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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Golf anyone? Scott Raty is now available weekdays

Scott Raty will retire Aug. 15 as president and CEO of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, leaving behind a legacy of programs and accomplishments during his 16 years of chamber leadership.

Steve Van Dorn, who has extensive experience in business-related organizations including most recently as the CEO of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, has been hired to succeed Raty.



CHAMBER

Scott Raty, soon retiring as Chamber of Commerce president/CEO.

Raty's retirement marks the end of a 31-year career. He was first hired as the Pleasanton Chamber's chief executive in 1984. He left in 1989 to join a business partnership, and in 1993 was hired to head the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, working there for the next 15 years before being hired back by the Pleasanton organization in 2007.

As the Pleasanton Chamber's executive, Raty helped start its Business & Community Political Action Committee (BACPAC), the Pleasanton Convention and Visitors Bureau (now Visit Tri-Valley), Pleasanton Partners in Education (PPIE), the Pleasanton Leadership program and brought the chamber into better sync with the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

In a recent interview, Raty said his first five years at the helm of the Pleasanton Chamber were markedly different from the issues facing the city when he returned in 2007.

The mid-1980s were the heydays of development here, kind of like the gold rush for commercial real estate and housing growth. Those were the years of major developments, especially in Hacienda Business Park.

The focus had changed by the time he returned 15 years later. The

chamber needed to be more focused on advancing public policy so that the city's economy would keep growing.

Raty says the chamber is organized to benefit businesses by creating and promoting economic opportunity and strengthening and educating its members and the community by influencing public policy.

In that regard, the chamber's political action committee under Raty has become an influential arm of the organization. In recent years, it has endorsed and helped elect many who have served on the City Council in the last 10 years, divesting that governing body of a vocal minority that was taking the city in a different direction. More recently, Raty has added the Pleasanton school board to the chamber's sphere of influence.

Raty also has broadened the chamber's outreach beyond just its business members but also to the whole community. The chamber's newsletter now appears in the Pleasanton Weekly six times a year.

"That means that the roughly 150 businesses involved in each issue of that publication are noted by the 14,000 households that receive the newspaper and, of course, by many times more than that in terms of those who read it," he said.

Raty also launched his "community vision" program through policy documents named "Pleasanton 2015" and "Pleasanton 2020." He brought together thought-leaders in business, education, cultural arts, recreation, jobs, housing, public safety, traffic and transportation to create long-range plans for city leadership to follow.

Raty credits his Pleasanton Leadership program with enhancing the outreach of the organization. More than 30 have signed up for this year's program that starts in September.

"We've now graduated some 750 in the program, which is a wonderful way for keeping people engaged in our community," Raty said.

What's ahead for Raty, who moved to Pleasanton in 1977 when he and wife Cathy married? Not much except to golf with others also available on weekdays until she retires from her banking job downtown. Then they'll take more trips to see sons Mike and Adam and their two grandchildren in Austin, Texas.

"One thing I won't do," Raty insists, "is to run for public office!" ■

About the Cover

Scott Ball, who got his first beehive as a teenager, has now returned to beekeeping with his Livermore small business, Buena Vista Honey. Here he checks on a colony at one of his seven apiaries. Photo by Erika Alvero. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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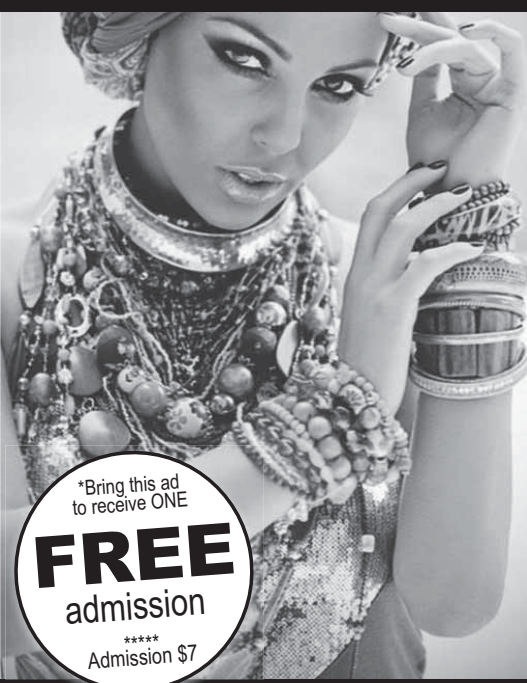
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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What advice would you give to your younger self in just two words?



Jane Cameron

Retired

Love yourself. If you nurture yourself, you are in a better place to take care of your family and loved ones. Taking good care of yourself can keep you healthier, too.



Sandy Vega

Chiropractic assistant

Think thoroughly. It's very important to always try to see the big picture and weigh and measure options, rather than making impulsive, short-sighted decisions that are often regrettable.



Glenn McNamara

Computer tech

Be wise. It's important to really think things through and make careful choices and decisions.



Nikita Nawani

College student

Chill out. Don't take high school so seriously. AP classes are not the be-all and end-all. It is important to take some time for yourself to just relax.



Courtney Jacobs

Fine artist

Be present. I spent so much time looking forward to and striving for the next big goal that I often wasn't living fully in the moment. Unfortunately, I'll never get those moments back. There's so much truth in what John Lennon said about "life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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School registration

Online registration for the 2018-19 school year opens Wednesday for Pleasanton Unified School District students, both returning and new.

Parents and guardians can access the online forms through the district's webpage at pleasantonusd.net, where they will be guided through the various registration steps.

After completing the online process, families will receive a confirmation email, which they should print out and bring to the final and in-person registration step — walk-through registration at students' respective school sites.

For specific dates and times of walk-through registration, check individual school websites.

Mayors' Summit

The Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit event is coming up on Aug. 15, and while the luncheon portion is sold out, tickets remain available (\$20) for the public discussion among the five mayors on various local and regional topics.

Scheduled to attend the event, hosted by the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, are mayors Newell Arnerich (Danville), Bill Clarkson (San Ramon), David Haubert (Dublin), John Marchand (Livermore) and Jerry Thorne (Pleasanton).

Networking and lunch will run from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. in The Roundhouse Market and Conference Center at 2600 Camino Ramon. The public discussion will follow from 12:20-1:30 p.m. in the larger Tahoe Auditorium. For tickets, visit sanramon.org.

Gem Faire is back

The Gem Faire is returning to the Alameda County Fairgrounds next weekend.

Billed as the West Coast's premier jewelry and bead show, the three-day event will feature exhibitors from across the globe with a large selection of fine jewelry, crystals, gemstones, beads, minerals, fossils and more.

The Gem Faire runs from 12-6 p.m. next Friday (Aug. 3), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Sunday. Admission costs \$7, valid for the entire weekend. For more details, visit www.gemfaire.com or call 503-252-8300.

Lucky Fans

Tri-Valley Community Television is giving away tickets to The Wave waterpark in Dublin on Monday through Friday next week for members of TV30's Lucky Fans program.

Each daily winner will receive four tickets to the park, which is open every day through Aug. 12 and then weekends through Labor Day. Sign up at tv30.org. ■

Tri-Valley grows as economic powerhouse rivaling some U.S. metro areas

New report cites key attributes helping region thrive, recommendations for maintaining success

By TIM HUNT

The Tri-Valley is growing as an economic powerhouse that compares with the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina.

The gross domestic product (GDP) for the valley is about \$42 billion — with just a population of 361,000, compared to the North Carolina tech triangle with a population of more than 2 million.

That's one of the many interesting findings in the new "Tri-Valley Rising 2018" report, an update to the first report done in 2014 by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute.

The Tri-Valley's tech sector is a huge driver and helps account for the valley's GDP per worker of \$225,000, much higher than California's at \$160,000 and the United States' at \$132,000. Notably, in a comparison of tech regions across the country, only Boston is within shouting distance at 14% tech employment to the valley's 19%. Raleigh-Durham is at 12%.

Released last week at an Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group event, the report identified five key attributes for the valley, starting with the excellence of its school system

and its very well-educated workforce.

About 60% of residents had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2016, a nice increase from 54% in 2012. Driving this are skilled foreign-born workers, a subgroup that has grown from 19% in 2006 to 27% in 2016.

Another key factor in the Tri-Valley's success is location, almost equidistant between San Francisco and the Silicon Valley and the gateway to the more affordable housing in the San Joaquin Valley. The report also cites high-value, lower-cost commercial real estate, particularly in amenity-rich business parks like

Bishop Ranch in San Ramon and Hacienda in Pleasanton.

The relative affordability of the Tri-Valley housing compared to Silicon Valley and San Francisco is also key, although with median prices for the first six months of 2018 topping \$1 million-plus in every city except Livermore, that's a factor regionally and a problem nationally and globally.

Two CEOs on the panel, Tim Harkness of UnChained Labs and Dave Selinger of Deep Sentinel, had

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ERIKA ALVERO

Young Eli Flores was able to take the driver's seat in each of the four Ferraris that turned out for the Make-A-Wish event in his honor last Friday in downtown Pleasanton.

Procession down Main Street

Ferraris, police deliver news of Disney World trip to 6-year-old diagnosed with leukemia

By ERIKA ALVERO

A line of sports cars flanked by two police vehicles blared down Main Street last Friday to deliver Elijah Flores with a message — he's going to Disney World in October.

The procession was made possible through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a nonprofit that grants "wishes" to children diagnosed with life-threatening conditions. They decided to use a Ferrari procession to deliver

the news to Elijah because the 6-year-old, who finished up treatment for leukemia last December, is an avid car-lover.

He's already prepared for the trip to Orlando, Fla. The foundation also gave him some Mickey Mouse ears, which he wore excitedly at Friday's event.

"I'm going to have fun and go on some rides," said Elijah, who goes by Eli.

Eli was diagnosed with leukemia a little after his 3rd birthday,

according to his mother Elizabeth Riordan. The treatment process was long and intensive — three years in all — but now, her son is doing well, she said.

"We appreciate everything so much, we're so thankful," she said of the sports car extravaganza and upcoming trip.

The parade through downtown began 4 p.m. Friday, led by a Pleasanton police officer

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Zone 7 talks new \$8 billion water bond

Board delays as proponent of state measure seeks local endorsement

By ERIKA ALVERO

Zone 7 Water Agency directors heard a presentation on a proposed statewide water bond measure at last week's regular meeting, with the measure's proponent asking for their support for the new proposal — four years after California voters approved another multi-billion-dollar water bond.

If passed in November, Proposition 3 would issue \$8.877 billion in general obligation bonds to generate revenue for water-related projects, including water infrastructure, groundwater supplies and storage, habitat protection and more.

The measure is sponsored by Californians for Safe Drinking Water and a Clean and Reliable Water Supply, and it has the support of a variety of conservancy and environmental justice organizations at this point — the over 460,000 valid signatures it garnered were enough to put the measure on the ballot.

However, Gerald Meral, former deputy director of the California Department of Water Resources and the proposition's developer, said he is seeking endorsements of local water agencies because they deal most directly with voters.

"The credibility of your agency, of

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BACK PAIN SECRETS REVEALED! Part 5:

“I was told Walking Was Supposed to Be Good for My Back Pain. But Some days I can Barely Even Stand Up Straight.”

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

Is this happening to you?

Have you been told to stand more, or walk more to help with your low back pain? Is it frustrating to the point where you can barely stand up to cook a meal, never mind walk for 10 minutes? Are your legs feeling weak, numb and heavy to the point where the only thing that feels comfortable is to sit down and rest?

If this sounds like you, you may be battling something called “lumbar stenosis.”

What is lumbar stenosis?

Stenosis happens when the bones in the lower back (the vertebrae) become arthritic, and the small canals which the nerves come out of start to get pinched. This happens when a person is standing too far upright, or when the back ‘bends backwards’. Over time it can cause nerves to become severely compressed and cause pain, and numbness down the leg and into the feet.

This diagnosis has been the main frustration for so many back pain sufferers because activities such as standing, and walking are supposed to help.

“It just takes so much effort for me to move, it feels like I’m constantly fighting myself just to stand up straight. Feeling like this all the time, it drains my energy,” Deb told me.

A dear client of mine Deb, age 61 had been struggling with back pain for 15 years, a recent diagnosis of ‘stenosis’ and also “degenerative disc disease”.

Deb had been active all her life, but also battled back problems due to work as a secretary for 20+ years. The past few years were the hardest, as she noticed her energy was down, and pain levels worsening.

She’d been told the only way to ‘correct it’ would be a ‘spinal fusion’ surgery, which she refused.

Is there another way? Can it get better without surgery?

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And the end result? Deb can now go out and shop for groceries without having to sit and rest, she can stand as long as she wants, and now has much more energy throughout the day so she can keep up with her family (especially her 5 grandkids).

Could there be undiscovered mobility within YOUR body?

Most people who suffer from degenerative conditions like ‘arthritis’ or ‘stenosis’ are unfortunately lead to believe that it is ‘permanent’ and ‘nothing else can be done’. Like Deb, there could still be an AMAZING potential for your body to heal, as long as you know where to focus on.

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Del Valle receives \$5 million from state

EBRPD: Sorely needed funding to support infrastructure, repairs

BY ERIKA ALVERO

Del Valle Regional Park will see an additional \$5 million of funding in the recently approved state budget, after a bipartisan push by local elected officials.

The park in Livermore includes the five-mile-long Lake Del Valle reservoir, along with more than 4,000 acres of parkland. The funding will go to the East Bay Regional Park District, to direct toward Del Valle, which officials say is in dire need of infrastructure repairs, especially considering the park’s high rate of visitors.

“Del Valle is one of three State Parks that the East Bay Regional Park District manages with no funding from the state for operations, maintenance, or infrastructure repairs,” said Robert Doyle, general manager of EBRPD. “This investment will help upgrade key infrastructure and visitor facilities at Del Valle.”

The \$5 million comes in the form of a state grant to EBRPD, purposed toward Del Valle at the request of Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) and State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda), according to officials from Glazer’s office.

Doyle said that the park district is currently looking to direct about \$1 million of the funding toward a new visitor center, converting a concessionaire building into an environmental education center. The rest will go toward renovating the park’s 50-year-old water infrastructure, from the pipes to the filtration system.

This won’t completely cover the entire scope of repairs, which could cost as much as \$6 million, but it

will certainly make a dent, Doyle said.

Del Valle is used primarily for public recreation, flood control and water supply, with visitors coming to the park to hike, swim and camp. This June saw over 100,000 visitors, according to officials from Baker’s office.

Aging pipes for water distribution and sewage treatment have resulted in wasted water — the lack of renovations have led to about 300,000 to 600,000 gallons of wasted water every year because of line breaks or leaks, according to Baker’s office.

“Del Valle Regional Park has been a wonderful family recreation spot in our community for decades,” Baker said. “The park desperately needs to improve its infrastructure, and this funding is a great start for those projects. I am proud to have secured this funding for Del Valle through bipartisan work. Our open spaces need our continued support to preserve them for future generations.”

Glazer, who worked with Assemblywoman Baker to secure this funding, credited his Tri-Valley colleague across the aisle for the action coming to pass.

“Her work to bridge the partisan divide in the State Capitol builds important alliances that have resulted in open space, water, transportation and BART parking improvements in our shared districts,” Glazer said. “I join with our many friends from the environmental community and outdoor enthusiasts from Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Livermore in saying a big thank you to Catharine Baker.” ■



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PTSCA

Pleasanton hosts Tulancingo students

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association is in the middle of its 33rd annual summer exchange program, with four girls from Tulancingo recently returning home from their visit to the Tri-Valley. Their activities included a Pleasanton Civic Center tour, a trip to San Francisco, an Oakland A’s game complete with tailgate, the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, the Alameda County Fair and a birthday celebration (fiesta de quinceañera) for delegation member Isabela Abril Gomez. Returning to Tulancingo with the girls was Pleasanton’s lone exchange student this summer, Sophia Rodriguez. The nonprofit urges local high-schoolers to consider applying next year for the 2019 summer exchange trip. More information at ptsca.org.

Swalwell bill aims to prevent U.S. president, family from profiting off foreign powers

Proposal would criminalize unauthorized benefits, expand rules to also include companies controlled by president or VP

By JEREMY WALSH

The Tri-Valley's U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), one of Congress's more vocal critics of President Donald Trump and many of the administration's international policies, has introduced a new bill to toughen federal regulations that aim to curb any U.S. president or vice president from receiving financial benefits from foreign powers.

The proposed legislation would expand upon existing laws imposing civil penalties for presidents and vice presidents receiving unauthorized foreign gifts by also making offenses subject to criminal penalties, broadening the gift definition to "anything of value" and extending the rules to apply to those officials' immediate families and companies they control.

Swalwell, whose district includes Pleasanton, said his goal with the bill is to prevent foreign states from exerting improper influence over decisions made by America's highest elected officials.

"It's long past time that Congress

takes a meaningful stand against any effort to buy and sell our White House," Swalwell said in a statement. "America's Presidents and Vice Presidents must not enrich themselves from foreign sources — they should hold themselves to a higher standard, and if they won't, it's our job to do it for them."

Dubbed the "Prevent Corrupting Foreign Influence Act," House Resolution 6466 was introduced in Congress on Monday and has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee for review and consideration.

Swalwell, who has zeroed in on Trump's international agenda and interactions with foreign powers almost since the president's election, said his bill was inspired by Trump companies' reported connections to Russian and Chinese governments and some of the president's policy decisions.

The third-term congressman argues Trump should do more to

isolate himself from his business interests while in office, as predecessors Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush did by utilizing blind trusts. (Swalwell contends Barack Obama didn't use blind trusts because he didn't hold business interests or personal assets that could present conflicts of interest.)

"Unlike other Presidents, Donald Trump has failed to distance himself from his private business interests while serving our nation, and so he and his family are getting richer from Trump companies that receive money and benefits from foreign powers," Swalwell said.

"Americans deserve to know that their President is working for them and only them, not having his own wallet fattened by foreign interests," added Swalwell, who continues to appear in a variety of national media to express his concerns about the Trump administration and congressional Republicans' priorities — a media profile

that has garnered both positive and negative reviews within his district.

HR 6466 aims to expand upon current law pertaining to emoluments, or gifts from foreign governments, which elected officials are prohibited from obtaining under the Constitution except when allowed by Congress.

Current regulations implement the ban, provide reporting for gifts that are allowed and authorize for civil penalties for violations, Swalwell noted.

The new bill would broaden the scope to prohibit not just gifts, but "anything of value" given by foreign powers. The phrase is not further defined in the legislation.

Secondly, Swalwell's proposal would expand the rules to prohibit financial benefits from any company that is more than 50% controlled by a foreign government, and it would extend the list of banned recipients to include a president's or vice president's immediate family members — spouse, children, siblings, parents

and parents-in-law — as well as companies they have a controlling interest in.

The proposed legislation would make violators subject to criminal fine and possible imprisonment for up to five years.

Exceptions to the no-foreign-influence rules would include investments by a foreign state or its controlled company into a mutual fund or in an asset held in a blind trust of those on the prohibited recipient list.

Swalwell said he was inspired to craft the bill because of Trump companies' history of Russian investments and business connections, as well as a \$500 million loan from Metallurgical Corporation of China to an Indonesian development project in which the Trump organization is involved happening around the same time the president eased sanctions on Chinese telecommunications firm ZTE.

The legislation would not criminalize past financial deals, but it would look to curtail continued or future business relationships. ■



ANDY LI

That's a big snake

Danville zoologist Jungle James shares a boa constrictor with Cub Scouts at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area earlier this month during Twin Valley Scout Day Camp, a four-day event that featured outdoor activities, including obstacle courses, hiking, boating, bee study, swimming, creative skits, meeting the Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and a demonstration with Pleasanton Police dogs. The camp is part of the San Francisco Bay Area Council and is supported by a network of volunteers from local Tri-Valley Boy Scout troops.

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'Green the Bankhead'

Conservation project focuses on saving energy, reducing costs

By **ANDY LI**

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center is enacting a new program called "Green the Bankhead" that aims to make the Bankhead Theater safer, more efficient and environmentally friendly.

The goal of the new project is to achieve LEED certification, a globally-recognized rating acknowledging a commercial building's sustainability, by 2019 as well as WELL certification, which assesses the health and well-being of patrons and staff.

"We're excited to get the project underway, but we are being strategic in balancing the cost against the efforts that provide the greatest value," said Chris Carter, the Bankhead's developing director.

Since opening in downtown Livermore in 2007, the Bankhead Theater has served as a venue for hundreds of thousands of visitors to enjoy concerts, theatrical performances, free community and cultural events, and visual arts exhibits. It is managed by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center through a partnership

with Livermore city leadership.

The "Green the Bankhead" project plans to replace incandescent light bulbs with LED lighting, which will create significant energy savings. Current lights at the Bankhead use 575 or 750 Watts and some stage lighting consumes as much as 3,000 Watts. The new LED lights will use only 170 Watts while still providing the same amount of brightness.

LED lights also generate less heat, reducing costs on the theater air-conditioning system. Some of the new LED lights also have multiple colors, making them ideal for shows and other events, Bankhead officials said.

Around \$8,000 to \$10,000 alone would be saved by the new installations in the auditorium, and changing the lighting on the stage would save twice that amount. In total, 20% to 30% of all energy costs could be saved once these changes have been made, officials said.

Another major goal of the massive energy systems overhaul is to eventually install solar panels on the roof of the building. Other

less costly developments include investing in low-flow water features, replacing worn-out carpet with more environmentally friendly material, and modifying the layout of offices and other rooms to take advantage of natural lighting.

David Doyle of Doyle Construction is leading the effort to "Green the Bankhead." He acknowledged that the newest LEED v4 certification is rather difficult to obtain, and should the Bankhead Theater manage to achieve the new standards, it would be one of the first theaters in California to do so. The foundation will also be working with Glumac, a sustainable energy company stationed in Folsom, which has over 45 years of experience advising clients.

Despite the ambitious nature of the new energy venture, "Green the Bankhead" will actually help the organization become more financially thrifty as well. Several generous donors have already stepped up to help fund the project, and over half of the total \$700,000 cost has already been secured, officials said. ■



ERIKA ALVERO
Pleasanton resident Olivia Sanwong, new Zone 7 board member, takes oath of office administered by Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

ZONE 7

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water agencies throughout the state, with your consumers is very high ... They trust you," he said. "And so your endorsement to our campaign is really important, because of all the various endorsements we could have, local water agencies are really the best."

No action was taken at the July 18 Zone 7 board meeting, with directors listening to and discussing Meral's presentation on Prop 3, also known as the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018.

If passed, the largest chunk of bond revenue from Prop 3 — \$2.355 billion — would be directed to conservancies and state parks for watershed lands restoration, and to nonprofits and local agencies for river parkways.

Additionally, the proposition allocates \$640 million to groundwater sustainability agencies and \$500 million for public water system infrastructure improvements. The measure also stipulates that \$1.398 billion be spent on projects benefiting state-defined disadvantaged communities, with another \$2.637 billion prioritized for disadvantaged communities.

The bond is expected to generate about \$8.4 billion in interest over a 40-year period, according to the state fiscal analyst, which would cost the state a total \$17.3 billion.

During his presentation, Meral compared Prop 3 to previous water-related measures that have passed. His proposal is similar to Prop 1, which passed in 2014 and issued \$7.12 billion in bond money for water infrastructure and watershed protection.

"But the remaining funds that were in Proposition 1, by the end of next year those will pretty much be expended by the various departments that receive them," he said.

And Prop 68, which passed in the recent June election and was billed as "a parks and water bond," he said, would have some overlap with his proposed measure, in terms of the components regarding safe drinking water and wastewater recycling.

The Zone 7 directors reacted

somewhat hesitantly to his solicitation of their support. An endorsement from the agency would be unprecedented, they said — with the exception of their public support of the California WaterFix, which was not a ballot measure.

The directors debated for a while about whether to have staff analyze the proposition for a report in the future, with directors Angela Ramirez Holmes and Sandy Figuers saying they didn't want to waste staff time, though director Bill Stevens pointed out that a presentation could be a good educational opportunity for the public.

Linda Kelly, a local resident who leads the group Citizens for Sensible Water Rates, spoke against spending staff time on the measure.

"I think that staff has a lot of work ahead of it, and important work to be doing which is direct benefit to Zone 7 customers," she said. "To pull those resources for a state issue like this ... seems to me we're being asked to have our very capable staff spend more time than maybe is necessary, when it's probably got legs of its own."

The discussion was ultimately postponed to a future date.

In other business

- The meeting was preceded by a reception and swearing-in ceremony for three of the water agency's newly elected directors, two of whom are new to the board.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty conducted the swearing-in for the two new members: Olivia Sanwong and Dennis Gambas. Livermore Mayor John Marchand swore in incumbent director Bill Stevens. Director Sarah Palmer, also re-elected in June, was absent from the board meeting.

- General Manager Valerie Pryor presented on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association that Zone 7 had been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

"As somebody who's been a CFO, previously for a long time, this is a very prestigious award, and all the credit goes to Osborn and his team," she said, singling out Osborn Solitei, the agency's treasurer and assistant general manager of finance. ■



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differing views. Harkness recruits his high-skilled professionals in the Bay Area and sells great schools, great location with limited commutes and lower housing prices. The Tri-Valley advantages in these areas allow him to continue to build his skilled work force.

Selinger buys into that but points out how the service workers taking care of his home are churning at a rapid rate. His company is headquartered in Pleasanton and he loves the lifestyle of being able to mountain bike, take his daughters to public school and still work his long days. He also pointed out that he just put together a team of 10 skilled workers in China for the same cost as two here in the valley.

The high quality of life, particularly for those fortunate to live and work in the valley, is a big plus. Not so much for those who fight I-580 and I-680 during commute hours. When asked about threats to his business, Harkness cited the two freeways.

One of the striking aspects of "Tri-Valley Rising 2018" was the comparison to other tech-centered regions — Austin, Boston, Nashville, Portland, Raleigh-Durham and Silicon Valley.

Looking at productivity or GDP per worker, the Tri-Valley at \$224,000 trailed only the Silicon Valley at \$269,000. Other areas: Austin \$141,000, Boston

\$162,000, Nashville \$138,000, Portland \$145,000 and Raleigh-Durham \$91,000.

The educational level also is telling, with 60% of Tri-Valley residents holding bachelor's or higher degrees. Austin (43%), Boston (47%), Nashville (34%), Portland (39%), Raleigh-Durham (44%) and Silicon Valley (50%). For the Tri-Valley, these numbers have changed dramatically, nearly doubling since the late 1990s when the Golden Valley report was compiled by the Tri-Valley Business Council.

Then, there's housing, and the major advantages collapse. Based on Zillow's home value index, the Tri-Valley's home value is about \$950,000. The next highest is Boston at about \$420,000, while Nashville and Austin are both in the mid-\$200,000 range, while Portland and Raleigh-Durham are in the mid-\$300,000s.

The cost of housing shoves families over the Altamont Pass to San Joaquin County. More than 32,000 San Joaquin County residents commute into the Bay Area and the number going to Santa Clara County has increased by half, while it's grown by about one-third in Alameda County. That's put increasing pressure on four daily trips of the ACE train as well on I-580.

The silver lining in the BART board's decision to cede its commitment to extend tracks to Livermore is it may result in a more flexible and better system to connect San Joaquin County and the Livermore

Valley. The regional rail authority is working on a plan, due next year, to run trains like what BART uses in eastern Contra Costa County to connect Lathrop with the Dublin/Pleasanton BART stations with connections to ACE in Tracy and at Greenville Road in Livermore.

Early plans, which will use the abandoned Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way that is owned by Alameda County through the Altamont Pass, indicate that it may be about the same cost as the five-mile BART extension to Isabel Avenue and it could be delivered years sooner.

The sooner the better because studies by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission show that Bay Area residents who live and work within a half-mile of rail and ferry stops use transit for 42% of their work trips, while people living outside this radius use transit only 4% of the time. Thus, the push for transit-oriented housing.

Among the recommendations in the report is for Innovation Tri-Valley to pull together business leaders and other stakeholders to create a 2040 plan. The goal is to maintain the vibrant economies while tackling the key issues that threaten the long-term viability of the area.

To read the report, visit www.innovationtrivalley.org. ■

Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has covered the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years. He writes a "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.



VCCF

Weekly recognized by ValleyCare

The Pleasanton Weekly received the President's Circle Corporate Partners program award earlier this month from the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation. The award, recognizing the newspaper as a Corporate Partner in its coverage of the foundation's charitable work, was presented at the organization's 2018 annual meeting at LifeStyleRx in Livermore. Editor emeritus Jeb Bing (shown with the award) was joined at the ceremony by (from left) Scott Gregerson, president, Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare; Bob Shapiro, foundation chairman, and Shaké Sulikyan, executive director.

WISH

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on a motorcycle and followed by four Ferraris, driven by members of the Ferrari Owners Group (FOG), who volunteered their time and cars for the event.

Blasting their horns and police

sirens, the caravan drove southbound down Main Street and pulled up in front of the Museum on Main, where they were greeted by a small crowd of Eli's friends and family, along with Make-A-Wish organizers — and of course, a slightly speechless Eli.

Eli was presented with a large,

wrapped package filled with Disney "Cars" paraphernalia, matching balloons and the news that his wish to go to Disney World would be granted.

Eli was then able to take the driver's seat in each vehicle — he chose to start with the police motorcycle.

"He loves police cars," Riordan said. "Every time he sees one going down the street he gets excited."

The family will take the wish in a few months, heading to Orlando the week before Halloween.


"There are few experiences more powerful than helping grant a wish," said Jen Wilson, marketing director for Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area. "When members of the Ferrari Owners Group found out Eli liked race cars, they were eager to help and surprised him with a parade of cars to let him know his wish was coming true. A wish helps children like Eli replace fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope."

Make-A-Wish America operates nationally, with local chapters across the country and in U.S. territories. FOG is a prominent supporter of Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area, having raised over \$1 million for the chapter over the past few years. ■

TAKE US ALONG




Couples trip: Six Pleasanton couples visited Portugal together last fall. Shown here at their coastal villa in Cascais are (from left) Lee and Kathy Cannon, Dave and Joy Ellebrecht, Linda and Dan Fries, Becky and Bill Radulovich, Stephanie and Jim Spillane, Linda and Joe Couto. Joe Couto is originally from Lisbon, so the group enjoyed Portugal like locals.



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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Police discuss Concerts in the Park presence

Pleasanton police have made several changes to how they manage public safety and local regulations during the popular Concerts in the Park this summer, but they deny allegations of overly aggressive behavior by officers dispersing concert-goers after a recent show, according to the police sergeant

overseeing special event management for the department.

Several posts on social media, including the Weekly's "Town Square" forum, following the July 13 concert contended that some police officers and/or volunteers were "threatening" and "disrespectful" during the evening, especially when it came time to clear Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks after dark.

The allegations included that police officials brightly shined police car lights toward the parks, waved flashlights and rudely yelled commands at attendees to disperse — in the time between when the concert stopped around 8:30 p.m. and when the parks close at 10 p.m.

Sgt. Jim Boland said he spoke with police personnel who staffed the event that night and determined "accounts of officers flushing people out of the park 'as soon as the music stopped' are inaccurate" while also denying assertions that the police response was inappropriate.

Boland acknowledged that officers, who are tasked in part with making sure the parks are clear at 10 p.m., have discretion for how to remind concert-goers about the closing time.

On July 13, those warnings included verbal reminders, comments over police vehicle speaker systems and the use of vehicle lights for improved

visibility at intervals between 9:15-10 p.m., according to Boland. Officers reported that there were more than 30 people still lingering in Lions Wayside Park at 10 p.m. (when the park should be empty).

Still, Boland said police have decided to adjust their strategies for concerts going forward.

Officers will stop using vehicle lights "so as not to disturb concert-goers" and all public address announcements about packing up and leaving the park will now all come from the Pleasanton Downtown Association, which organizes the weekly Friday night concerts, the sergeant said.

Police officers will then walk through both parks around 9:50 p.m. to remind remaining residents that rules require the parks to be vacated by 10 p.m., he added.

"The police department is committed to providing a fun and safe environment for Concerts in the Park. Further, the department enjoys a great partnership with the Pleasanton Downtown Association and the community of Pleasanton. In this spirit, I hope these changes to our process will make for an enjoyable Concerts in the Park series for all involved," Boland said.

At the same time, police remain focused on making sure the audience leaves the parks by 10 p.m., as required, in light of increasing complaints from neighbors about some lingering concert-goers' littering, loud noises and drunken behavior, including public urination, according to Boland.

The sergeant also pointed out that some residents may have been noticing more police representatives near the concerts this season,

and that's because of the decision to close a block of Neal Street between the parks.

"Anytime there is a road closure, the police department becomes responsible for that closed roadway and police presence is required," Boland said, adding that people have praised the Neal Street closure when talking to him at several of this year's concerts.

Concerts in the Park run each Friday night between June and August from 7-8:30 p.m. This week's show features classic rock music from The Dropsticks.

In other news

- Pleasanton will join communities throughout the Tri-Valley and the United States in celebrating National Night Out with neighborhood block parties on Aug. 7, and residents are reminded that the deadline to register their event with PPD is today.

The 35th annual National Night Out is a crime- and drug-prevention event sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Pleasanton police.

The event is designed to heighten crime- and drug-awareness generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirits and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals to let them know neighbors are organized and fighting back, according to police.

Parties can range from potlucks to barbecues to ice cream socials, and in the past have included live bands, bounce houses and kids parades. Parties that are registered with the police department before the deadline could be visited by the Pleasanton police, elected city and state officials, the

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department or a host of allied agencies.

Anyone interested in hosting a National Night Out party can visit www.pleasantonpd.org and download an application or contact Shannon Revel-Whitaker at 931-5242 or srevelwhitaker@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

- Investigators say the 480-acre Grant Fire, which started July 15 near the Altamont Pass in unincorporated Alameda County was started by a teenager playing with "safe and sane" fireworks on the side of the road.

The fire was reported just after 5 p.m. near Interstate 580, west of Grant Line Road. More than a dozen agencies got involved in the firefight, achieving full containment the following morning.

The following day, Alameda County Sheriff's deputies were notified that a 17-year-old boy had taken responsibility for starting the fire and turned himself in at the Manteca Police Department, according to sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly.

The suspect and an 18-year-old friend were driving when they broke down on the side of the road.

"He pulled out some safe and sane fireworks," Kelly said. "They were lit, they went into the grass, and they started a small grassfire."

"They came forward and did the right thing," Kelly added. "We definitely appreciate that."

The sheriff's office plans to present the case to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for prosecution for recklessly starting a fire. "It was a negligent act, a reckless act, but it wasn't an intentional act of arson," Kelly said. "It's a different section of the penal code." ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

Wedding Announcement

Dudikoff – McLaughlin

Evan McLaughlin of Pleasanton (Foothill High '00) was married to Jennifer Dudikoff of Fair Oaks at an afternoon ceremony at the California State Capitol on Saturday, July 21.

Evan works as Chief of Staff in the California State Assembly and is the son of Gary and Margie McLaughlin, who resided in Pleasanton from 1988 to 2010. Jennifer is the Director of Public Affairs at the California New Car Dealers Association.

The couple will reside in Sacramento.

John Richard Wortham

April 25, 1957 – July 5, 2018

John Richard Wortham, 61, of Pleasanton, California, passed away at his home on July 5, 2018, following a short battle with cancer.

Born on April 25, 1957, in Castro Valley, California, John attended Chabot College and Cal State East Bay, and served in the United States Marine Corps for three years. He enjoyed reading, writing, singing in his church choir, playing guitar, Bible study, travel, and spending time with his family. He worked for State Compensation Insurance Fund in Pleasanton for almost 15 years.

John is survived by his wife of 33 years, Gail Lynette; son, Ian Richard; step-mother, Dorothy Wortham; sister, Courtney Clements; brother, Edwin Wortham V (Cynthia); step-siblings Michael McGlynn, Jr. (Nafisa), Brian McGlynn, Kathleen McGlynn (Ann), Patricia Ketner (Darrell), and Jeanne Wurzel (Paul).

He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Wortham IV; mother, Georgene Dawn Wise and step-sister, Ann McGlynn.

A celebration of John's life will be held on Sunday, August 26, 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, CA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the choir of the First Presbyterian Church Livermore or Midwives for Haiti, 7130 Glen Forest Drive, Suite 101, Richmond, Virginia 23226; Website: midwivesforhaiti.org



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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 22

Trespass/prowling

■ 3:12 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

Theft from auto

■ 7:49 a.m. on the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

July 21

Theft from auto

■ 10:17 a.m. on the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Assault/battery

■ 2:33 p.m. on the 5100 block of Case Avenue

Drug violation

■ 12:41 a.m. at Valley Avenue and Quarry Lane

July 20

Theft

■ 7:42 a.m., 5300 block of Owens Court; theft from structure

■ 11:24 a.m., 4400 block of Black Avenue; theft of bicycle

■ 1:33 p.m., 1900 block of Santa Rita Road; theft of auto

■ 8:55 p.m., 4800 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

Vandalism

■ 8:47 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Alcohol violation

■ 9:55 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

■ 6:12 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

■ 8:37 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

Drug violation

■ 4:04 p.m. at Peters Avenue and West Angela Street

■ 11:51 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Fraud

■ 11:33 a.m. on the 3700 block of Trenergy Drive

July 19

Theft

■ 7:22 a.m., 1300 block of Brookline Loop; theft from auto

■ 8:29 a.m., 3500 block of Churchill Court; theft from auto

■ 12:44 p.m. on the 7800 block of Flagstone Drive

■ 12:45 p.m., 1400 block of Irongate Court; theft from auto

■ 12:51 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

■ 5:59 a.m. on the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

Trespass/prowling

■ 2:46 a.m. at Regency Drive and Medallion Court

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Looking back on another fun-filled Alameda County Fair

We bid adieu earlier this month to the 2018 Alameda County Fair, another successful installment of Pleasanton's annual summertime showcase.

And this year proved just as popular as ever, with 423,418 people coming to the fairgrounds during the 18-day run between June 15 and July 8 — marking an increase in average daily attendance compared to the 2017 fair, which had two more days, according to 2018 totals recently released by fair officials.

The fun-filled fair featured food, attractions and activities to entertain all those who crowded through the main gate off Valley Avenue.

Fair-goers again chowed down on their favorite fried foods by the thousands, consuming 31,688 corn dogs, 29,997 funnel cakes and 658 deep-fried Twinkies — plus other fair staples like 11,998 barbecue turkey legs and 4,235 orders of cotton candy.

The fifth annual Snackdown contest brought out a host of creative tasty treats, highlighted by the Grand Champion submission smokehouse tots. Other top finishers were Texas tater dog, Fruity Pebbles shrimp on a stick, strawberry shortcake milkshake and crazy cake.

Across the board, more than 18,000 entries were submitted to the fair's various competitive exhibits. Those indoor displays (especially on hot afternoons) proved a popular haven for attendees to check out categories such as artworks, photographs, calligraphy, baked goods, place-setting and collectibles.

Just under \$16,400 in fine art pieces were sold during the fair. Add that to the \$58,378 in small animal sales and \$734,030 in sales from the junior livestock auction.

LETTERS

Fourth of July celebration

Dear Editor,

On a beautiful Tri-Valley July 4 (the same day that Joey Chestnut set a new national record for 74 hot dogs consumed in 10 minutes), 20 members of the Pleasanton Lions cooked and sold 650 hot dogs in 100 minutes to celebrants at Lions Wayside Park here in Pleasanton.

By the way, there is another connection: Chow-down champ Chestnut is the son of former Amador Valley High School band director Merlin Chestnut.

The local Lions represented one-fifth of the volunteers who came together to "Celebrate Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution" with community members. It takes 100 of us, including Boy Scouts,



ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

Carnival rides on those warm summer nights were among the popular activities at the 2018 Alameda County Fair.

The horses were also a big draw, with 52,699 people taking in Oak Tree at Pleasanton during the 15 days of live horse racing.

The fair saw other high turnout in two of its more important categories, compared to 2017: 15% more pounds of food donated during the one-day food drive benefiting Alameda County Community Food Bank, and an astounding 418% increase in attendees contributing to the clothing drive.

Oh, and some 3,933 more dads took advantage of free admission on Father's Day (5,564 dads in all).

The fair also offered free admission to active military and veterans throughout its 2018 run, plus singled out first responders with free entry on Independence Day. That all in addition to gifting a free ticket to elementary school students in Alameda County and on June 23 bringing fair entertainment to families served by the George Mark Children's House, a home for critically and terminally ill kids.

military veterans, Pleasanton Community Concert Band members and our dedicated crew, to produce the Independence Day celebration for hundreds of our neighbors of all ages.

We thank the Pleasanton Weekly for helping publicize the event, which attracted our largest crowd yet.

We also thank the city of Pleasanton for allowing us to use Lions Wayside Park for the past two decades as we celebrate the Fourth of July. Sponsorship by Heritage Bank, ACCUSPLIT and Pleasanton Lions enabled us to produce this midday program.

We invite your readers to join us July 4, 2019 for this free, fun, festive event.

—W. Ron Sutton,
Event founder

Wine Festival and the new Craft Cocktail Festival all drew capacity crowds to the racetrack's infield.

- The highest attended Big O Tires Concert Series shows included 38 Special, LeAnn Rimes, WAR, Smash Mouth, En Vogue, Blue Öyster Cult, Sean Kingston, Clay Walker and Sir Mix-a-Lot.

- Popular special attractions included extreme rodeo, monster trucks and demolition derby in the Action Sports Arena, and Alaskan pig races, Chinese acrobats, hypnotist Tina Marie and the Great American Petting Zoo elsewhere on the grounds.

- STEAM weekends ran four days each week, giving kids a chance to experience hands-on educational exhibits and activities.

Looking back on the 106th Alameda County Fair, CEO Jerome Hoban said it best: "The 2018 fair was indeed the perfect way to welcome in summer ... every day offered something fun and special. We appreciate everyone who came out and made the fair a part of their summer celebration." ■

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Honey bees and other pollinators are crucial to agricultural production, and face increasing dangers from pesticides, parasites and the loss of their foraging environment.

MIKE SEDLAK



Local beekeepers continue to protect pollinators in face of national crisis

By ERIKA ALVERO

Scott Ball was concerned for his queen.

Queen bee, that is. Her majesty was nowhere to be seen in the bottom layer of his hive, but worker honey bees were busily feeding a few other “queen cells” — which could indicate they were preparing a few possible replacement queens, portending ill for the colony, which depends heavily on its sole egg-layer.

“The reason I don’t want that to happen is because then that’s lost profit, lost time,” said Ball, who owns a small business called Buena Vista Honey based in Livermore. “It takes a lot more energy to recover from.” Rebuilding a society after a leader’s death can be tempestuous — honey bee colonies seem to be no different.

Ball is part of the Tri-Valley beekeeping community, a brood that maintains hives for whatever reason, be it honey harvesting or environmental stewardship. Or just out of a general affinity for the black-and-yellow-striped pollinators.

Unwittingly or not, they have joined into the complex agroecosystem in which honey bees play an integral role — an ecosystem

in which these same bees have been on the decline and face increasing dangers from pesticides, mites and the loss of their foraging environment.

It’s vital for the public to recognize, Ball said, “how important it is that we take care of our environment, take care of our pollinators, whether they be honey bees or butterflies or whatever.”

Ball started his business a year ago, though his interest in bees began when he was in high school — he asked his dad for a beehive for his birthday.

“You’re sure you don’t want a stereo?” Ball recalled his father’s response.

But a hive he received, with his father dutifully taking over the colony once Ball left for college.

Now Ball, who also works as an engineering geologist, has returned to bee life. He currently keeps seven apiaries, a few of which are close to his Livermore home — a helpful proximity for the pollination of his own garden, as bees can travel as far as three miles from their hive, though some have been known to go farther.

Honey bees are known for their

complex and communal social structure. A single colony can have up to 80,000 bees, the majority of which are the female worker bees with a few hundred male drones.

“The males absolutely do nothing,” Ball said. “All they do is sit around, relax, take a break, eat some food, go out and try to find a queen to mate with.” (He’s not alone in this sentiment: at one point a hymn from the Mormon Church, which uses a beehive as a symbol, had a line stating, “The world has no use for a drone.”)

The worker bees spend their days collecting pollen and nectar, which they bring back to the hive. The nectar is then deposited into a myriad of hexagonal cells in their hive, which they also create themselves using built-in wax glands — Ball gives them a frame to work with, but they have the ability to initiate one themselves, as seen by feral bee hives.

Honey bees communicate with one another through what is known as a “waggle dance.” If, for example, a worker bee has found a nearby flower patch, she will return to her colony and share the location with a specific “waggle.” “The way they



Scott Ball opens up one of his beehives to check on the colony inside. The hive is on the open space of an acquaintance in Livermore.

waggle has to do with the energy that they have to expend to get there, how far it is to get there,” Ball said. “The direction that they dance and how they do the dance tells the other bees what direction to fly, in relation to the sun.”

Ball harvests cut comb honey from his apiary, which consists of what he calls a “mongrel Italian” bee species. Donning a white, space-man-like bee suit, he carefully lifts the various layers of the hives every few weeks to check on his colonies and on the hexagon-filled frames that he has placed in the boxes. To produce the cut comb honey, he will later cut the nectar-filled honeycomb from the frame and then break it up into smaller pieces.

Some honey bees brought specifically to pollinate avocado or almond or blueberry fields produce honey with distinctive flavors based on their pollination sites, but outside of a monoculture situation, it’s difficult to control where they travel. So much of the honey Bay Area residents consume is what many beekeepers call “wildflower honey,” Ball said.

“You really don’t know where they’re getting it from,” he said. “They’re getting it from a number of different sources.”

The cut comb harvesting requires intensive monitoring and is more time-consuming than using a liquid extractor — and might result in more honey bee casualties, as you necessarily squish a few every time you open the hive — but he enjoys the process. So far, he sells to The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards and Salt Craft in downtown Pleasanton.

Pleasanton resident Lynn Martin, on the other hand, is a more casual beekeeper. She entered the beekeeping realm as a child, as her father kept bees in Livermore.

She returned to beekeeping a few years ago after seeing an advertisement for a “flow hive,” a cheaper and less-intensive honey harvesting method.

“I would not have gotten into beekeeping if I had to harvest the honey the old-fashioned way,” she said. “It’s way, way too much work.”

She now has two colonies in her backyard, nestled amidst a sea of agapanthus and yellow lion’s tail flowers, which seem to be popular with hummingbirds and other pollinators in addition to bees.

So far, though other veteran beekeepers may snub the newfangled liquid extractor, Martin hasn’t found a downside to the flow hive. To harvest the honey, she just has to



Pleasanton beekeeper Lynn Martin harvests



ERIKA ALVERO
e of three at this particular apiary in

and vegetables,” USDA officials wrote in a recent report. “Of the 2.5 million colonies of bees in the United States, the almond crop in California alone requires approximately 2 million colonies, and this need is projected to increase significantly over the next few years.”

But over the last eight years, the department found that nationally, the honey bee population saw winter declines ranging from 22-36%; and during surveys taken in 2014-15 and 2015-16, the summer declines were at least as high.

The phenomenon has been termed “colony collapse disorder,” or CCD. The specific reason for CCD is still somewhat murky, according to the USDA, but experts believe it can be attributed to several factors in conjunction with one another: pesticides, parasites and loss of forage habitat lead the way.

The fight to protect the honey bee has taken on political dimensions, as seen by the Obama administration’s formal strategy to protect the critters back in 2015. And though much of the preservation fight comes from commercial beekeepers, urban beekeepers and hobbyists have a place too.

Ronni Brega, president of the Alameda County Beekeepers Association, says they try to educate the public about the importance of pollinators and dangers of pesticide use. The association has a booth at the Alameda County Fair, a prime educational opportunity.

The club has also formed a “Local Bee Initiative” to focus on keeping bees disease-resistant and parasite-free. “Keeping bees is very difficult,” Brega said. “It’s very time-consuming and it’s not just about putting a box in your yard and harvesting honey. It’s about animal husbandry.”

The ability to legally keep bees within Pleasanton’s city limits is



ERIKA ALVERO

One colony can have as many as 80,000 honey bees within the hive, the majority of which are female worker bees.

insert an L-shaped metal “flow key” into the hive, turn, and out flows the honey.

The fresh honey is nice, and watching bees busily buzz in her backyard is therapeutic, Martin said. But she returned to beekeeping primarily for environmental reasons.

“I knew that the bees were in trouble,” she said.

Aside from honey production, honey bees are responsible for pollinating over 100 crops in North America, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

“Pollination is responsible for over \$15 billion in added crop value, particularly for specialty crops such as nuts, berries, fruits

fairly new — the city’s beekeeping prohibition was lifted in 2015, thanks in large part to the efforts of David Browne, who lives a few streets over from Martin in the Birdland neighborhood over by the Ken Mercer Sports Park. Both Browne and Martin belong to the Alameda County Beekeepers Association. (Ball, on the other hand, is part of the Mt. Diablo Beekeepers Association.)

Browne’s dive into Pleasanton’s beekeeping regulations came after someone complained about his own hives a few years ago, which at the time were situated along his back fence that abuts the Sports Park. After investigating, he found that beekeeping had been banned within Pleasanton (then a town) limits in 1926.

“I think the code got changed 80 years ago because at the time, farmers thought bees hurt their crops,” Browne said. “So funny how things change. So they thought bees would mar the fruit and the crops.”

He worked with city officials, who agreed the prohibition was outdated — regulations vary throughout the Bay Area, but San Francisco, for example, treats bees primarily as a “nuisance,” meaning hives are fine to keep as long as no one complains.

“The population of San Francisco was 10 times Pleasanton, and if they can deal with it just from a nuisance perspective, then we could have something that says ‘four hives allowed,’” Browne said.

He initially proposed a four-hive limit — maintaining multiple hives is good beekeeping practice, in case something happens to one colony, especially to the queen. Mail-in queens are an option, but it’s better to stay local, as bees can take a while to accept the scent of an outsider.

The Pleasanton City Council

ultimately voted to amend the city code in February 2015, allowing Pleasanton beekeepers to maintain two hives on single-family residential properties and up to 10 on properties within agricultural districts.

“To be very frank we approached beekeeping skeptically,” Adam Weinstein, the city’s planning manager at the time, told the council back in 2015. “These are stinging insects, after all, so we approached this project with the expectation that we might find beekeeping incompatible with residential neighborhoods.”

“However ... we came out of our research concluding that beekeeping could actually be conducted safely on detached, single-property residential properties, and agricultural zones,” he added.

Now, Browne finds himself somewhat of a local bee consultant, called in if someone stumbles onto a swarm. He likes to catch feral bee swarms, which he does with lemongrass oil and a box. “For some reason that scent is an attractant to bees,” he said.

Local beekeepers urge others in the community to join them in their work — or if not join them, to value the pollinators and plant bee-friendly flora in their yards. Even after a painful bee sting, said Ball from his Livermore apiary.

“If we got rid of all our pollinators, it would be very difficult to produce the produce that are in our markets,” he said. “We need to look at that and realize, ‘Yeah, I got stung, but gee I’d like to have that peach tomorrow.’” ■



ERIKA ALVERO

ts honey from one of her two backyard colonies using a “flow hive.”



ERIKA ALVERO

The “flow hive” process Martin uses to collect honey is much less intensive than traditional liquid extractors.

FIFE AND DRUM CORPS

★ HARKEN BACK TO 1776 ★

East Coast phenomenon also a presence in Pleasanton

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Yankee Doodle went to town

A-riding on a pony,

Stuck a feather in his cap

And called it macaroni.

The tune is a rousing one when played by the Young American Patriots fife and drum corps, marching in the uniform of George Washington's Continental Army.

"Many of our songs are linked to events in America's colonial history, but 'Yankee Doodle' is our most popular tune for sure," founder Jason Giaimo said.



Alex Raj, gold in snare drum.

The 18 enthusiastic youths — ages 9 to 14 — bring their signature sound to Pleasanton parades and local events, regaling onlookers. But Giaimo had more in mind when he began the endeavor in 2010, when his own son and daughter were the right age.

"I wanted to give them the same opportunities that I was given when I was in a fife and drum corps," said Giaimo, who grew up in New Jersey.

"Fife and drum is a whole phenomenon on the East Coast," he explained. "Any town on the East Coast has a fife and drum corps that competes at the state level, then Tri-state competitions, then they might go on to the national championships."

Young American Patriots, or YAP for short, is one of only two fife and drum bands in the state, Giaimo said, with the other in Southern California, so its members compete as individuals among themselves. Professional flute players and drummers serve as judges.

Winners of the Fourth of July competition at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont were:

- Advanced fife: Jyothi Vema (gold), Sushant Vema (silver), Vishok Lakshman Kumar (bronze);
- Intermediate fife: Meenakshi Yarlagadda (gold), Rohith Dinesh (silver), Medha Garikipati (bronze);
- Snare drum: Alex Raj (gold), Vardaan Singhanian (silver).

Giaimo continues to lead the band, although his own children have outgrown it.

"My son (Jaiman) is in college now but my daughter (Ashni) came to our July 4 event," he said. "She was there for moral support. Some of the kids know her as an expert fifer."

The fife is a simplified, six-holed flute, Giaimo explained, "halfway between a piccolo and a flute."

YAP members meet on Friday evenings at his Pleasanton home, where they learn to play the fife or drum, how to read music, and how to march. They eventually write their own music.



Jyothi Vema, gold in advanced fife.



Pleasanton's Young American Patriots play fife and drum music in the style of early American colonists.



Meenakshi Yarlagadda, gold in intermediate fife.

But there is more to YAP than the music.

"We talk about what life was like in the colonial days, people and their leadership. Our three pillars are music, history and leadership," Giaimo said. "George Washington himself had a fifer and a drummer in each troop; they were used to direct troop movements on the battlefield."

"We try to keep it exciting for the kids," he added. "For instance, we were asked to play in San Francisco at an event where the keynote speaker had orbited the Earth and lived in the International Space Station. I said we would be delighted but wanted him to chat with the kids."

The astronaut sat with them for about 20 minutes, sharing his experiences.

YAP also has performed at Tri-Valley parades, the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Moscone Center in San Francisco and the Olympic Trials at HP Pavilion in San Jose, where they watched the men's gymnastics competition and

met Olympic hopefuls.

"We try to give the kids opportunities they would never have otherwise," Giaimo said. "There is always a balance — keeping it interesting and educational."

The group is totally non-political, he noted, saying, "Our politics ended in 1776."

YAP is not Giaimo's day job — he is chief financial officer for a software company — but it is his passion.

He was 7 when he joined the fife and drum corps in his hometown, and he is a three-time national fife champion.

"There was a band in Westfield, N.J., and my mother thought it would be a good way for my brother and me to keep out of trouble," Giaimo said.

"I was very competitive and wanted to sound better than my brother, who was older," he added with a laugh. "He and I both stayed with it through high school."

Giaimo has friends in fife and

drum bands across the county and is attending a national muster this month.

"They are like family," he said, which is an advantage for YAP.

"One of our band members had to move to New York state and was upset, but it turned out they had a band right in the area. So I called them and they welcomed him with open arms," Giaimo said.

Giaimo pointed out that YAP is less time-consuming than school bands.

"You still get the experience and camaraderie but it doesn't overwhelm you," he said. "Our events are pretty much volunteer and charity events so it's good to give back to the community."

The Young American Patriots next can be seen marching in Pleasanton's Veterans Day parade, where they will be joined by Daughters of the American Revolution.

For more information, visit www.YoungAmericanPatriots.com or email YAPs1776@aol.com. ■

Tribute to Satchmo

Jeff Bordes & Friends, featuring Rudy Parris, will celebrate the spirit of New Orleans in a big birthday bash saluting the one and only Satchmo in "A Birthday Tribute to Louis Armstrong" at 8 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Bordes, who grew up in Pleasanton and has his own six-piece ensemble, is a Bay Area favorite, especially at the Firehouse. Tickets are \$17-\$27. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848 or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



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Transformative art now on display at Las Positas College

'Art of Peace' features art pieces using dismantled firearms

By CIERRA MARTINEZ

An art project seeking to engage residents throughout the community in critical thinking and analysis of gun violence is now open for public viewership at Las Positas College in Livermore.

Organized by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in collaboration with The Robby Poblete Foundation, the "Art of Peace" exhibition presents six local artists and their pieces chosen by a panel of judges, to "recreate and metamorphosize" art pieces out of the remains of dismantled firearms.

"Gun violence plagues our communities. The Art of Peace focuses a spotlight on our ongoing efforts to end this crisis," District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said in a statement.

"Over the past 30 years, the DA's Office has amassed over one thousand firearms that were collected as evidence in criminal prosecutions. This project has re-imagined these instruments of violence into objects of beauty and grace," she added.

Instead of destroying the weapons and creating pollution into the air, the DA's Office engaged a licensed company to make the firearms ineffective and separate the parts. The exhibit serves multiple purposes and highlights the issues of gun violence hopefully to curb or stop it, according to DA's



CIERRA MARTINEZ

This artwork is among the pieces created by local artists using dismantled firearms as part of the collaborate project "Art of Peace."

spokeswoman Teresa Drenick.

"Patti Poblete, in Solano County created this project after her son was killed by gunfire. Patti focused on creating something meaningful out of his death, and hopes that this project will take root throughout the state and nation," Drenick said.

"Art of Peace," which first opened in Oakland in May and June, will be on display through August at Las Positas College Mertes Center for the Arts in Livermore. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. For more information, call the college at 424-1000. ■



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Here an artist replaced the weapon in Han Solo's hands with flowers.



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Special 'Psychedelic Summer'

Livermore-based LunaFish & Friends (from left: Kurt Stahl, Bill Ziegler, Don Bott, Chris Gattuso-Fish, Jeff Fish, Tom Rose and Michael Fine) will bring the psychedelic rock music of the late '60s and early '70s to the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore in a community concert, "Psychedelic Summer," at 8 p.m. next Friday (Aug. 3), featuring hits from such artists as Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Eric Clapton and Jefferson Airplane. All seats for this community concert are \$20. Visit lvpac.org or call 373-6800.

'American Idol' stars onstage at Wente Vineyards

Calling all "American Idol" fans, or anyone who enjoys new talent.

The "American Idol Live! 2018" tour will be at Wente Vineyards in Livermore on Tuesday, one of more than 40 stops showcasing this season's Top 7 finalists: Cade Foehner, Caleb Lee Hutchinson, Catie Turner, Gabby Barrett, Jurnee, Maddie Poppe and Michael J. Woodard.

Season 8 "American Idol" winner Kris Allen is also part of the show, as are the winners of ABC's 2017 "Boy Band," a summer reality competition show.

The tour kicked off July 11 in Redding and will end Sept. 16 in Washington, D.C. The last "American Idol" tour was in 2015, and



this is the first since the show moved to ABC this year.

The show begins at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets start at \$44 for the terrace. Go to www.1.ticketmaster.com. ■

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Ballistic players, leaders among latest 'Difference Makers'

Club to announce top three honorees in September ahead of 50th anniversary

The Ballistic United Soccer Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and in conjunction, Ballistic is honoring the top 50 "Difference Makers" in club history.

Twice a month, we are running five of the honorees here in my "Pleasanton Preps" column. The top three Difference Makers will be announced in September. The latest five honorees are:

Joe Correia

Playing in the club's first 10 years, Joe established himself as a top goalscorer in the region. Initially starting as a member of the Panthers, Joe used his high work ethic, team spirit and nose for the goal to continue his exploits dominating the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) while winning championships at Amador Valley in the mid-to-late '70s.

Steve Swadley

Steve started playing soccer in the eighth grade and everything went uphill for the talented striker. He made the varsity at Amador as a freshman, and the next three years he led the Dons to a second-place finish in the EBAL. In his senior year the Dons took the EBAL title.

Steve walked on and made the team at San Jose State, then one of the top college programs in the country. Following his freshman year, Steve was awarded a full scholarship and led the team to as high as the No. 3 ranking in the country.

Following college Steve was

drafted by the Oakland Sompers, but the team was sold and relocated to Canada. Instead of moving to Canada, Steve opted to stay local and was in the process of trying out for both the San Jose Earthquakes and the Sacramento Spirit, but he blew his knee out in an amateur game, ending his career.

Gary Patton

Gary served as one of the club's first key volunteers and was one of the founders. He also worked as the director of recreation with Pleasanton back in the 1960s.

Inducted into the club's Hall of Fame in 2012, Gary was instrumental in securing and handling the negotiation between the city and the government over the land that became the Pleasanton Sports Complex — which has been considered one of the top youth sports facilities in Northern California, thanks to the effort and passion of Gary.

Bob Maas

Bob served Ballistic in a multitude of areas, including coach, referee, parent and ultimately the club president. Bob's tenure as president began in 1996 and ran for nine years. One of Bob's greatest contributions to the club was his work with city personnel to create the first — and only — soccer-specific facility in Pleasanton, which is the Val Vista Complex.

Randy James

Randy was selected and hired almost 20 years ago by Ballistic to be

its first ever director of coaching. He brought, hired and recruited many talented, educated, licensed and successful coaches with him to BUSC.

Along with his administrative talents, Randy also brought his knowledge and passion for the game and its players to the pitch as he was also coaching teams in the club, mentoring coaches and developing talents. ■

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.



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Dolphins capture 4th straight league title

Pleasanton Valley Swim Club swimmers celebrate last weekend after the team won the Valley Swim League Championships for the fourth year in a row, smashing three league records in the process. Those new records were in 11/12-year-old girls 200 medley relay (Makayla Rauscher, Sydney Seipel, Katie Salonga and Elizabeth Williams), 9/10 boys 100 medley relay (Jared Risher, Laird Muise, Thatcher Douwes and Landon Kenney) and 9/10 boys 200 freestyle relay (Muise, Matthew Yang, Risher and Kenney). Other highlights included Kenney, Sarah Baer and Nathan Bodensteiner each capturing four gold medals.

Livermore moving forward with lease deal for Las Positas Golf Course

Staff: New agreement would reduce financial liability for city

BY ANUMITA KAUR

The Livermore City Council voted unanimously earlier this month to accept a golf course management company's proposal to pursue a full-lease agreement for the city-owned Las Positas Golf Course.

Under the agreement framework, CourseCo would assume all responsibility for the golf course operations and oversight, expanding its partial operator role at the municipal course off Interstate 580.

The proposal, which received initial support from the council

July 9 but is still subject to final negotiations, would remove the city's involvement in the day-to-day golf business, eliminating costs and relieving debt for the city, according to city staff. The proposed term of the lease would be 10 years, with two optional five-year extensions.

Other options the city explored for the golf course property, due to cost concerns, included converting the land to a sports park or selling it for commercial development. However, support for maintaining the golf course and

entering into a full-lease agreement with CourseCo was strong among the council and audience members.

City staff will now negotiate final terms with CourseCo and bring a lease agreement back for council consideration by September.

Tucked between I-580 and the Livermore Municipal Airport, Las Positas features an 18-hole golf course, a nine-hole course and a driving range, along with restaurant and clubhouse facilities. ■

Editor's note: Anumita Kaur is a freelance writer for the Pleasanton Weekly.

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HOPE HOSPICE

Golf tourney raises \$102,000

The Northern California Division of development firm Toll Brothers recently raised \$102,188 for local nonprofit Hope Hospice during a golf benefit at Castlewood Country Club. More than 180 golfers took part in the tournament, and organizers exceeded their fundraising goal by more than \$25,000. Hope Hospice CEO, shown here receiving the donation check, said the financial contribution "makes it possible for us to carry out our mission to provide quality care, comfort and compassion to patients and their families at life's end."

Theatre

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID The Disney film "The Little Mermaid" will be shown at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. For more information, visit the TVRT website trivalleyrep.org.

Concerts

THE DROPSTICKS AT CONCERT IN THE PARK The Dropsticks bring Classic Rock to Concert in the Park from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 27, at Lions Wayside Park, on First Street. pleasantondowntown.net.

THE NEW CHRISTY MINSTRELS AT THE BANKHEAD THEATER The New Christy Minstrels will perform at 8 p.m. on July 27, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, with their creator Randy Sparks still at the helm. For more information go to: visitrivalley.com.

THE APES AT CONCERT IN THE PARK The Apes brings Contemporary Rock to Concert in the Park on Friday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m., at Lions Wayside Park, on First Street. Go to pleasantondowntown.net for more information.

TUESDAY TUNES Tuesday Tunes presented by Livermore Cultural Arts Council Summer Schedule: 6:45 p.m., on July 31, Aug. 7 and Aug. 14, in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Different bands perform each week. Visit lcac.org for more information.

TRI-VALLEY JAZZ TRIO + GUIDO FAZIO At 7 p.m., on Friday, August 10 at Inklings, 530 Main St., Free. Saxophonist Guido Fazio will be appearing with the Tri-Valley Jazz Trio. Visit: trivalleyjazz.org, or eventbrite.com for more information.

Festivals & Fairs

POWERHOUSE COMIC CON 2018 From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on July 28, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., pop culture and comic convention returns for year two with more space, more celebrities, more activities and more fun. Stay updated for news and announcements at powerhousecomiccon.com, facebook.com/powerhousecomiccon.

TAKE US ALONG



Shire folk: Jeff Schnurr, Summer Rose and Paula and Michael Avriett visited "The Hobbiton" movie set in Matamata, New Zealand during their adventure through Australia and New Zealand.

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Talks & Lectures

IMMIGRATION FORUM From 2 to 4 p.m. on July 29 at St. Charles Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore, local community organizers are hosting an immigration forum. The event will feature a panel discussion on the history of immigration, causes of migration and the impact of detention on families. To attend, RSVP at actionnetwork.org.

PLEASANTON 2020 FORUM The 2020 Forum meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in the Chamber Conference Room, 200 Bernal Ave. Topics vary. For topic notifications, contact scott@pleasanton.org. Scott Raty, President/CEO. business. pleasanton.org.

Fundraisers

OPEN HEART KITCHEN'S BLACK & WHITE PARTY FUNDRAISER From 6 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 17, at the Palm Event Center in The Vineyard, 1184 Vineyard Ave., Open Heart Kitchen is holding its annual fundraiser to help support the hungry of the Tri-Valley. Purchase 9 tickets and get 1 free. Contact taylor@openheartkitchen.org or 500-8241, donate. openheartkitchen.org/2018fundraiser.

Museums & Exhibits

UNDERPINNINGS, NEW FINE ART EXHIBIT Exhibit is open from 12 to 5 p.m., on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, from Aug. 8 through Sept. 15 at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., explores the skeletal structure of bridges, freeways, architecture, and includes prints, paintings, and ethereal paper structures. Go to firehousearts.org for more information.

Food & Drink

AXIS COMMUNITY HEALTH Free, fresh produce and more from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, at Axis

Community Health, 4361 Railroad Ave. Information on CalFresh and MediCal enrollment will also be available. For information call 462-1755.

Family

SUMMER GAME DAYS Enjoy the final event of the summer at the Pleasanton Library. Drop in any time between 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2 to 4 p.m., on Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28 in the Large Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Carnival style games, best for 3rd grade and younger, but all are welcome. Contact Children's Desk - 931-3400 ext. 3.

CHARACTERZ KIDZ FAMILY GAME NIGHT Free Family Fun Night, at 6 p.m., on the first Friday of the month, at Characterz Cafe, 5424 Sunol Blvd. Monthly game night for all ages. Bring a game to share or play one of Characterz's. crystaldiamond@characterzcafe.com or call 998-WHAM (9426).

Lessons & Classes

FREE COMPUTER TUTORING From 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Bernal Ave., find help with downloading e-books from the library to your e-reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, or general internet questions. Call 931-3400 before arriving. cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Support Groups

AL-ANON AND ALATEEN Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. Contact 277-7661 or help@AlanonTriValley.org. Go to www.alanonTriValley.org. Pleasanton.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP From 7 to 9 p.m., on Tuesdays, June 19 thru Aug. 22, Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. Contact: Linda Husted 833-9013. lihusted@sbcglobal.net. Enroll now, pre-registration required. The workbook is \$15. Call the contact above if you would like to attend or learn more about the group.

PET OF THE WEEK



ALLIE'S PALS

Mama Channing

Channing was one of Allie's Pals Cat Rescue's mom cats, but she raised an adorable litter of kittens in one of our foster homes and is now retired from the stresses of motherhood. She's got a big personality and loves to get tons of attention. Channing is spayed, microchipped, virus-negative and fully vaccinated. She is available for adoption through Allie's Pals; contact Terri at terrilduncan@yahoo.com.

FINDING WELLNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS Classes meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning July 26 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Interactive series of classes designed to promote healthy living and wellbeing, including 20 minutes of gentle exercise. Open to seniors 60 and better.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS A bimonthly workshop for grief support will be held at 7:30 p.m., on Aug. 9 and 23 at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Go to catholicsofpleasanton.org, for additional information.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND Tri-Valley Chapter meets from 1 to 3 p.m., on the second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP A support group is held from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month, at the Alcosta Senior & Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, for those recently diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder. For more information go to eastbayet.com, call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

LUPUS AND FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP This group meets at 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Weekes Library, 217300 Patrick Ave., Hayward, (off Tennyson Road). Contact janetip510@yahoo.com for more information.

Sports

ROWELL RANCH NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY Day of the Cowboy Rowell Ranch Rodeo, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 28 and at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 29, at Rowell Ranch Park, Dublin Canyon Road, Dublin. An event to celebrate and honor the American Cowboy. Contact Allison Batteate at RGCAllison@yahoo.com to register or call 413-9502 or atteateLivestock@hotmail.com. Register, free lunch and gift.

Seniors

MEN OF BREAKFAST Join the Men of Breakfast or MOB at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of

the month for a cup of coffee and friendly discussion at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Bring a newspaper and whatever topics pique your interest.

PHOTO CLUB The photo club meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. and is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Teens

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL PARTY One last pool party before school starts will be held at 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, 4455 Black Ave. Incoming 6th to 8th graders welcome. Cost is \$15. Register today at pleasantonfun.com - code 7642. Go to: perfectmind.com for more information.

Community Groups

PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY We meet for lunch from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. every Friday at Haps Original Steaks and Seafood at 122 West Neal St. Learn more about us online at: pnr-rotary.org. Public Relations Contact: Stacey Blaney, 872-4036, email: stacey@denalidatasystems.com.

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS CLUB: GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME Join us from 12 to 1 p.m., on Thursdays at The Corrie Center, 7950 Dublin Blvd, 3rd Floor Conf. Rm., Dublin. Improve public speaking, communication and leadership skills. Toastmasters.org, HaciendaTM@gmail.com, or call 398-3257 for more information.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB The Pleasanton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Inklings, 530 Main St. No dinner will be served. For more information visit pleasantonlionsclub.org.

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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; Aug. 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. (PLW, JULY 13, 20, 27; Aug. 3, 2018)

TRI VALLEY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 547097 The following person doing business as: TRI VALLEY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, 5619 SAN LUIS CT. PLEASANTON, CA, 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: MATTHEW W FUSON, 5619 SAN LUIS CT, PLEASANTON, CA, 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein 11 JULY 2018. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: MATTHEW W. FUSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11 JULY 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, JULY 27, AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 2018).

A TOUCH OF HEALTH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 546984 The following person(s) doing business as: A Touch of Health, located at 80 Mission Dr. Suite A, Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): VERONICA B. HORTON, 220 Kilkare Rd., Sunol, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 1988. Signature of the registrant: Veronica B. Horton, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 27; Aug. 3, 10, 17, 2018)



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4161 Amberwood Circle S. Ekren to S. Adai for \$690,000
3254 Anastacia Court Tabler Trust to M. Selvam for \$1,401,000
5656 Belleza Drive Callahan Trust to V. Duggineni for \$750,500
5762 Belleza Drive S. Shekarchian to S. Natarajan for \$765,000
5375 Black Avenue #3 Pecoraro Trust to D. Ryder for \$780,000
3623 Cameron Avenue Tomlin Trust to J. Zhao for \$2,250,000
2891 Chocolate Street N. & M. Chiaradia to T. Wong for \$1,160,000
4803 Del Valle Parkway Uranwala Trust to A. Poddar for \$1,255,000
4253 Dorman Road J. & D. Zentner to J. Caruso for \$750,000
1889 Foxswallow Circle Foley Trust to R. Dhar for \$1,420,000
4816 Funston Gate Court G. & J. Federico to T. McCawley for \$1,334,000
7918 Hillsboro Court Dolce Trust to S. Wang for \$1,100,000
7574 Knollwood Place G. & T. Walder to V. Dasu for \$835,000
655 Merlot Court J. & D. Darling to S. Darling for \$1,000,000
4369 Mirador Drive T. & P. Kamienski to R. Acosta for \$1,175,000
8055 Mountain View Drive #C B. Haig to D. Balasubramanian for \$610,000
3459 Old Foothill Road C. & S. Austin to Sun Meadowlark for \$3,380,000

587 San Miguel Court S. & T. Kelly to S. Kannareddy for \$1,345,000
1807 Sannita Court Sohail Trust to Y. Wang for \$3,150,000
1330 Stony Brook Lane Ishaya Trust to Shah Trust for \$1,700,000
2785 Turnstone Drive Bartolotti Trust to Quinton Trust for \$1,337,000
6645 Via San Blas J. & P. Wolf to J. Lee for \$1,230,000
3177 West Las Positas Boulevard P. Muppidi to H. Mandalia for \$1,251,000
843 Aramon Court K. & R. Kalepp to Edgerton Trust for \$1,560,000
4255 Cabernet Court D. & L. Garon to Yue Trust for \$1,390,000
1640 Calle Santiago T. Hemenway to R. Ramirez for \$700,000
32 Castledown Road N. & C. Sullivan to B. Hughes for \$1,662,500
5766 Corte Libre S. & A. Stokoe to B. Maoz for \$1,880,000
2727 Corte Ponderosa J. & P. Hee to M. Tohara for \$1,370,000
41 Craig Court Xavier Trust to N. Dua for \$975,000
2329 Foothill Road #2 M. & M. Tehranian to W. Zhang for \$488,000
6252 Gibson Court A. & T. Shields to K. Palomlno for \$1,130,000
4871 Golden Road Nelson Trust to L. Zhu for \$1,026,000
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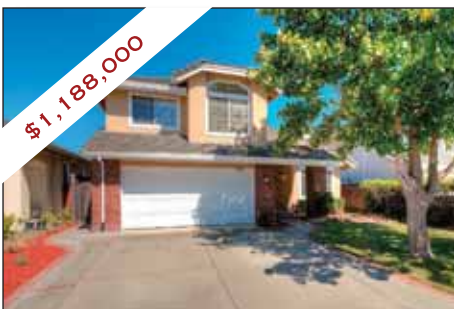


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Pleasanton (May 30 to June 5)

Total sales reported: 34
 Lowest sale reported: \$475,000
 Highest sale reported: \$2,173,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,227,882

Dublin (May 30 to June 5)

Total sales reported: 21
 Lowest sale reported: \$480,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,600,000
 Average sales reported: \$985,286

Livermore (May 30 to June 5)

Total sales reported: 31
 Lowest sale reported: \$425,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,589,000
 Average sales reported: \$887,871

San Ramon (June 7-14)

Total sales reported: 32
 Lowest sale reported: \$540,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,830,000
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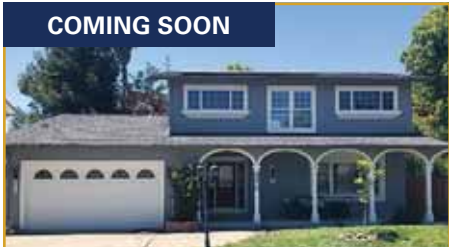
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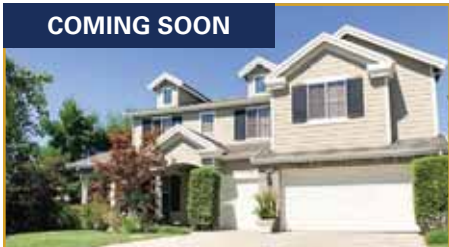
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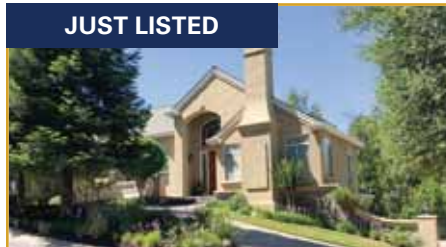
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A: Melinda I'm sure that was unwelcome news. Very disappointing to be sure. Can they cancel the contract? Sure. The better question is what remedies do you have as a seller. Unfortunately, since they did not put the good faith deposit into escrow, there are no funds to secure the offer. If their deposit was in escrow, you would be in a stronger position, and may have been able to make a claim or negotiate for part or all of the buyer's deposit, depending on the circumstances. But since there is no deposit, you have limited practical options to enforce the contract. You may be able to take action against them on the basis of bad faith, but it would likely be expensive and a fairly long

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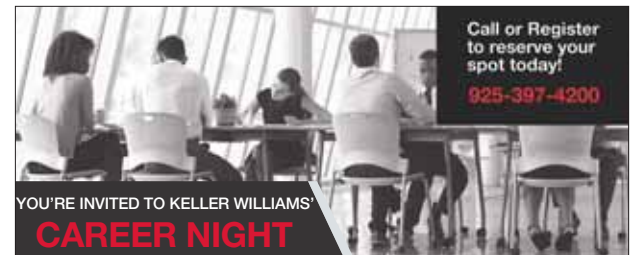


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