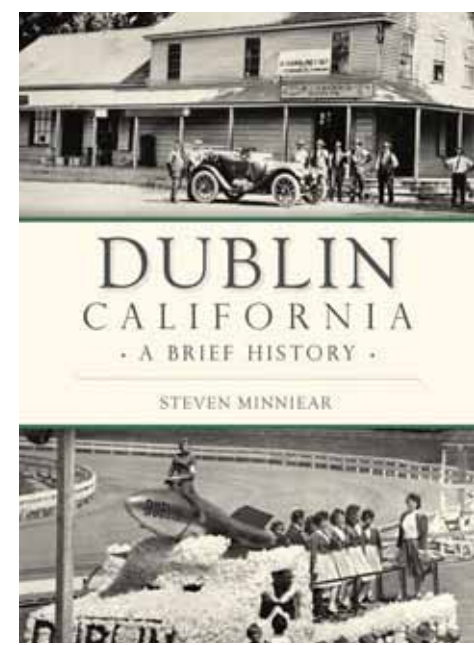
The book is broken into themes rather than presented chronologically so the full story of Dublin comes into focus as each subject is covered, including the early years, the settlers, the war years, the jails, becoming a city, the schools — and what the future may hold.

Arcadia also publishes its Images of America series on local history.

"They are pretty much primarily all about the pictures and less about the history," Minniear said. "I've done both. They are lots of fun — I have 30 or 40 of them."

"Arcadia deserves a lot of credit for reinvigorating local history," he noted. "Most people will live in a place and have no idea what the story is. They ride the freeways and don't

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ARCADIA PUBLISHING

Cover page of "Dublin, California: A Brief History," by local author Steve Minniear.

Comedy champ comes to Firehouse Arts Center

Ellis Rodriguez performing in Pleasanton

By CIERRA MARTINEZ

Ellis Rodriguez, the San Francisco Comedy Champion for 2017, will be coming to Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center Theater in two weeks.

Hailed as one of the fastest rising young comedy stars on the circuit, Rodriguez is a favorite at comedy clubs all along the West Coast, including locally at Tommy T's. He has also performed in filmed showcases such as Shaq's "All Star Comedy Jam," "Laughs" on FOX, and Comedy Central's "Hart of the City."

Rodriguez's humor is aimed at all audiences, and the performance is set to take place 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 21.

Opening for Rodriguez is Anthony K, a stand-up comic from Modesto. A finalist at the Big Sky Comedy Festival, Anthony K's performance finds the humor in life's annoyances and truths.



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Renowned comic Ellis Rodriguez.

Reserved seating tickets are \$10-\$20. Tickets are available online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 931-4848, or at the center's box office, 444 Railroad Avenue. ■

Las Positas College presents summer musical 'Evita'

By CIERRA MARTINEZ

The heart-wrenching powerful musical "Evita" has come to Las Positas for this weekend. The play will take place at the outdoor Barbara F. Mertes Center Amphitheater, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Set in Argentina between 1934 and 1952, the play follows character Eva Duarte on her journey from a poor, illegitimate child to becoming the most powerful woman in Latin America. The play touches on her life as an actress prior to her marriage to military leader-turned-Argentine president Juan Peron, and includes Rice and Webber's songs, "Don't Cry for Me Argentina," "Oh What a Circus," "Buenos Aires," and "Another Suitcase in Another Hall."

The one-weekend performance opened Thursday night and will last through Sunday.

Tickets are \$10-\$15 and are available at www.laspositascollege.edu/theater or beginning at 7 p.m. on show evenings. Parking permits are \$3 and are available in Lots A and B; readers should note that exact change is required.

Because the performance is outdoors, audiences are welcome to bring picnic blankets or lawn chairs and encouraged to dress accordingly for outdoor theater. There will be

food trucks and vendors, including Sweet & Mellow and Waffle Amore, available before the show and during intermission. Performances will begin at 8 p.m.

The play is directed by Las Positas instructors Dyan McBride and Diana Cefalo as musical directors in partnership with Jesse Sanchez (Hamilton tour). "Evita" stars Dulce Tovar — from Las Positas' previous plays "Heathers,"

"Chicago," and "Cabaret" — as Eva Peron, Greg Zema as Che, and Paul Plain as Juan Peron.

Las Positas' performance season will continue, beginning in October with "Arcadia," Tom Stoppard's masterpiece on love, mathematics and truth, followed by 1920s musical parody "The Drowsy Chaperone" as well as a family-friendly and sensory-sensitive children's theater production that will be announced in October. Performances will be directed by Las Positas theater staff Titian Lish, Ken Ross and Wendy Wisley. ■

'Radiance' in Blackhawk

"Venus" by guest artist Carol Tarzier is part of the new Alamo Danville Artists' Society exhibit, "Radiance," opening at the Blackhawk Gallery on July 13 to run through Sept. 16. An opening reception from 5-7 p.m., Saturday, July 14, will include wine and hors d'oeuvres and is free and open to the public. "Radiance" includes sculptures and paintings by Tarzier as well as paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, photographs and wearable art by 40 members of ADAS. The gallery is located in Blackhawk Plaza and open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit adas4art.org.



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realize the road they are on was used by Native Americans."

For more information about the

area during World War II, Minnear suggests a visit to Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center, a joint endeavor by the city and Parks Reserve Forces Training Area that covers its history from 1942 to present. ■

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K-9 units bring unique skill sets to Tri-Valley police agencies

By RYAN J. DEGAN



PLEASANTON PD

Pleasanton police Officer Michael Wilson and his K-9 partner Vader. Wilson says that Vader is nothing like his namesake, the Empire's Darth Vader, and that the dog is playful and sociable. In fact Vader's favorite off-duty activity is playing soccer with Wilson's two children.

Police K-9 units across the Tri-Valley have been put in place to enable officers to protect the public with a diverse set of skills that would otherwise be unavailable.

The highly trained dogs not only bring the ability to better track and apprehend potentially dangerous suspects, they are also used to locate missing people, search items — both illicit and otherwise — and provide emotional support for their human partners.

"K-9s are cross-trained, which means they are trained to detect the odor of humans and narcotics," said Danville Police Department Officer Emily Neabeck, a K-9 handler. "(Mine) also acts like the station's therapy dog."

Neabeck is accompanied by her K-9 partner, Aik, everywhere she goes. As the department's lone K-9 team, they have plenty of time to bond working nearly 13-hour shifts.

Aik, who turned 5 years old last month, is a Belgian Malinois who has been serving as Danville's K-9 for over a year, although he has been hampered by stomach ulcers that kept him off the streets until recently.

Neabeck described Aik as a "hyper spaz," but a lovable one. Seemingly a trademark for all police service animals, Aik will switch from energetic and playful to disciplined on the drop of a hat. So Aik can tell the difference between playing at special events with school kids and intimidating a potentially dangerous suspect.

Like the majority of police K-9s, Aik was purchased from European breeders. That means Neabeck has to speak his commands in Dutch.

"It's cool, but in the beginning it's definitely nerve-wracking because you have no idea if you are pronouncing anything right. But luckily one of our sergeants grew up in Holland, so he was able to teach me how to pronounce a lot of the commands," she said.

Neabeck and Aik are the only K-9 team in Danville, but they are joined by units from around the Tri-Valley.

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Emily Neabeck,
Danville Police Department Officer,
a K-9 handler

Pleasanton and San Ramon each have three K-9 units. Livermore police also have three German Shepherds in the department, one in the field and two in training. And the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office has five K-9 teams working, primarily stationed in Martinez and Concord.

The San Ramon Police Department has two Malinois K-9s — 7-year-old Senna and the city's newest dog, 2-year-old Blix — as well as a German Shepherd teamed up with Officer Allen Molien.

An Amador Valley High School graduate, Molien has served as the handler for San Ramon's German Shepherd K-9 Hector — named after the ancient Trojan warrior — for six years.

Hector, now 7 years old, was born in Germany and responds to commands in German, which hasn't been a problem for his handler who studied the language in high school and is himself of German descent.

On Monday, Molien had to rush Hector to the emergency room, where the dog had to undergo surgery for internal bleeding from a mass on his spleen. Molien said so far Hector is recovering incredibly well, but veterinarians are not yet sure if the mass was cancerous or not. If so Hector will be retired and officer Molien given the opportunity to purchase him at a large discount, something Molien said he intends to do.

Molien described Hector's personality as being mellow one moment and "spazzy" the next, but the canine is all business when he knows he is on the clock. Molien also mentioned that it is common for a K-9 to adopt the personality of its handler.

After a long shift — some handlers are on the clock for 12 hours, if not more — Molien takes Hector home, where he lives the life of an average house dog.

"For me it is important that Hector has the ability to just be a dog. His home time is home time, and he gets to act like a dog and gets to hang out with the other dogs," Molien said. "He is really attached



RYAN J. DEGAN

Danville police Officer Emily Neabeck says like most Belgian Malinois, her K-9 partner Aik is an energetic spaz. Malinois are one of the most common breeds of police dog, often confused for the other most popular, their cousins the German Shepherd.

to me, anytime I walk into another room he's up and follows me. He'll be the first into any room and clear it out before I walk in."

The same goes for Pleasanton Police Officer Michael Wilson, a K-9 handler for his department.

"At home he's part of the family... He has a kennel outside and plays soccer with the kids. He's a typical dog," Wilson said of his K-9 partner, Vader. "It's funny because when we leave to go home at night, I take his collar off and he's automatically a whole different dog. He realizes 'oh OK it's time to go home now.'"

Wilson has been a Pleasanton police officer for 15 years, and has worked with the department's K-9 Vader for almost two.

Vader is a 3-year-old jet-black Belgian Malinois who, unlike most other K-9s, was born and raised in the United States — Oakland to be exact. While Vader was born here, he still takes commands in Dutch.

Two other K-9s work in Pleasanton. Purebred German Shepherd Falco and Belgian Malinois Matsjo assist officers in everything from search and acquisition of illicit substances to intimidation and apprehension.

Wilson describes Vader as having the classic Malinois temperament: highly energetic, highly social and very vocal at times.

"It's just something I've always wanted to do. I've always liked dogs; It's fascinating to sit down and watch them work," Wilson said, explaining his lifelong desire to join a K-9 team.

"He's the best partner I've ever had," Wilson added, a sentiment echoed by both officers Neabeack and Molien.

A common misconception the handlers fear everyday people have is that police K-9s are vicious, dangerous animals, which all three officers interviewed adamantly said is not the case.

"A lot of people have the notion that these dogs are used to maul or attack people and that couldn't be further from the truth. The dogs are trained to bite and hold, that is the key concept behind apprehension work," Molien said. "That's the term I like to use, apprehension, because that's what they're there for. (Our) dogs are trained to bite and hold, not bite and let go, bite and let go."

Police K-9s are trained to bite down and hold a suspect, buying time for police officers to run up and make the arrest, not maul and tear at a person. Even that is something handlers try to avoid if possible, as getting the dogs into situations where they have to take down a suspect is harder on their bodies and risks shortening their career.

The officers reiterated that cases of K-9 apprehension work are few and



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San Ramon PD Officer Allen Molien and his K-9 partner Hector have been serving the Tri-Valley community since 2012. Hector was unexpectedly hospitalized Monday due to internal bleeding from a mass on his spleen, but Molien says he is so far recovering well.

far between. Where K-9s receive the most work are searches, drug detection and public relations events.

The dogs' superior sense of smell and hearing enables them to find drugs, weapons and other articles with a human's scent, with great ease, according to Molien. K-9s are specifically trained in the tracking of fleeing felons and lost children

Labrador Retrievers, every department in the Tri-Valley uses the two most popular breeds of police dog for their needs, the German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois.

Due to their similar appearance, the two breeds are often mistaken for one another — the Malinois is commonly called a Belgian Shepherd. Both breeds are widely used because of their reliability and intelligence, but there are some subtle differences between them.

"Malinois tend to be more hyperactive and leaner, so generally you'll get a dog that's a little faster, probably has better stamina and of course there's always exceptions to the rule," Molien said. "The Ma-

linois also tend to be a little more vocal so that can be problematic."

Another subtle difference comes in the way they apprehend a fleeing suspect, Molien said. During an apprehension, a Shepherd will tend to come in low and at an angle, while a Malinois will typically jump up and come down on their target. Malinois tend to have a higher jump; it's not uncommon for them to be able to jump nine to 10 feet.

"It almost comes down to personal opinions in reality. We use both, we use Malinois and Shepherds. They are both pretty much identical in what they do and are very easily trained working dogs that seem to like to do the work," Wilson added.

While some K-9s have mixed lineage of both breeds, called a "shepinois" according to Molien, agencies put a large emphasis on purchasing well-known purebreds with reputable bloodlines.

This is why the majority of law



RYAN J. DEGAN

Like most K-9 officers, Hector is an expert at searching for hidden or lost items, especially in fields and houses. Here Molien is congratulating Hector for finding a hidden "weapon" as a part of a search demonstration.

enforcement dogs working in the U.S. are actually purchased from European breeders. Even Vader, who was born in Oakland, was born to parents from Belgium.

"We only get our dogs from overseas because in Europe they have better breeding standards than we do here, so we don't have to worry about puppy mills just getting the numbers out," Neabeack said. "The places we get it from are more concerned about the bloodlines so we do tend to have less health issues."

Neabeack explained that in Europe canine title sports are a popular pastime that has led to a greater emphasis on the preservation of purebreds the continuation of breeding on positive traits. The mass majority of dogs will not be suitable for international competitions, but they will still be of high-quality breeding stock ideal for service work.

"These bloodlines are really well known for their workability, their ease of training, and they are well known to be reliable so that is what we try to keep," Molien added.

All dogs receive basic etiquette training from their breeders — that is why dogs "speak" languages other than English — but must be trained in police actions after purchase.

After acquisition, the dogs and their handlers are put through

an extensive two-month training course to learn these skills. And the training never fully stops, as K-9 teams are required to participate in 16 hours of training a month.

Wilson admits it is a lot of work, but worth it because being partnered with a K-9 is the opportunity of a lifetime.

And a lifetime can sometimes be how long it takes for an officer to become a part of a K-9 team.

Due to how competitive the field is, the majority of K-9 unit officers will only serve with one dog, and officers interested in joining the program have to wait until a dog retires to receive a canine partner of their own.

The typical career span of a K-9 is hard to pin down as Tri-Valley departments will work the dogs for as long as they are able, usually seven to eight years, but Pleasanton has had a dog serve over 12 years.

"That's a very long time to sit and wait for a position to open up, a lot of it comes down to timing," said Wilson, who added that K-9 positions are highly coveted.

With dozens of officers and only a handful of positions available, it is an understandably competitive field. The officers lucky enough to be selected do it, as Wilson put it, for "the love of the dogs." ■

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Michael Wilson,
Pleasanton Police Department Officer, a K-9 handler

Police K-9 fundraiser

The nonprofit group "Cover Your K-9" has partnered with Pet Food Express to raise funds for supplying police dogs with extra equipment, such as medical supplies, vests and emergency care for retired K-9s. This

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The Alameda County Fairgrounds hosted another successful slate of Oak Tree at Pleasanton horse racing during this summer's fair.

County Fair shows engaging families is key for future of horse racing

Short-sighted focus on millennials, high purses could hurt industry in long run

The Alameda County Fair recently completed its 2018 run and with it, the Oak Tree at Pleasanton horse racing meet.

It was another successful meet, bringing new people out to the sport. As the racing publicist for the fair, I see first-hand the number of people that come to the races for the first time — most of the time bringing their kids out to the races.

Spend one day watching the races at the fair in Pleasanton and you see families enjoying the races together. It puts a smile on my face.

The fairs have always been the perfect vehicle to introduce new people and families to the sport, and this is what the entire industry needs to embrace.

The problem: There are too many people involved in horse racing that feel the key to the sport is infiltrating the "millennial" generation, all the while ignoring the families. This is the sad belief for many in horse racing, and I saw it all too much over the last month in Pleasanton.

Appealing to the millennial base is important, as they certainly have become the disposable income base at this point, but not as much as building the future fan base. Keeping horse racing viable is not in need of a short-term fix, but rather a long-term plan.

Just about every horse racing fan I know was exposed to the industry by their father — or parents — taking them to the track. I recall as

young as fourth grade developing an understanding for horse racing, and from that point on I was a fan.

Appealing to the family aspect of the sport is something the industry should be focusing on, more so than throwing their collective eggs into the millennial basket. There needs to be a balance and as of now, it's not being achieved.

Honestly, I am getting a bit tired of hearing, "purses, purses, purses," as the savior of keeping horse racing strong. Get more money into the sport and the horsemen will stay.

While there is truth to that argument, it's not the end all. Increase all the purse money all you want, but if you don't have a fan base, it doesn't matter how much money the horses run for — no one will be there to enjoy the races.

There needs to be a balance, but that's lost on many inside the sport.

Building the base needs to be the key.

Take my 3-year-old granddaughter for instance. I have her watching horse racing on TV when it's "Grandpa time," and she has already picked up the chant of "Go horsey, go." If she stays interested in it as she gets older — and trust me, I will do my part to make sure that happens — when she gets to wagering age, she will more than likely be a fan of racing and perhaps will be able to pass it on to her friend base.

The number of kids I saw sitting

on their dad's shoulders watching a race was incredible. I want to know that as those kids get to be parents, they will be doing the same thing with their kids.

An example from the Alameda County Fair that embraces appealing to the next generation of potential fans are the Hippy-hop races.

The Hippy-hop races each day feature younger kids racing against kids their own age on inflatable balls on the track, competing to win ribbons. Seeing the excitement of the kids along with their parents is exactly what we should be focusing on.

As a horse player, I was initially opposed to many of these promotions as they seemed to get in the way of the races. In the last couple of years, my thoughts have turned 180 degrees.

If we fail to bring in new and future fans, the industry will shrivel up and die.

I have been going to the races at the Alameda County Fair since the early 1970s and I will always cherish those memories.

To me, it would be a shame for future generations not to have a chance to build those same memories. ■

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.

Concerts

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Michelle Lambert will perform at the Pleasanton Concerts In The Park 7 to 8:30 p.m. July 13 at Lyons Wayside Park, 4401 First St. For information, visit pleasantondowntown.net.

DERIK NELSON & FAMILY Derik Nelson & Family will perform at 8 p.m. July 13 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Derik, who appeared regularly as lead guitarist on "Glee," is joined by his siblings as they perform acoustic jazz and folk infused music. For information, visit visitrivalley.com/event.

Fundraisers

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Government

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BGBG Skin & Body FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 545670
The following person doing business

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TRI-VALLEY CONSTRUCTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 546176

The following person doing business as: TRI-VALLEY CONSTRUCTION, 4207 MIRADOR DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: STEPHEN DICKINSON, 4207 MIRADOR DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA, 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein ON MAY 15, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: STEPHEN DICKINSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JUNE 18, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, JUNE 29, JULY 6, 13, 20, 2018.)

BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 546530

The following person(s) doing business as: BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, 6318 HANSEN DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: SHARON IRIZARRY, 6318 HANSEN DRIVE, PLEASANTON CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein ON JULY 24, 2013. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JUNE 26, 2018. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: SHARON IRIZARRY, OWNER. (Pleasanton Weekly, JULY 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018.)

TOTALLY NOTARY AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION SERVICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 546505

The following person doing business as: TOTALLY NOTARY AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION SERVICE, 205 J MAIN STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: HELEN BERENICE WARDALE, 6806 CORTE NUEVO, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: HELEN B WARDALE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JUNE 26, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, JULY 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018.)

TWO MAIDS AND A MOP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 546641

The following person(s) doing business as: TWO MAIDS AND A MOP, 7275 NATIONAL DRIVE, STE. F, LIVERMORE, CA 94550, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: BNJ CORPORATION, 512 MISTY LANE, LIVERMORE, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: JACQUES BRAD TAYLOR, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JUNE 28, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, JULY 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018.)

A TASTEFUL AFFAIR CATERING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 545954

The following person(s) doing business as: A TASTEFUL AFFAIR CATERING, 7063 COMMERCE CIRCLE, SUITE H, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): PEGGY WELCH, 3748 OTTER BROOK LOOP, DISCOVERY BAY CA 94505. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein MARCH 15, 2018. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: Peggy Welch, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 11, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2018.)

TRI VALLEY MOBILE NOTARY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 546612 The following person(s) doing business as: TRI VALLEY MOBILE NOTARY, 4849 MOHR AVENUE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: MARK A GIUDICI, 4849 MOHR AVENUE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein MARCH 22, 2006. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: MARK A GIUDICI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JUNE 27, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, JULY 13, 20, 27, 3, 2018)

ABSOLUTELY SHARP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 546613 The following person doing business as: ABSOLUTELY SHARP, 4849 MOHR AVENUE, PLEASANTON CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: MARK A GIUDICI, 4849 MOHR AVENUE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein 13 MAY 2007. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: MARK A GIUDICI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on JUNE 27, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, JULY 13, 20, 27, 3)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA SCHAEFFER Case No.: RP18908615

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VIRGINIA SCHAEFFER. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ALYSSA TANNERT in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: ALYSSA TANNERT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on JULY 23, 2018 AT 9:31 in Dept.: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA, located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: SWEENEY, MASON, WILSON ETAL — STUART G. SCHMIDT, 983 UNIVERSITY AVE., 104C, LOS GATOS, CA 95032. (PLW JUNE 29, JULY 6, 13, 2018)

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Alain Pinel Realtors opens new Livermore office

'Smart' office designed to provide tech, convenience to APR agents in top-tier market

Alain Pinel Realtors (APR) has opened a "smart" office in Livermore.

The office at 2059 Third St. provides a working hub for mobile APR agents in and around Livermore, supplementing the firm's services at the main office in downtown Pleasanton.

"Like most of today's busy real estate professionals, our agents prefer to be mobile so they can better support their clients," said Don Faught, vice president and managing broker for APR's Pleasanton/Livermore Valley office, as well as the new Livermore office.

"Despite all the mobile technology these agents use, they still need an office environment to hold client meetings and conduct closings. And they need those office environments to be both convenient to their clients and able to support the modern technology tools they use daily to do their jobs. Our Livermore smart office offers all of this," Faught added.

The 1,750-square foot office will

offer smart tech features that integrate with most mobile technology platforms as well as laptops, allowing agents to stream video and other data to one of several flat screen monitors throughout the space. The office will also feature two conference rooms and work spaces for up to seven agents.

The new Livermore office will act a satellite location for the 90-plus APR agents who are based in the company's nearby Pleasanton office, providing practical workspace in the heart of one of Northern California's hottest locales for real estate.

"We've seen so much growth in the past year as pent-up demand has driven not only prices but interest in the real estate market in general. This new location will provide needed resources to our agents doing business in Livermore, and also give us a bit of expansion room as we continue to extend the reach of the APR brand," Faught said. ■

—Cierra Martinez

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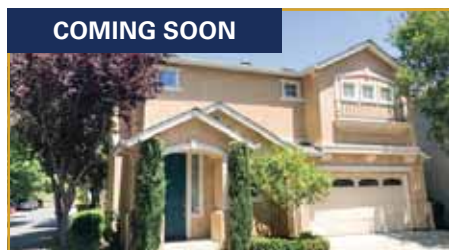
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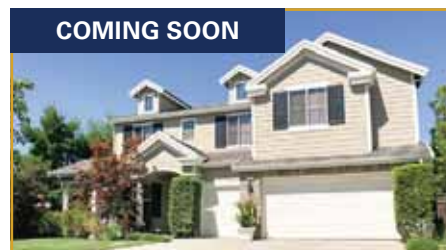
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Q: We are putting our house on the market in a couple of weeks. We have heard from a couple of people that we should get inspections on our home before we put it on the market. Is this smart? I thought buyers paid for inspections? Jason in Pleasanton

A: Jason that is a great question! Traditionally, buyers have been responsible for paying for any inspections they require. The only exception is in Contra Costa County, where the standard procedure was for sellers to pay for a termite inspection. However, in recent years there has been more of a shift to having sellers pay for and obtain inspections prior to going on the market. While it does cost the seller anywhere from \$800 - \$1500, there are several compelling reasons why this is a good idea:

- It avoids the "second negotiation" where the buyer, after paying for inspections after the contract is negotiated, comes back to renegotiate armed with inspection reports that show issues with the property.
- It typically shortens the inspection contingency, as buyers are more likely to accept the existing reports, thereby cutting down on the time they need to complete their due diligence.
- It reduces the chance the transaction will cancel because all issues are ...

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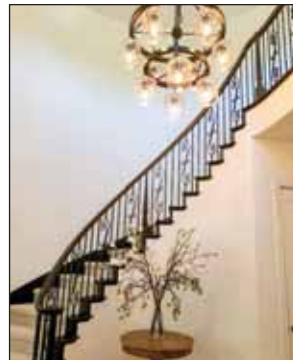
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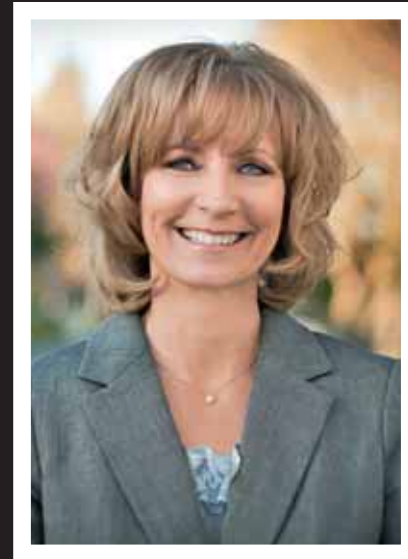
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