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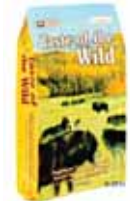
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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

A community vision

When retiring Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce CEO Scott Raty reflects on his most recent tenure here, he quickly points to the community vision that the chamber has developed.

Chamber leaders and stakeholders put together the first vision for Pleasanton in 2008 after Raty returned to the helm following a stint leading the Hayward chamber. There, he was exposed to the vision process that the Modesto chamber utilized, and he copied it for Hayward.

Upon returning to Pleasanton, he convened chamber leaders to start the process. He pointed out the Pleasanton that exists today did not happen by accident — it was careful planning over many years.

The vision establishes measurable objectives across a variety of community attributes such as the economy, public safety, infrastructure and education. What's refreshing about the process is it doesn't involve bringing in expensive consultants. Instead, teams of chamber members interview the local experts in each area such as the city manager, the school superintendent, the police and fire chiefs, and leaders in the arts, health care and human services.

Through those interviews, the measurable goals were developed and became the roadmap in 2008 for chamber policy advocacy. The process was transparent with copies published and available to anyone. Those goals also served as the evaluation grid that the chamber's political action committee (the BACPAC) used to consider whether to endorse and actively support candidates.

"The chamber's niche is to be a catalyst and convener around all areas of community excellence," Raty said.

The introduction of Vision 2020 points out why the chamber cares and why the community should care — business produces more than 60% of the local taxes in a community that is widely recognized as an excellent place to live, work and raise a family. The 2008 plan, "Vision 2015," included 45 measurable objectives. When it came time to update it, 37 of the 45 objectives were either fully or partially achieved — eight showed no progress.

That's a pretty good batting average.

With that vision, Raty and other business leaders set out to convince a majority of the Pleasanton City Council that every vote was not required to be 5-0. That view was

the prevailing view and resulted in Councilman Matt Sullivan effectively exercising a veto over any action.

Once Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne agreed that it was OK to move important issues forward on 3-2 votes, that opened the door to critical improvements such as connecting Stoneridge Drive in east Pleasanton with Jack London Boulevard.

To keep issues on the table, the chamber holds monthly 2020 Forums to bring together diverse interests and stakeholders to understand issues and decide how to move forward.

The objectives can be big and can be relatively obscure such as updating the city zoning code (Part 1 done, Part 2 underway). Others are major such as the Downtown Specific Plan that is underway and the completion of the Fairgrounds Master Plan.

The Vision 2020 report also includes 13 measures to gauge the local economy — all are back or above the pre-recession levels.

When it comes to infrastructure, there are primarily regional issues such as Highway 84, interstates 580 and 680, and BART to Livermore. It does list local infrastructure such as the long overdue second bridge at Bernal Avenue at the Arroyo de la Laguna to eliminate that bottleneck.

In the areas of arts, culture and recreation, it calls out the completed improvement at the dog park and Wayside and Delucci parks as well as the improvements to the Pioneer Cemetery. Still lacking are the comprehensive east side plan as it relates to housing, infrastructure and trails.

Concerning education, it identifies that Pleasanton students continue to achieve a ranking high nationally and statewide. That requires qualified educators and embedded ongoing professional training. It also calls for increased collaboration between the school district and Las Positas College, as well as local industry requirements and cutting edge STEAM education.

Key measurables in public safety measure Pleasanton remaining on the list of the safest cities of its size with public emergency response at four minutes or less and non-emergency response at 20 minutes.

One of the highlights for the Vision 2020 was when City Manager Nelson Fialho directed his staff to include some of those measurables in the City Council's two-year work plan. ■

About the Cover

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

Do you consider yourself a Type A personality (competitive, highly organized, ambitious), a Type B personality (more relaxed and not easily angered), or something else entirely?



Ash Patel *Physician*

I'm neither. I'm a Type A+ personality. I always strive to do my absolute best at whatever I'm doing. I also want to do it better than everyone else. I was born this way. My approach to everything I do is to go above and beyond what people expect of me, and also what I expect of myself. It is sometimes exhausting, but very gratifying as well.



Debra Lambert *Public relations*

I'd have to say I'm a Type A because I'm very focused and particular and like to do things a certain way. However, because I manage a team of other people, I often have to dial things down or back a bit. It's not natural for me, but I'm able and willing to do that in order to keep people comfortable and happy. That's what's most important.



Sunil Hariani

Managing director/general counsel

When I care about something and it really matters to me, I am incredibly intense — a total A+ personality. On the other hand, if something is not that important to me, I'm much more of a chill, relaxed Type B.



Kim Lambert

Retired/consultant

I'd have to say I'm a Type B+ because I'm Type A while I'm working, but in my personal life I am much more relaxed and never sweat the small stuff.



Ellie Stein

Retired

When I was younger, I would probably be considered Type A. But now that I'm getting on in years, I think I'm a Type B- because aside from my children and grandchildren, there's just not a lot that matters to me anymore. With most things, I'm just like, "Yeah, OK, whatever."

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Commission applicants

The city of Pleasanton is seeking resident volunteers interested in serving on a city commission or committee starting later this summer.

Recruitment is underway for available positions on the Human Services Commission (regular member), Library Commission (youth and regular), Youth Commission (middle school), Committee on Energy and the Environment (youth), and Economic Vitality Committee (commercial real estate broker, commercial real estate developer, financial services and medical service).

Applicants for regular and youth positions must reside in Pleasanton. Applications are being accepted through Aug. 17, with interviews to follow the week of Aug. 27 ahead of a potential September appointment.

For more information, visit cityofpleasantonca.gov or call the City Clerk's Office at 931-5027.

Executive retiring

Steve Heminger announced last week that he will soon retire as executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

The 58-year-old Heminger told the MTC-ABAG's Executive Committee that he would leave office on Feb. 28. A seven-member subcommittee is now working to recruit Heminger's successor.

Heminger, who first joined MTC staff in 1993 as a legislation and public affairs manager, became deputy executive director in 1999 before being promoted to the top spot in 2001. He took on the role of ABAG executive director when the two regional agencies merged in July 2017.

MTC is the transportation planning, funding and coordinating agency for the nine-county Bay Area. ABAG is the regional planning agency for the Bay Area's nine counties and 101 cities and towns.

Black & White Party

Local nonprofit Open Heart Kitchen is holding its annual fundraiser Aug. 17 at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton, with this year's theme as Black & White Party.

Attendees can enjoy a sangria greeting and scrumptious dinner paired with fine wine, all while dancing to live music, bidding on silent and live auction items, and mingling with fellow Open Heart Kitchen supporters. Tuxedos and ballgowns are not required; just a favorite black and white outfit.

All proceeds go directly toward Open Heart Kitchen's programs to combat hunger in the Tri-Valley.

To learn more, visit www.openheartkitchen.org. ■

City plans to rescind JDEDZ approvals, putting Costco on hold

Council would revisit project following supplemental environmental analysis

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council is set to consider canceling its decision from last year to approve the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone in favor of more environmental and public review of the project, a move that would also indefinitely delay the new Costco store and hotels proposed to move into the JDEDZ area.

The plan to revisit the JDEDZ aims to address questions raised in the lawsuit that challenged the city's regulatory framework that paved the

way for Costco, two hotels and other retailers to move onto rezoned land near the I-580/I-680 interchange.

"Given the inherent delay associated with litigation involving the California Environmental Quality Act, the city has agreed to set aside the approvals so that supplemental environmental review can take place," city attorney Dan Sodergren said Monday.

"Although this project has already been subject to extensive environmental review, the city believes that this is the most effective way to provide the public and

public officials with information and allow for reconsideration of the project," Sodergren added. "Costco is in support of this approach and is a signatory to the (court) stipulation."

Former City Councilman Matt Sullivan, spokesman for the Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth group that sued the city last December after the council certified the environmental impact report (EIR) for the JDEDZ project, said the resident coalition supports the city's plan for more analysis.

"The city is doing the right thing

by rescinding the JDEDZ approvals, reopening the supplemental environmental impact report and fully exploring the environmental impacts of this project on the community. We look forward to reviewing the revised environmental study when it is complete," Sullivan said Tuesday.

The lawsuit argues the EIR was an inadequate analysis that failed to mitigate all significant impacts of the project, including but not limited, to impacts on air quality,

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Proposed 'Valley Link' map



Map shows proposal for Valley Link light rail system from Dublin-Pleasanton BART station to North Lathrop (Phase 1) and later Stockton (Phase 2).

Authority backs light rail concept

Feasibility study, environmental review set for 'Valley Link'

By JEREMY WALSH

Local leaders looking to help alleviate residents' daunting commute through the Tri-Valley are eyeing a new public transit option for the years ahead: a light rail system that links the burgeoning northern San Joaquin Valley over the Altamont Pass to BART in Pleasanton.

The board of directors of the new joint powers authority charged with connecting BART to ACE Train voted unanimously last week to select its preferred project alternative, a "multiple unit" light rail service between the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station and the North Lathrop ACE

station, featuring two initial stops in Livermore and in key cities on the other side of the hill.

The decision sets the stage for a feasibility study and an environmental review due to be completed by next spring, with the goal of having new "Valley Link" trains in service as early as 2024.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who chairs the Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority board, called the July 25 decision "a very important milestone that will keep us on a trajectory toward groundbreaking."

"I want to thank each and

every member of our authority board and their staffs for their commitment to delivering a project that is fast, cost-effective and responsive to the goals and objectives of the communities it will serve," added Haggerty, whose supervisorial district includes Livermore and Dublin.

Born from the BART Board of Directors' efforts — or lack thereof — to extend BART service to Livermore, the regional rail authority's concept centers on multiple-unit trains that utilize self-propelled cars with a hybrid engine.

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Election candidates emerge

Three eye council seats; mayor, PUSD incumbents file too

By JEREMY WALSH AND ERIKA ALVERO

The November elections are starting to take shape as candidates have begun to emerge for local Pleasanton seats, with the initial filing deadline approaching next week.

For Pleasanton City Council, incumbent Councilwoman Kathy Narum and challengers Joe Streng and Julie Testa have all taken out nomination papers and plan to submit their completed paperwork to the city clerk in the days ahead.

Meanwhile, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne has already filed his candidacy paperwork and is the only person to publicly declare their intent to run for the mayoral post.

The same is the case for Pleasanton Unified School District's Board of Trustees, where only incumbents Joan Laursen and Mark Miller have entered the race so far.



Joe Streng



Julie Testa

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Commission talks SideTrack permit, neighbors' staircase dispute

Restaurant given extended alcohol hours; resident approved for new entry outside home

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Planning Commission last week granted longer alcohol-service hours to the under-construction SideTrack Bar and Grill downtown and then waded into a neighborhood dispute over a resident's request to build an outdoor staircase connecting to her house's second story.

The owners of SideTrack sought permission to serve alcohol on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights until 1 a.m. once the restaurant opens at 30 W. Angela St. — a request that triggered commission review, under city code, for alcohol service later than 11 p.m.

City staff recommended approval of the extended hours based on proposed operating conditions, consistency with other downtown restaurants and city objectives in

the Downtown Hospitality Guidelines aimed at improving the viability of downtown, including supporting more restaurant options and nightlife venues.

The commissioners heard some concerns before the July 25 meeting, and from one resident during the hearing, about noise and other neighborhood disturbances, according to community development director Gerry Beaudin. He noted the public concerns about SideTrack seemed somewhat conflated with criticisms associated with the summer Concerts in the Park in nearby Lions Wayside Park.

In the end, the commission unanimously approved SideTrack's use permit with extended alcohol hours on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and up to 10 other times each year for holidays and other

special occasions.

SideTrack remains under construction and is on track to open as early as October, according to owner Todd Utikal.

The single-story building, which is being remodeled to house SideTrack, became rundown in the years after former tenant Joy China Cuisine closed in 2015. The site has deep civic ties for Pleasanton — the building was constructed in 1968 for an Alameda County Justice Court and later served as the City Council chambers during the 1970s, before becoming a commercial site.

In other business, the commission approved a resident's request to build an exterior staircase connecting to the second story of her Corte Del Vista house, a project opposed by her backyard neighbor concerned about privacy, noise and

visual impacts.

The situation developed from homeowner Shadi Azizi's desire to create a separate entrance for her tenant who rents rooms in her house, located off Paseo Santa Cruz about half a mile from Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park.

Azizi's proposal called for constructing a new outdoor staircase and exterior door on the northern side of the house. City staff noted she first tried to build an interior staircase and new interior walls without permits, resulting in a code enforcement action that precipitated her formal application with a revamped, exterior plan.

The city's zoning administrator approved the exterior staircase in May, finding appropriate design elements would minimize the impacts on backyard neighbor

John Vinci, who argued the staircase would negatively affect his property's privacy, existing views of Pleasanton Ridge and quietness when people use the new door and staircase.

The zoning administrator required solid wood paneling and shifted the stairs' landing in order to mitigate visual and noise impacts — while also pointing out that redwood trees in the yards already provide a natural screen between the neighbors and blocks most of Vinci's view of the Ridge.

Vinci appealed the staff-level decision to the Planning Commission, which sided with the zoning administrator last week. The commissioners found the design was appropriate and voted unanimously to deny the appeal and approve the staircase project, Beaudin said. ■

PUSD vice principal taking helm at Livermore elementary school

Meunier moves to Smith, one of two new principals for LVJUSD

By ERIKA ALVERO

A middle and elementary school in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District will both see new principals this upcoming school year, which begins in a few weeks.

Joseph Meunier, who joins Livermore from Pleasanton Unified School District, will assume the role at Smith Elementary School, while Tammy Rankin, an LVJUSD administrator of 18 years, will step into the position at Mendenhall Middle School.

"Ms. Rankin has long been a leader in our district, and we are

excited to see her take the helm of Mendenhall," Superintendent Kelly Bowers said. "And I am so eager for the students to meet Mr. Meunier — they will love his enthusiasm."

Meunier had worked for Pleasanton Unified since 2009. He has taught at the elementary and middle school levels, and most recently served as vice principal at Hart Middle School, having been appointed in 2016.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts and teaching credential from Saint Mary's College, and his administrative leadership credential from California State University, East Bay.

Rankin, who grew up in Livermore Valley schools, has served the district in various capacities for 24 years. She taught at Livermore and Vineyard high schools, before moving into administrative roles. She served as dean of guidance at Granada High School, vice principal at Junction Avenue Middle School (now a K-8 campus) and Mendenhall Middle School, and principal at Jackson Avenue and Smith elementary schools.

She earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from California State University, Hayward. ■

COSTCO

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human health, transportation and traffic, utilities and urban decay.

The group also contends city officials did not adequately respond to public comments on the draft EIR and did not recirculate new information in the final EIR.

The JDEDZ proposal, initiated by the city to spur commercial development on under-utilized land on Johnson Drive and Commerce Circle, detailed rules for how redevelopment could occur on the 40 acres near the freeways' interchange, including a nearly 20-acre site left vacant when Clorox closed its research center there.

City officials initially stood by its public review process when presented with the lawsuit, but they now appear to support pausing any JDEDZ development and revisiting the environmental issues rather than wait out potentially lengthy legal proceedings that could force that very same re-consideration process in the end.

The plan of action was set into motion days after the council provided confidential direction to its legal team in a closed-session meeting July 3, according to court records.

"Once this supplemental environmental review is complete, additional public comment will occur, and the City Council will consider re-approving the project," Sodergren said, citing specifically assertions in the lawsuit related to air quality and economic analysis.

Attorneys informed the court in mid-July that city staff plans to present the council soon with a proposed resolution to set aside the Nov. 7 JDEDZ approvals and that the city and Costco agree to take no future actions that rely

on those prior approvals, effectively delaying any work on the proposed Costco. The two hotels in the JDEDZ, approved by the Planning Commission in June, are also on hold.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Brad Seligman then signed an order on July 16 suspending the lawsuit's briefing schedule and postponing the next court date until Sept. 25 to check in on the status of the case.

Sodergren said he could not estimate how long the JDEDZ supplemental review would take. He also noted the council took a similar approach when faced with a lawsuit challenging the Staples Ranch development EIR in 2009, a project that was approved again after the city completed extra environmental review.

As originally approved, the JDEDZ proposal rezoned 12 parcels for potential commercial development, along with strict design guidelines that could help expedite city review of future projects in the marquee area and a tax-sharing agreement between Costco and the city to help pay for roadwork needed to accommodate the increase in traffic in the area.

When the council picks up the conversation again, at an undetermined date likely in September, it could well do so with only three members.

Councilwoman Karla Brown recused herself from subsequent JDEDZ discussions in April after announcing she discovered she owned \$2,900 Costco stock in a retirement fund. That recusal followed Mayor Jerry Thorne stepping down from the JDEDZ consideration process months into the debate in July 2016 after revealing his retirement fund included Costco stock — which he later sold. ■

Livermore council puts health care initiative on November ballot

Also: City continues pursuing district-based council elections starting in 2020

By ANUMITA KAUR

The Livermore City Council voted unanimously last week to place an initiative proposing regulations on health care service costs in Livermore on the November ballot.

The initiative, spearheaded by a union representing Stanford Health Care workers, seeks to limit local health care charges to 115% of the "reasonable cost of direct patient care." The rules would apply to all medical practitioners in Livermore, including Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare.

The ballot measure is proposed by SEIU United Healthcare Workers West, which collected enough signatures in Livermore to force the

council to consider placing the initiative on the ballot citywide. The union also tried a signature collection drive for a similar initiative in Pleasanton that didn't materialize.

A similar initiative is slated to appear on the city of Palo Alto's ballot, and another that qualified in Emeryville is on hold as the city is challenging the legality of a union proposal. Currently, no California city has a similar healthcare service cost oversight.

In Livermore, the council decided last month to order city staff to prepare an informational report to further explore the impacts of the first-of-its-kind initiative before determining whether, as Election

Code states, it should be adopted immediately or placed on the ballot for local vote.

The city report found that there would be significant expenses for the city to both initially implement and sustain such an initiative over time. The report did not state potential health care cost savings from the initiative.

Following the presentation and public comment, the council agreed July 23 to place the initiative on the ballot for November's election.

Meanwhile, the city has challenged the legality of the initiative in a lawsuit filed last month in

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Public comments invited on two water-related projects

Environmental review ongoing for Zone 7's Patterson Pass project, state's WaterFix

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Zone 7 Water Agency has released initial environmental review documents for proposed upgrades to the Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant, and community members can now submit feedback through Aug. 22.

The project would involve the construction of new facilities in order to incorporate ozonation disinfection technology into its treatment processes.

"Ozonation has been identified as one that would be most effective to improve taste, remove odor, and maintain or improve overall water quality for water consumers in the Zone 7 service area," agency officials wrote in a statement.

"In addition to improving taste and odor, ozone is more

effective than other water treatment technologies (such as powdered activated carbon, chlorine and chloramines) in addressing algal byproducts and chemicals of emerging concern, including endocrine disruptors, as well as pharmaceutical and personal care product residues," they added.

The proposed ozonation project is estimated to cost \$92 million overall, to be funded by water rates, new connection fees and bonds.

It is similar to the one already underway at the Del Valle Treatment Plant. Zone 7 anticipates that the final mitigated negative declaration (MND) — the documents evaluating the environmental impacts of the project — will be presented for possible approval at the regular board

meeting Sept. 19.

Overall, the review found minimal environmental impact from the project, located at 8750 Patterson Pass Road, east of Livermore in unincorporated Alameda County. However, some mitigation measures would be required if passed, specifically in regards to air quality, biological resources, soil erosion, cultural resources (both tribal and otherwise), hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality and utilities and service systems.

The draft documents and additional information about the project are available online at the water agency's website, www.zone7water.com. A copy of the draft MND will also be available at the Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore libraries.

Locals can submit comments to Mona Olmsted at molmsted@zone7water.com or via mail to 100 N. Canyons Pkwy., Livermore, CA 94551.

Another water-related public comment period is now open, as draft environmental documents for the state's California WaterFix project have been released.

The California WaterFix aims to improve water access by constructing two tunnels beneath the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to transport water to Central and Southern California. The recent draft supplemental environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS) was released July 17, evaluating proposed modifications approved by the state a year ago.

Zone 7 adopted a resolution to support the controversial project in September 2017.

"California WaterFix would provide a much-needed upgrade to the aging through-Delta conveyance currently used by Zone 7 to import roughly 80 percent of the Valley's supplies," agency officials said in a statement. "Despite Zone 7's efforts to increase supply reliability through other sources, the Water Supply Evaluation shows that Zone 7 will continue to rely on water conveyed through the Delta and delivered to the Valley via the SWP for about 70% of its supplies."

The environmental review is available at www.californiawaterfix.com, and comments can be sent via email to WaterFixComments@icf.com. ■

LIGHT RAIL

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The estimated \$1.8 billion system would aim to schedule its trains to allow for convenient transfers to BART via a same-level station connecting the proposed Valley Link Isabel Avenue station in Livermore to the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART station in the Interstate 580 median.

The light-rail concept would also effectively shut the door on a conventional BART rail extension into Livermore, something supported by Tri-Valley elected leaders but opposed by the BART board majority.

"Of course, I would have preferred to see BART extend its service to at least Isabel if not Greenville Road. However, given the decision of the BART board, I believe this (light rail) is the best alternative," said Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, who represents the city on the authority board.

"This alternative can be completed faster, at a much lower cost and under local control. The lower cost includes a large reduction in the need to acquire land for right-of-way requirements in Pleasanton," Thorne added.

Local oversight was a key goal of the rail authority, which was created under state legislation by Assemblywomen Catharine Baker (R-Dublin) and Susan Eggman (D-Stockton) to put pressure on BART to either choose a Livermore extension responsive to the region's needs or cede the decision to the new joint authority overseen by officials from Tri-Valley and west San Joaquin cities, both counties, and BART and ACE.

The BART board voted May 24 to bow out of the BART to Livermore extension decision-making after being unable to reach consensus

among board members on a preferred project alternative (conventional BART, light rail or express bus).

When the new fiscal year began July 1 without a BART-selected option in place, the decision shifted to the regional rail authority — whose sole task is finding an effective way to connect BART to ACE.

The authority board met July 25 in Tracy and selected its preferred alternative: a new light rail network over the Altamont Pass connecting the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station to the North Lathrop ACE station, with stops at Isabel and Greenville (ACE) in Livermore, Mountain House, downtown Tracy and River Islands.

The project would leave the door open for possible in-fill stations at South Front (Livermore), Grant Line Road and Ellis Historical (Tracy). There's also a proposed second phase extending the Valley Link to the Amtrak Stockton Station.

The service is proposed to operate from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., with service every 12 minutes between the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station and Greenville Road in Livermore during peak hours and every 24 minutes beyond Greenville to the North Lathrop Station.

On the Tri-Valley end, time estimates compare the 20 minutes on Valley Link from Greenville to Dublin-Pleasanton with 20-40 minutes drive time for that same distance.

The rail line would use primarily Alameda County right-of-way to the county line in the I-580 median, the former Southern Pacific Railroad corridor over the Altamont Pass and in or near the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way in San Joaquin Valley.

The authority estimates construction and design costs for Phase

1 at \$1.8 billion, helped in part by easier access to public right-of-way and other established infrastructure. Valley Link would have \$65 million in estimated annual operating and maintenance costs.

Officials would hope to leverage \$400 million already committed to BART to Livermore from Measure BB Alameda County transportation sales tax revenue with potential federal, state and regional funding.

The authority has set an aggressive nine-month schedule to complete the feasibility study and environmental analysis in order to track the project for formal approval by next July.

"Although this schedule is going to be challenging, it speaks to the importance of getting this project delivered as soon as possible for our constituents," said Tracy Mayor Pro Tem Veronica Vargas, who serves as the authority's vice chair.

Final project design and construction would follow, with construction itself expected to take between five and seven years, meaning Valley Link trains could be in service as early as 2024 — if there are no delays and full funding is found.

Thorne pointed out that the board's preferred alternative could evolve over the course of public review and environmental impact report (EIR) analysis, and there will be plenty of time for residents to provide their input on the project concept in the months ahead.

"I should emphasize that the selection of the preferred alternative only allows us to move on to the EIR process, which will compare other alternatives to the preferred alternative along with some planning. Therefore, changes in the final project design are possible and in my experience quite probable," he said. ■

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CANDIDATES

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The deadline to file candidacy paperwork to qualify for the general election is Aug. 10, although the date is extended by five days in any election where an incumbent doesn't file — which is expected to be the situation for City Council, with Councilman Arne Olson announcing he won't seek a second term.

With Olson bowing out of a re-election bid, the council is guaranteed to see at least one new member after the Nov. 6 election.

Narum revealed more than two months ago that she would pursue a second term this fall. It would mark the final term for the councilwoman under the city's term limits.

She has served on the City Council since voters picked her in a special mail-only election in May 2013 to fill the council seat left vacant when voters elevated Thorne to mayor. She was re-elected to a full four-year term in November 2014.

In the past several days, Streng and Testa also publicly announced their intent to seek one of the two council positions up for grabs. They each have pulled nomination forms but have not yet filed the documents, according to city clerk Karen Diaz.

A longtime Pleasanton resident who graduated from Amador Valley High School as a teenager, Streng served on the Parks and Recreation Commission from 2011 until earlier this year, including two years as commission chair. Among his favorite projects he cited Bernal Community Park, Cubby's Dog Park and the 2017 update to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

Streng said his three priorities as a councilman would be fiscal responsibility and oversight, carefully planned development and maintaining Pleasanton's quality of life.

"Moving forward, our city faces issues that will require cooperation and leadership," he said in a campaign statement. "We've taken steps to prepare for our pension obligations, but more needs to be done. Managing traffic around and through Pleasanton continues to require a regional approach to develop long-term solutions, as well as local action to keep our streets safe for cyclists and pedestrians."

"Our city is one of many across California that needs to deliver housing solutions to keep up with a growing need. I'm ready to tackle these and other matters head on," he added.

A longtime community advocate with focuses on school

overcrowding and slow growth, Testa is a familiar face in council and school board audiences, among other public meetings. She also has city service experience with 11 years previously on the Human Services Commission.

"The threat to the quality of life that Pleasanton residents value has never been greater," Testa told the Weekly.

"Campaign season is an important opportunity to inform the community regarding issues of concern. I want to help our community understand the threat that exists with future high-density development and the impacts it will have on traffic and our overcrowded schools," she added.

"I will let residents know there is a reason to be concerned that the discussion of injecting recycled sewer water into our drinking water is back. I want residents to know that the risks of contamination that gave Pleasanton voters reason to reject Measure J in 2000 still exist," Testa said.

This is the second straight election year Testa has sought city office. She lost her bid to unseat Thorne in a two-candidate mayoral race in November 2016.

This time around, Thorne is seeking his fourth and final two-year term as mayor. Thus far, no other potential candidate has pulled papers to challenge Thorne as of Tuesday afternoon, according to Diaz.

On the school board side, two seats are up for election and both incumbents have filed for re-election.

Laursen has sat on the board since first being elected in November 2010, and most recently served as board president in 2016-17. She is a board representative for the Tri-Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) and the Regional Occupational Programs Joint Powers Board.

Miller, the current board president, is seeking a second consecutive four-year term this fall. He is a representative to the City of Pleasanton Liaison Committee and the PUSD Audit Committee.

The two announced their intents to run for re-election in a joint statement issued in April, months before the filing period opened in July.

Prospective candidates for mayor and school board have until Aug. 10 at 5 p.m. to file candidacy papers. If Olson follows through on not seeking re-election, the council deadline will be extended to Aug. 15 at 5 p.m.

Candidacy papers for city positions must be filed with the City Clerk's Office; contact Diaz at 931-5027. For school board, candidacy documents must be submitted to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office in Oakland; call 510-272-6973. ■

Livermore Lab's laser system sets new record

National Ignition Facility beats previous mark by 10%

BY ANDY LI

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's National Ignition Facility (NIF) recently set a new record by firing 2.15 megajoules of energy into its target chamber — a 10% increase over the previous mark and a 15% improvement over its design specification.

The record met a National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Level 2 Milestone for 2018. NIF is the world's largest and most powerful laser, and is funded by the NNSA to support the Stockpile Stewardship Program.

"NIF's users are always asking to use more energy in their experiments, because higher energies enhance the science NIF can deliver in support of the stewardship program," said NIF director Mark Herrmann. "These results mark a major step toward increasing NIF's energy and power capability. This demonstration serves as the first step on a path that could allow NIF to operate at substantially higher energies than ever envisioned during NIF's design."

The NIF experiment effectively demonstrated the highest energy the laser could safely deliver with its current optics and configuration. By increasing its energy limit, the NIF can expand the parameter space for stewardship experiments and serve as a vital boost to the pursuit of ignition.

A similar demo laser campaign was performed on the NIF last year. Published in Nuclear Fusion, the campaign utilized four NIF beams to study performance

limits and operational costs against predictive models. Efforts were successful in producing the highest energies at the time and set the stage for the delivery of 2.1 megajoules on the 192-beam system.

"The successful 2.1 MJ demonstration is the result of a sustained science and technology investment in NIF and fundamental understanding of optical damage, much of which has been supported by Laboratory Directed Research & Development (LDRD) and other institutional programs," said Jeff Wisoff, NIF and Photon Science Principal associate director.

The NIF laser uses tens of thousands of precision optical components, including lenses, laser glass slabs, mirrors and frequency conversion crystals to amplify the 192 laser beams to a target in the 10-meter target chamber.

Due to constant improvements, these optics are at the cutting edge of material science, and play an important role in raising the laser's energy thresholds. Recent discoveries have reduced the level of damage initiation in the optics and led to a reduced cost to mitigate existing damage spots.

NIF is currently working with LLNL's ignition program to execute the first ignition experiments that utilize enhanced energy capabilities during summer. This is the first step toward extending NIF's energy output to improve the NIF mission space and its contributions to the Stockpile Stewardship Program, officials said. ■

HEALTH CARE

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Alameda County Superior Court.

In other business

- The council moved forward with transitioning the city from an at-large elections system for City Council to a district-based elections system by hearing public opinion on the matter, a necessary step in the consideration process.

The city would be divided into four districts, in accordance to standard practice for its population size. The make-up of these districts will be decided by the city after a series of public hearings.

The next hearing is set for Aug. 13.

The decision to shift voting systems occurred in response to a potential lawsuit. Kevin Shenkman, who represents the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, sent a letter to the city in May arguing that Livermore's at-large elections violates the California Voting

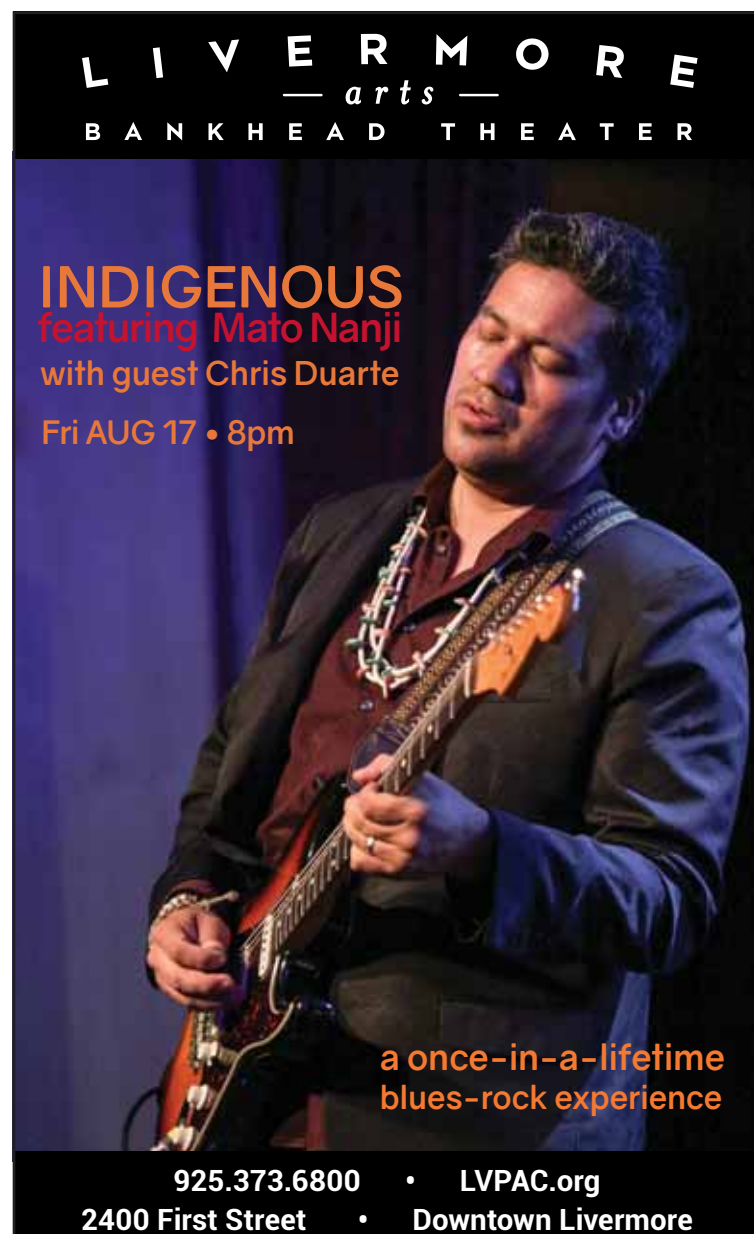
Rights Act. Other California cities have faced similar lawsuits.

Shenkman cited the lack of diversity on the Livermore council, stating that the city's "at-large system dilutes the ability of Latinos (a "protected class") to elect the candidates of their choice or otherwise influence the outcome of the City's Council elections."

Livermore's current voting system means all voters in the city elect the four council members and the mayor. The new district-based election system will divide the city into four districts, in which voters will elect a single council member who lives in their respective district as their council representative. The mayor will continue to be elected at-large, regardless of district.

The new district-based elections system is on track to be implemented by the November 2020 general election. ■

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



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POLICE BULLETIN

Ex-nurse sentenced to prison for fatal 2015 crash

A Pleasanton woman was sentenced last Friday to six years in state prison for killing a Sunnyvale man in a crash in San Lorenzo in unincorporated Alameda County three years ago.

Former registered nurse Michelle Biala, 33, was convicted on April 30 of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated for the death of Steven Lin, 38, on July 13, 2015.

She was sentenced by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Michael Gaffey.

Alameda County prosecutors said Lin, who was driving a Toyota Prius, ran over something in the roadway on southbound Interstate 880 just south of state Highway 238 at about 9:45 p.m. on July 13, 2015, and suffered a flat tire.

Lin pulled his car to the shoulder, activated his flashing lights and remained buckled while he called for a tow, according to prosecutors. Several other vehicles also had flat tires and were parked on the shoulder of I-880.

A short time later, at 9:57 p.m., Biala was driving southbound on I-880 when she swerved her 2007 Chevy Trailblazer across several lanes and collided with the Prius, killing Lin, prosecutors said.

A blood test two hours after the crash showed that Biala had significant levels of marijuana and Ambien, a sleeping pill, according to prosecutors.

Biala, who was a registered nurse at the time, had marijuana in her purse and an Ambien pill bottle that she had picked up from a pharmacy two hours before the crash that had five of its 10 pills missing, prosecutors said.

Two years before the crash Biala had been convicted of “wet” reckless driving and was ordered to attend a 30-hour DUI class, according to prosecutors.

Five months prior to the crash, Biala was arrested for DUI for an incident in which she was found disoriented on the side of a freeway with damage to her vehicle, according to prosecutors, who said Biala admitted at that time that she had used marijuana, Xanax and Valium and was too high to drive.

In other news

- A woman who was found dead at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station on Saturday morning shortly after she was released from Santa Rita Jail was identified by the Alameda County coroner's bureau as 26-year-old Jessica St. Louis of Berkeley.

St. Louis' body was discovered near the passenger pick-up/drop-off area at the station at about 5:30 a.m. Saturday, according to BART officials.

BART officials had said on Saturday that she had a bump on her head and investigators were trying to determine whether she had it when she was released from the jail.

Alameda County sheriff's officials said Monday that a medical exam of St. Louis showed no signs of homicide or assault and they suspect that she died from a drug overdose.

The results of a toxicology report are still pending, according to the sheriff's office.

- A grass fire near the Interstate 680-Bernal Avenue interchange in Pleasanton on Saturday afternoon burned less than an acre and took firefighters from two departments about 45 minutes to put it out.

A construction crew cutting metal is believed to be responsible for sparking the fire, reported about 1:19 p.m.

Saturday, said battalion chief Jason Solak of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. Firefighters from the Alameda County Fire Department helped battle the fire, Solak said.

No one was injured, and no buildings were damaged, he added.

- The Alameda County Sheriff's Office has accepted 286 inmates who had to be evacuated from Lake County, which has been devastated by a wildfire that fire officials fear may be closing in on the county jail in Lakeport.

Sheriff's officials said their deputies and Lake County Sheriff's deputies “worked throughout the night to safely transfer the inmates to our Santa Rita Jail” in Dublin.

“This was a seamless transfer and the inmates are safe at our jail,” sheriff's officials said. “We will continue to do our part to support California communities suffering from devastating wildfires.”

Sheriff's officials said, “As we have seen, Lake County and other northern counties have been devastated and are hurting. It is our job to help them during this tragic time.”

- Danville's Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) was one of the 28 members of the U.S. Congress falsely matched to criminal mugshots by Amazon's facial

recognition technology, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

The ACLU reported last week that the technology, which is being used by some police departments, incorrectly matched the legislators with people who had been charged with a crime.

The false matches disproportionately identified representatives of color, including six members of the Congressional Black Caucus, the ACLU said.

DeSaulnier, along with Sen. Ed Markey (D-Massachusetts) and Rep. Luis Guterrez (D-Illinois), have written to Amazon with concerns about the sale of the technology to law enforcement agencies, the ACLU said.

“I am deeply concerned by Amazon's development and deployment of a faulty facial recognition system that mismatched me and others,” DeSaulnier said in a statement.

“On top of the threat and excessive nature of constant surveillance, the potential for confusion and false identification that could lead to unjust detention and even prosecution is too high,” he said. “Amazon must slow down and consider not just its profit margin, but the impact on society that this technology will have.” ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 29

Sex offense

- 3:16 p.m. on Yellowstone Court

Theft

- 11:58 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Alcohol violation

- 11:18 a.m. on the 5300 block of Sunol Boulevard

July 28

Vandalism

- 6:38 p.m. on the 3400 block of West Ruby Hill Drive

Burglary

- 12 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop

Drug violation

- 4:53 a.m. at Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue

July 27

Theft

- 8:35 a.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

- 10:18 a.m., 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

- 5:11 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft of bicycle

- 9:23 p.m., 4800 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

Drug violation

- 7:29 p.m. at Franklin and Johnson drives

Fraud

- 11:35 a.m. on the 600 block of Rose Avenue

July 26

Theft

- 8:08 p.m., 4700 block of Mason Street; theft from auto

- 6:31 p.m., 200 block of Kottinger Drive; auto theft

Drug violation

- 7:47 a.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Vandalism

- 7:06 a.m. on the 4900 block of Pleasanton Avenue

July 25

Fraud

- 11:12 p.m. on the 5900 block of Owens Drive

Robbery

- 9:40 p.m. on the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue

Alcohol violation

- 7:24 p.m. on the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

Embezzlement

- 6:37 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 10:29 a.m., 4100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from structure

- 11:52 a.m., 2500 block of Raven Road; theft from auto

- 1:23 p.m., 5900 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

Drug violation

- 3:03 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

- 4:14 a.m. on the 500 block of Peters Avenue

July 24

Missing person report

- 5:15 p.m. on Mitchell Road

Drug violation

- 3:18 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

Fraud

- 3:05 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Graffiti offense

- 8:06 a.m. on the 400 block of St. John Street

Burglary

- 7:51 a.m. on the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

July 23

Theft

- 7:58 a.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

- 8:19 a.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from auto

- 10:51 a.m., 5600 block of San Jose Drive; theft from auto

- 3:57 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

- 4:02 p.m., 3500 block of Helen Drive; theft from auto

- 7 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

- 7:11 p.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; theft of bicycle

July 22

Drug violation

- 1:56 a.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

- 11:58 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Trespass/prowling

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

Alcohol violation

- 11:50 a.m. on the 4200 block of First Street

Theft from auto

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

Timothy John Berkley

May 23, 1958 – July 16, 2018

Tim passed away peacefully on Monday July 16th, 2018 at the age of 60.

Born in Los Angeles to Jack and Nancy Berkley on May 23rd, 1958 they later moved to Pleasanton in 1971. Tim married Maria, his high school sweetheart September 3rd, 1977 in Pleasanton.

Tim is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Maria; his children Ryan and wife Stacy, Melissa, sister Theresa, Grandchildren Kennedy Faith and Savannah Grace, nephews Jeremy and Anthony, niece Claire and many loved ones.

Tim is preceded in death by his grandmother GiGi, mother Nancy, brother Steve and father Jack.

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Campaign will fund much-needed stroke care program

Every 40 seconds someone in the United States has a stroke, and every four minutes someone dies of a stroke, according to a 2017 report by the American Heart Association.

Time is of the essence to prevent death and disability from stroke. The sooner medical care is administered, the higher the chance of minimal harm.

But, as of today, if you have a stroke in Pleasanton, there is a good chance the ambulance will take you right past Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare to San Ramon, Walnut Creek or another community with a certified stroke center.

So Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare

is partnering with Stanford Neurology to develop a stroke program here.

"A stroke center at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare is important because timely care is critical when treating a stroke patient," said Dr. David Svec, chief medical officer at Stanford-ValleyCare. "We want to serve our neighbors better by providing access to high-quality stroke care close to home."

"That's why we're raising \$1 million to bring a comprehensive stroke program to our community hospital," said Shaké Sulikyan, executive director of ValleyCare Charitable Foundation.

She added that \$1 million isn't a large amount for a project like this,

"considering that a new MRI machine can cost between \$2 million to \$3 million."

The foundation has launched the "Campaign for Stroke Care" to raise \$1 million to fund equipment, specially trained staff, rehabilitation and education programs and the like.

"We can bring around-the-clock lifesaving services to our community," Sulikyan said.

While affiliated with Stanford Health, ValleyCare, which has served the community for 60 years, is still a separate entity and must fund new services. So the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation is calling on the community for its financial support of the stroke care project.

"Three years ago, we joined forces with Stanford Health Care to bring access to Stanford physicians and services close to home," Sulikyan said. "Stanford has made significant investments in our community hospital, including capital improvements and the implementation of our new electronic medical record system — a tremendous lift for ValleyCare that we wouldn't have been able to undertake on our own."

"Yet it is important to remember that ValleyCare remains a separate entity, with its own balance sheet and operations," she explained. "With ever-shrinking hospital margins, philanthropy is the primary way nonprofit hospitals can launch new services and programs in today's healthcare landscape."

The campaign got a jumpstart when longtime Livermore residents Lynn and Joan Seppala presented a gift of \$100,000 and a matching challenge to encourage others to support the cause: For every two dollars someone donates, the Seppalas will donate one dollar, up to \$150,000.

The Seppalas know first-hand the importance of immediate care for stroke patients and follow-up

therapy and services.

When Lynn was 46, working at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as chief optical designer for the National Ignition Fusion (NIF) project, he suffered a stroke that left his right arm and leg paralyzed, his speech slurred and his memory affected. Through determination — and speech and physical therapy rehabilitation nearly 30 miles away, often multiple times a week for a year — Lynn was able to return to the lab.

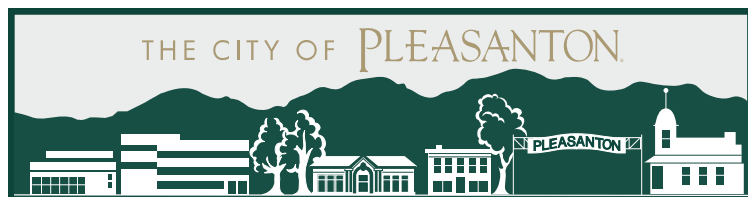
According to the story in the Livermore Independent newspaper, which the Seppalas own, Lynn is "re-living that painfully difficult period as he helps to launch the Campaign for Stroke Care at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare that would provide critical lifesaving care for the Tri-Valley community."

"Every minute matters and being able to provide this level of stroke care at ValleyCare will be extremely valuable to the Tri-Valley community," said Scott Gregerson, president of Stanford-ValleyCare. "We are grateful to the Seppalas for helping to launch this campaign, and we appreciate the support that they and the rest of the community give to ValleyCare."

The Weekly and the Independent are competitors to an extent, but both have the same mission and goal as small, local newspapers — to effect positive change in the communities we serve.

We thank the Seppalas for their generosity, but also for their willingness to be open about a traumatic and frightening experience to inspire others.

For more information about the Campaign for Stroke Care or the Seppalas' matching funds offer, visit valleycare.com/stroke or contact the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation at 373-4560 or vccharitable@stanford-healthcare.org. ■



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approve Appointment for One (1) Teen Poet Laureate Position
- Community Grant Program Review Sub-Committee Meeting Update

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Consider Recommendation of the City of Pleasanton Human Services Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Update

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LETTERS

Police help residents enjoy fair

Dear Editor,

On Friday, June 29 at 11 a.m., Pleasanton's finest escorted our residents from 300 Neal St. to the fairgrounds. Four motorcycle officers and one police vehicle led our residents to the gates of the fairgrounds.

Our residents, families, staff and volunteers with marching music, American flag and our Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab banner traveled in style. The Pleasanton Police Department has escorted our residents for many years making us feel safe at all times.

Our residents had a wonderful time at the fair, sampling the fair food and displays along with

the pig and horse races. Our residents will talk about this outing for weeks.

Thanks to our activities department staff led by activities director Tess Baurile, family members and The Tzuchi Foundation, who pushed our residents in their wheelchairs to the back gate entrance.

We always have a licensed nurse with us. This year, Eric Quant, LVN, made sure our residents were comfortable and well taken care of. A great time was had by all; can't wait till next year. Here's to Pleasanton's boys in blue who took the time to meet and greet and escort us once again to the fair.

—Linda DeGennaro

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

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Pleasanton Little League dominates Turf and Dirt tourney

Also: Sbranti named new Dublin High AD, fall sports on horizon

The Pleasanton Little League 10-year-old team swept the two divisions of the recently concluded Tassajara Valley Turf and Dirt tournament.

The boys from Pleasanton took home the titles in both the All-Star and Tournament team divisions.

The All-Star Team beat Livermore 12-6 for the championship in a battle between teams that regularly faced off this year in always-competitive games.

The Tournament Team claimed its title by knocking off Granada 9-8 in extra innings. Evan Johnson had the walk-off winner in the eighth inning.

Sbranti new Dublin AD

Tim Sbranti, a longtime Dublin community leader and a Dublin High graduate, has come back to the school to take over the vacant athletic director spot.

Sbranti — who graduated from Dublin in 1993 — started as a teacher and coach at the school in 1998 after graduating from Sacramento State. During his first run at the school, Sbranti coached tennis, basketball and even one season of boys volleyball.

During that time, he also served on the Dublin City Council and was the mayor of Dublin. In 2015, he left the school to work with U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (another Dublin grad and former city councilman).

Sbranti was the deputy chief of staff and district director for Swalwell.

“It was something I enjoyed doing, but I missed the educational setting,” Sbranti said of his time with Swalwell. “I am an educator at heart.”

So, when the Gaels had an opening for an athletic director, Sbranti was quick to react.

“I just thought it was a great opportunity to return,” said Sbranti, who also has an administrative credential, but at this time has not made the decision to go in that direction.

He is excited for the upcoming seasons to get going.

“I’m looking to do some great things in athletics,” Sbranti said. “We have great facilities, great coaches and great kids — I’m glad to be back in that setting.”

Another positive is being close



KAREN JOHNSON

The Pleasanton Little League 10-year-old Tournament Team celebrates its victory.

to home and not making trips back and forth to Washington, D.C. on a regular basis.

“I’ve got a 4-year-old daughter and she will be coming to school here,” he said. “This way she can grow up around the school.”

Fall season here!

It may hard be to believe, but the fall season is upon us already. That means it’s time to plan to get the weekly results from your children’s teams at Amador Valley and Foothill.



TRI-VALLEY KARATE

Local martial artists shine in Sacramento

Athletes who study at Tri-Valley Karate in Pleasanton recently competed at the 25th annual Sacramento Karate Championships, with nine of the martial artists combining to bring home 18 medals, including five first-place awards.

The kids are out there working hard every day so let’s make sure they get credit for their efforts.

It’s a simple process and should take no more than 15 minutes a week. At the end of each week, send me a short roundup of the week’s games. Give me teams played, scores and highlights — that’s it.

You don’t have to be a writer: that’s my job. Send me notes and I will turn it into a story.

Send them to acesmag@aol.com by noon on Sundays and I will get them in the following Friday. One request — don’t be the person that only sends in results when the team wins. That sends a bad message to the kids.

This fall’s on you as we can only run the results we get turned in each week. So, before you complain about one school getting more coverage, be part of the solution.

We are also looking for pictures each week. All we need is the identification of the people in the picture as well as who took the photo. That’s it — 15 minutes a week to provide the kids with a lifetime of memories. ■

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

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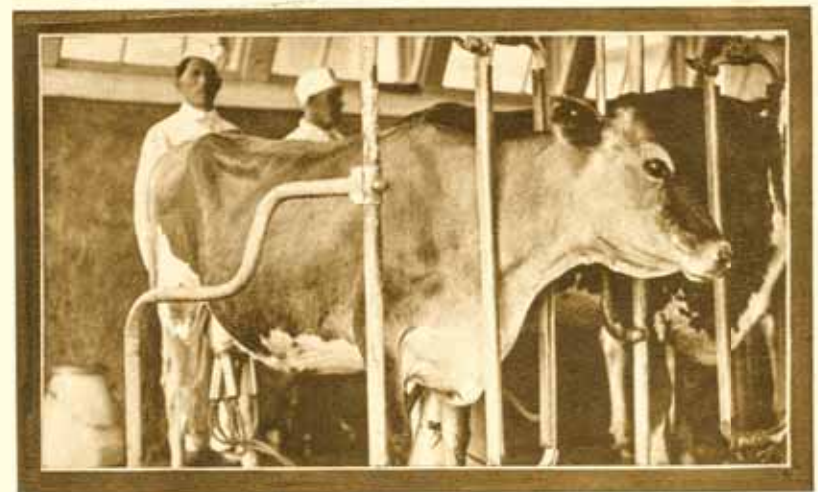
99 YEARS AND COUNTING

How Meadowlark Dairy transformed from cows and milk to Pleasanton's go-to ice cream shop



ERIKA ALVERO

Meadowlark Dairy's drive-thru, built in 1969, originally allowed Pleasanton residents to quickly pick up their milk, butter and eggs downtown. Today, the store is primarily used for drive-up or walk-up ice cream purchases, although the dairy does still sell milk, bacon, eggs and more.



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An advertising poster from Meadowlark Dairy's early days.

A BY RYAN J. DEGAN
certain summertime favorite in Pleasanton is celebrating a milestone anniversary of

providing the Tri-Valley with udderly delicious products.

Local residents may be able to guess

that this institution is Meadowlark Dairy in downtown Pleasanton, which is officially marking its 99th year in operation in 2018.

"It's nice because it is really historic," resident Barbara Smith said while enjoying Meadowlark ice cream with her daughter and grandchildren at the Pleasanton Police Department's Cone with a Cop community event last week.

"When (my daughter) was a kid, we would come up here, way back when. It's really nice to see some of the businesses that were here still be here, and it feels good to support local businesses," Smith said.

As a local staple for nearly a century, Meadowlark Dairy is probably synonymous with Pleasanton for almost every resident.

Originally founded by Walter Briggs Sr. on 153 acres of land off Foothill Road in 1919, Meadowlark holds the distinction of becoming the first certified dairy in California, earning a grade A designation for cleanliness and quality.

In its original days — before its conversion to a family-favorite ice cream parlor — the dairy housed cows and had facilities to process the raw milk produced by the herd on the land that is now home to the city's historic Alviso Adobe Community Park. The dairy products, particularly milk, butter and

cream, were then sold to schools and stores throughout the region.

After World War II, Jannes and Janna Takens immigrated to the U.S.

from war-ravaged Holland and eventually made their way to Pleasanton, where they worked for the Meadowlark Dairy owners.

In 1958, the Takens signed a 10-year lease for the dairy and then bought it in the 1960s

after the original owner's death. They soon moved the dairy's cows to Tracy, and in 1969, they built the drive-thru processing plant in downtown Pleasanton at 57 W. Neal St. that still stands today.

Jannes and Janna sold the dairy to their son Bruce, in the early '80s. Bruce would become the first in the Takens family to produce ice cream in Pleasanton, and he eventually converted the family's milk processing plant into the drive-thru/walk-up ice cream shop Meadowlark is now known for.

"Ice cream started when my dad was making school deliveries back when we were still doing our own

processing," said Bruce's son Jesse, who now owns Meadowlark with his wife Kelsey.

"My dad bought a van from the school district after they said, 'OK we are going to auction off these vans and then whatever is inside of them you have to take with it.' After he bought it, in the back was an ice cream machine, and he thought,

'Well why don't I try to make some ice cream mix?' And that's what he did," Jesse said.

Meadowlark's focus would soon shift when Bruce also decided to sell the family cows and outsource their milk production; today the store gets its dairy products from Crystal Creamery in Modesto.

"Three days a week we would process milk here and put it into cartons and bottles and sell it to schools and other businesses all around," said Jesse's uncle Robert, who remembers helping build the dairy roof in 1969. "In the mid '80s, 1986 I think, we sold the cows. Got out of the cow

'We love the dairy. They have great service, their ice cream is the best in town and we just love it.'

Azin Shetty,
Local resident



RYAN J. DEGAN

The Takens family has owned the Meadowlark for roughly 50 of the dairy's 99 years of operation. This year, the third generation of Takens has taken over ownership of the dairy, shown above from left to right Kelsey, Mason, Caleb and Jesse Takens.



Left: Nga and Jacky Li have been coming to Meadowlark for several years, saying it is a great and convenient place for family. **Right:** The Takens family agrees the dairy's success is due in large part to the hiring of local teens, like Nicole Dees, who help make a fun work environment.

ERIKA ALVERO

business and just became retail.”

Meadowlark still sells milk, butter and cream among other items, but today its primary product is its beloved soft-serve ice cream, which comes in a variety of flavors and non-dairy options.

“Ice cream is really what we try to make money on,” Jesse said. “The land is so expensive out here that you can't really keep cows (here) anyways.”

Bruce operated Meadowlark until January, when he retired and passed it to the third generation of Takenses to operate the dairy, trusting it in the hands of Jesse and Kelsey.

The dairy has seen its share of changes over the decades but not as much as the city of Pleasanton, according to Robert, reflecting on the city's shift from agricultural roots to the much higher populated, residential suburb it has become.

So after 99 years in business, what does the Takens family say is Meadowlark Dairy's key to success?

“Honestly I think it's the kids; they're always happy,” Jesse said, referring to the local high school students who work the dairy, a sentiment echoed by his family.

“Hiring the local kids keeps the energy up and the circle going so to speak,” Robert added.

Jesse explained that during the summer, the dairy usually employs roughly 40 high school students to help with the increased demand for Meadowlark's frozen treats. When the summer ends and the teens begin returning to school, that number is

expected to decrease by over 50%.

“In about two weeks we are going to lose at least 18 so that's always fun,” Jesse said with a laugh.

“I think listening to what the people want, being neighborly and keeping prices down always helps,” Kelsey added, good-naturedly.

Whatever the reason, plenty of ice cream lovers from across the Bay Area will come by to sample the dairy's products, and Pleasanton residents in particular seem to appreciate the ice cream.

“We like the flavors and the experience. It's like the only dairy around here anymore where you can do this. Usually we drive through and eat it in the car, but it's nice out today,” Sarah Fosson said, enjoying a cone outside Meadowlark on Friday afternoon. “We live in San Ramon and will drive down 20 minutes to come here; it's for the experience.”

“We like this place. We love the dairy. They have great service, their ice cream is the best in town and we just love it,” Azin Shetty said Friday while at the dairy with her three sons. “We actually come here a lot.” “Nu-uh,” protested her son Nathan.

“We do once a week and that's still not enough for them,” Azin laughed.

Acting as the cherry on top of celebrating the 99th anniversary, Meadowlark was again selected by Weekly readers as their favorite spot for ice cream/frozen yogurt in this year's Readers' Choice contest.

The owners said they work hard to bring people together and will

hold community-oriented events like Cone with a Cop, which it hosted July 25 for the third year in a row.

“It's an icon in Pleasanton. They've always been very supportive, when we looked for a partner for summertime events a couple of years ago, they stepped up and we've been doing it ever since,” Pleasanton police spokeswoman Shannon Revel-Whitaker said of Meadowlark. “The ice cream is the best, and the employees. I mean (Meadowlark) is everything that Pleasanton represents. They are friendly, small-town and personable. It's great.”

While the summer will soon be nearing an end, Meadowlark isn't going to let the slower season stop the fun. Starting next month, the dairy will introduce a new ice cream flavor every week, rotating a wide variety of flavors to try.

In all, 11 special flavors will be produced, including New York cheesecake, mint chocolate chip, marshmallow, peppermint patty, toasted coconut, cookies and cream, Nutella, cookie dough, praline, red velvet and s'mores. The order is not yet specified, so residents will get to be surprised by what flavor comes up each week.

“We did a Twitter post asking what flavors people would most like to see, and mint chip was the most popular. So we're going to do that and a few others. Why not? It will be fun,” Jesse said. “Working here you have fun while you're doing it. It makes the work even more rewarding.” ■



Above: Meadowlark's cow herds used to roam land on what is today Alviso Adobe Community Park. (Photo courtesy of Meadowlark). **Below:** Three generations enjoying Meadowlark ice cream this summer: Mya, Leila and Sam Gutierrez with grandma Barbara Smith. (Photo by Ryan J. Degan).

PLEASANTON 9-YEAR-OLD HEADS TO COLLEGE

KAIRAN QUAZI PLANS TO DOUBLE-MAJOR IN MATH
AND CHEMISTRY AT LPC, SKIP HIGH SCHOOL



ERIKA ALVERO

Young Pleasanton resident Kairan Quazi has been identified as profoundly gifted, meaning his IQ score is in the top 0.1% of the population. To better engage his intellectual prowess, he is now attending Las Positas College on top of his regular lessons at a school for gifted children.

BY ERIKA ALVERO

Kairan Quazi, one of Las Positas College's newer students, probably has a lot in common with his fellow, intellectually curious classmates. He loves to talk politics, he practically lights up when you mention gravitational forces and don't get him started on dystopian connections between George Orwell's "1984" and current events.

But the gregarious Pleasanton resident is very different in one other respect: he's 9 years old.

Kairan is what is known as profoundly gifted, meaning that his IQ is over 180, scoring him in the top 0.1% of the population. Fewer than one in a million people join him in this select group, and they come from all walks of life: profound giftedness is found worldwide, crossing nationality, race, class and linguistic barriers.

He began attending Las Positas this summer, at the recommendation of an educational therapist, and he will continue there on top of his normal school day at a Bay Area school for gifted children for the next three years.

So far, the other students in his college algebra class have taken well to his presence, and he feels he can participate like anyone else.

"I'm comfortable asking questions," Kairan said. "Because I feel that you can always learn more than you know, right?"

Kairan had been a student at the Quarry Lane School for the extent of his elementary school career. His parents were first told he was gifted at his 2-year-old pediatric appointment, said his mother Jullia Quazi, and they continued to be informed of his high intelligence level — especially by teachers — over the next several years. But they didn't pay attention to it, focusing instead on his socialization, she said.

"We've just pretty much ignored it, and just focused on the socialization and peer group dynamics," Jullia said.

At the same time, their parenting philosophy was to always answer his questions, and if they didn't know the answer, to look it up with him. With a child like Kairan, though, this can prove exhausting and overwhelming, starting pre-dawn with questions about Stormy Daniels and ending at bedtime with a debate on Crimea.

It wasn't always easy for Kairan in school either. He often got called out for talking out of turn, and he was easily frustrated by what he thought was too simplistic, even at Quarry Lane, a private school known for academic rigor.

He's the hit of all social gatherings, Jullia said — friends and family call him "The Senator" because he comes in and immediately starts talking politics.

"It's charming for a three-hour party, right? When you're living with it for 12 hours a day every day ... it's really difficult," she said.

She and her husband continued to disregard his giftedness, at least in the classroom — Kairan's extracurricular resume includes martial arts, Mandarin, piano and coding (he's proficient in 12 programming languages right now).

In third grade, however, Kairan's parents realized something had to change — their happy child had turned sullen. He became disengaged, refused to participate in classroom activities and came home angry and frustrated.

So they finally capitulated to teachers' and pediatricians' suggestions, bringing him to the Summit Center, a site that specializes in working with gifted kids. There he was tested by Dr. Dan Peters, a psychologist and executive director of the center.

Peters said he couldn't comment specifically on Kairan's case, due to confidentiality rules, but in his experience treating a wide range of gifted children, he said frustration with traditional schooling is common.

"Think about an adult who is going to a job day after day, that's not stimulating, that is repetitive, and where the person is not able to pursue their goals and passions, that is not appreciated for what they can contribute," he said. "That adult will tend to maybe feel numb over time, start to get depressed, start to get anxious, not want to go to work. The very same thing happens to kids."

Per Peters' recommendation, Jullia said, Kairan will now be heading to Helios, a school in Sunnyvale that specializes in teaching gifted kids like him. The school caters to their learning needs, she said, offering more differentiation and Socratic-style debate, and allowing students to delve deeper into topics at their own pace.

They also decided to enroll him at Las Positas, with the hope that he could skip high school altogether and head straight to college. The enrollment process wasn't easy, as the admissions panel was somewhat skeptical about the 9-year-old's ability to handle the workload and structure of a college class, according to Jullia.

In particular, gifted students like Kairan often see "developmental asynchrony" between their intellectual or academic abilities and their basic "executive functioning," Peters said.

"So what we typically see with gifted individuals — not all but especially with younger gifted individuals — is you have advanced cognitive and/or academic abilities, but their executive functions, their organization, their time management, their ability to regulate their behavior and their emotions, often lags far behind," Peters said.

Kairan's executive functioning, though, is not low at all, Jullia said. And he won over the panel.

Paula Schoenecker, a Las Positas learning skills instructor, met with Kairan for an

official measure of his executive functioning — he "performed way beyond" her expectations, she said.

"I found Kairan to be a breath of fresh air," Schoenecker said. "He is easy to talk to and very interesting. I thought I would have to dummy down the text of the test questions, but not so. He fully knew what he was being asked at every level."

"It is great that we can help him with his educational experience," she added. "I believe forcing a student such as Kairan to follow the typical educational path would prove very destructive to his innate curiosity and would leave him bored and frustrated."

He's now pursuing associate degrees in math and chemistry at Las Positas. Someday, he said, he hopes to become a neurosurgeon astronaut.

"Would you like it if you had an astronaut who couldn't remember if he was going to Venus or Mars?" he asks. "There's a big difference — if you go to Venus you'll probably die. If you go to Mars there's no atmosphere." Good point.

He's also part of Mensa and the Davidson Institute. Mensa is an international nonprofit, a high-IQ club for those whose score is in the top 98th percentile, while the Davidson Institute, based in Reno, Nev., is just for profoundly gifted people and offers many helpful resources, his mother said.

And community is important for students like him. Because though super-intelligence can seem singularly advantageous, it can nevertheless be a difficult and isolating path for a child — and for a parent.

"Parents don't ask to have a child that doesn't fit into the mainstream," Peters said. "These types of kids require a different, more tailored education to help them grow in a healthy way." ■

Parched trees in P-town

Enough water needed to keep away fungus, harmful beetles

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

People and pets aren't the only things wilting in the summer heat. High temps are tough on many plants.

Flowers dramatically droop when thirsty but trees often don't show the effects of too little water until too late.

"A tree will get stressed by a certain event or years of drought but a lot of times, it won't show up for five to 10 years," said Joe Berg, an arborist with the Davey Tree Expert Co. who has worked in Pleasanton for 12 years.

Roots will die out during a drought allowing fungal diseases in the root system, he explained.

"It's tough for a tree, going from one heavy stress to another heavy stress," Berg said. "Typically when they die, it is not just one thing that happens. There will be drought, then fungal disease, then bark beetles come in."

"Many houses I go to, the trees are in obvious signs of decline and it is too late," he noted. "When you get to the point where the tree shows signs of distress, a lot of times it is too late."

The place to start, Berg pointed out, is planting the right trees for Pleasanton in the first place.

"Plant one that is more drought-tolerant and you are going to win," he said. "Plant more native species that have adapted to our climate."

Many non-native birch trees and redwoods have been planted in the Tri-Valley, he said, and they make attractive landscaping.

"But pine trees end up getting attacked by bark beetles — they bore into the tree and disconnect the vascular system," Berg said.

Trees send out "drought signals," which attract the beetles, and the trees cannot produce enough sap to defend themselves.

Arborists often spray or inject trees to prevent damage by bark beetles.

"If homeowners buy their own insecticides, they really have to make sure they are wearing the proper protective equipment," Berg said.



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Deep-root watering ensures trees receive enough moisture even during a drought.

Well-maintained trees increase property values by as much as 15% while an attractive landscape can boost values up to 30%, Davey Tree estimates. Trees also, of course, reduce pollutants in the air and prevent erosion.

When people ask for recommendations about what trees to plant, Berg said he tells them: "Look around the neighborhood and see what is doing well."

Pleasanton soil varies, even from yard to yard.

"This is not a natural soil column that has been undisturbed for eons," Berg said. "We have had bulldozers run through, disturbance and compaction. A low spot in a yard may have been compacted more — or may have more clay in it."

This makes it difficult for trees to get proper amounts of water.

"Drainage is one of the biggest factors in tree mortality," Berg said. "The tough thing with the drought is that too much water and not enough water look very similar."

Proper watering is key to trees' survival. Young trees need water to establish deep root systems, according to California Urban Forests Council, and mature trees require more water when growing near "heat traps" such as driveways and foundations.

The council recommends watering

young trees twice a week and mature trees once a week, about five gallons of water, directly with a hose or a five-gallon bucket. Berg said deep watering is even better.

"Landscape irrigation is great but it doesn't penetrate nearly as deep as what trees need," Berg said. "You'd be lucky to get down six inches, and tree roots are down three to four feet."

Watering probes are available, he said, that hook onto a hose.

Professional deep-root watering services bring a tanker and inject 200 gallons of water at high pressure.

"You want to get water down to where roots of the tree are," Berg said. "You need to get a deep root soak. Water is a big, big deal."

Proper mulching is also important. An arborist might do "vertical mulching," drilling holes into the soil and backfilling them with beneficial, porous materials.

"Mulching trees keeps the roots cool and soaks up water so it doesn't leave the planting area," Berg said. "It improves soil structure and increases the microbial activity, with worms and insects, giving it a natural soil profile like in a forest."

Fertilizing is important for urban soil because it is often depleted of nitrogen, he added.

"Proper TLC is the most important thing," Berg said. ■

Camp Arroyo fundraiser to feature legendary band

28th annual Day in the Park helps enhance kids' lives

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Taylor Family Foundation is holding its 28th annual Day in the Park fundraiser Aug. 26 at Camp Arroyo with a legendary lineup of entertainment.

The reunited Revolution, a band that was put together by Prince in 1983, has put the event on its tour and will perform hits including "Purple Rain," "Around the World in a Day" and "Parade." The event also will feature local news personalities ABC7/KGO TV's Cheryl Jennings and Mike Nicco, radio personalities and KCBS food and wine editor Narsai David.

This year's auction features gourmet food, wine and beer from top restaurants, wineries and breweries. Live auction items include private chef dinners and sports packages, red carpet events, luxurious vacations and other glamorous packages.

Day in the Park proceeds support The Taylor Family Foundation's mission to enhance the lives of children living with life-threatening and chronic illnesses and developmental disabilities.

The foundation was established by Elaine and Barry Taylor in 1990. Ten years later, it opened Camp Arroyo in the hills surrounding Del Valle Regional Wilderness; for thousands of children year-round, the residential camp is a place to explore in an ideal outdoor setting.

The foundation also helps with therapeutic experiences and grants. Sophie's Place, the foundation's mobile music therapy program, helps at the camp and those who are homebound or patients in Northern California hospitals.

Individual tickets for Day in the Park are \$200. Visit www.ttff.org or call 455-5118. ■

Gen. Pershing coming to town

WWI general to give insights, courtesy of museum



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Historic picture of Gen. John J. Pershing

In recognition of the upcoming 100-year anniversary of the end of the Great War, the Museum on Main has invited Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing to share his experiences as commander of the American Expeditionary Force on the Western Front.

Historian/actor Doug Mishler will bring Gen. Pershing to life as part of the Ed Kinney Lecture Series at the Firehouse Arts Center at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 14. He will share his opinions on how the

United States went from a growing nation focused on a frontier army in the 19th century to a global power participating in the first World War.

The performance at 7 p.m. is sold out, but there are still tickets to the matinee. Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$10 seniors and students; \$7 members of Museum on Main. Purchase at www.museumonmain.org or at the museum, 603 Main St. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Structures inspire art

"Cascading Light" by Anne Suberca-seaux is part of "Underpinnings," an exhibit opening at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center. The show explores the skeletal structure of bridges, freeways, architecture and art itself with works by five artists. The exhibit kicks off with a public reception from 7-9 p.m. next Thursday and runs through Sept. 15. A youth class, "Buildings & Bridges," will take place Sept. 13 in conjunction with the exhibit; register beginning Aug. 15 at Pleasantonfun.com.

Theatre

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

THE GOLDEN FOLLIES PRESENT THERE'S NO BIZ LIKE SHOW BIZ At 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11 and 12, two big shows at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater, 4444 Railroad Ave. Wiggy Darlington will put in an appearance. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 931-4848, at the Center Box Office or at the door 2 hours before performances, if not sold out.

Concerts

THE APES AT CONCERT IN THE PARK At 7 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 3, at Lyons Wayside Park, 4444 First St., The Apes brings Contemporary Rock to Concert in the Park.

TOMMY AND THE 4 SPEEDS AT CONCERT IN THE PARK At 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 10, at Lyons Wayside Park, 4444 First St., Tommy and the 4 Speeds bring 1950's to 1970's tunes to Concert in the Park

MAX CRUISE AT CONCERT IN THE PARK At 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, at Lyons Wayside Park, 4444 First St., Max Cruise is bringing Rock, Pop and R & B tunes to Concert in the Park.

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

TRI-VALLEY JAZZ TRIO + GUIDO FAZIO At 7 p.m., on Aug. 10, at Inklings, 530 Main St., Saxophonist Guido Fazio will be appearing with the Tri-Valley Jazz Trio. Free. Go to trivalleyjazz.org for more information.

Talks & Lectures

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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TALK At 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society presents Steve Minniear, giving a talk on his new book, "History of Dublin". No charge, visitors are welcome.

Fundraisers

OPEN HEART KITCHEN'S BLACK & WHITE PARTY FUNDRAISER From 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave., Open Heart Kitchen is holding its annual fundraiser to help support the hungry of the Tri-Valley. Enjoy an evening of fine food and wine, live music, and auctions. Purchase 9 tickets and get 1 free. Visit donate.openheartkitchen.org.

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CHARACTERZ KIDZ FAMILY GAME NIGHT At 6 p.m. on the first Friday of the month, at Characterz Cafe, 5424 Sunol Blvd., we hold a Free Family Fun Night for all ages. Bring a game to share or play one of ours. Contact crystaldiamond@characterzcafe.com for more information.

Museums & Exhibits

UNDERPINNINGS, NEW FINE ART EXHIBIT From 12 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8 through Sept. 15 at the Harrington Gallery in The Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., this exhibit will explore the skeletal structure of bridges, freeways, architecture, and includes prints, paintings, and ethereal paper structures.

Food & Drink

AXIS COMMUNITY HEALTH From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, at Axis Community Health, 4361 Railroad Ave., free, fresh produce and more will be distributed. Information on CalFresh and MediCal enrollment will also be available. For information call 462-1755.

Lessons & Classes

FREE COMPUTER TUTORING From 5 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays, at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Bernal Ave., come in if you need help with downloading e-books from the library to your e-reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general internet questions. Call first to confirm 931-3400 ext. 4.

Health & Wellness

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. A free 6-week fun and interactive series of classes, including 20 minutes of gentle exercise, designed to promote

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Support Groups

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

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 alanonTriValley.org. Pleasanton.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND This group for visually impaired or blind persons meets from 1 to 3 p.m., on the second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call Carl at 449-9362.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP From 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month, at the Alcosta Senior & Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, join us if you would like to learn more about this common movement disorder. For more information visit eastbayet.com, call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

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

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP From 7 to 9 p.m., on Tuesdays, June 19 thru Aug. 22, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy., this course is presented for all widows and widowers. The workbook is \$15. Contact Linda Husted 833-9013 or lihusted@sbcglobal.net if you would like to attend or learn more about the group.

Seniors

MEN OF BREAKFAST At 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., join the Men of Breakfast or MOB for a cup of coffee and friendly discussion. Bring a newspaper and whatever topics pique your interest.

PHOTO CLUB From 2 to 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., the photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 for more information.

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Teens

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING At 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road, The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets to discuss advice to the City Council on youth-related issues and to promote an understanding and appreciation of community affairs among Pleasanton youth.

MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL PARTY On Aug. 10, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, 4455 Black Ave., the last pool party before school starts will be held for incoming 6 to 8th graders. Party will include music, games, contests, prizes, food and more. Cost is \$15. Register today at pleasantonfun.com - code 7642.

Government

ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY BOARD MEETING At 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Zone 7 offices, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, The Board of Directors holds their meetings, which are open to the public. Community members may provide comment on any agenda item, and may address the Board about non-agenda items during each meeting's Citizens Forum. Agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to meetings.

ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING At 7:30 a.m., on the third Thursday of the month in the Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Road, The Committee meets to promote Pleasanton for its competitive advantages as highlighted in our Pleasanton Economic Assets Report. Visit admin.cityofpleasantonca.gov for more information.

CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING At 7 p.m., on the first Monday of the month, at 200 Old Bernal

Ave., City Hall, the Commission meets to promote the acquisition, construction and installment of works of public art in Pleasanton. Go to cityofpleasantonca.gov for more information.

Community Groups

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

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

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB At 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Inklings, 530 Main St., the Pleasanton Lions Club meets. No dinner will be served. For more information visit pleasantonlionsclub.org or call 872-7552.

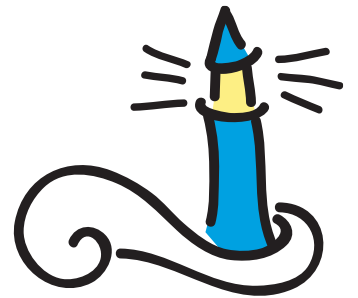
ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF AMADOR VALLEY Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. All ladies are invited to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley. Contact 461-6401 or assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com for more information.

Volunteers

LITERACY/ESL TUTOR TRAINING From 1 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 18, at the Pleasanton Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave., discover the special rewards of becoming a literacy volunteer tutor. Training and all resources provided. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov for more information.

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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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4216 Jordan Ranch Drive \$1,395,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Jo Ann Luisi 583-1106

Livermore

2 BEDROOMS

207 Heligan Lane #8 \$678,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Piper 200.0202

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458 Falcon Way \$700,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Leslie Faught 784-7979

1039 Redondo Way \$799,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Huggins 640-3762

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1984 Meadow Glen Drive \$1,285,500
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Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

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Sat/Sun 1-4 T. McGuire, M. Xu 586-1864

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Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

4 BEDROOMS

2376 Greenberry Court \$1,289,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

7447 Laurel Court \$1,290,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Sylvia Desin 980-1012

4261 Mairmont Drive \$1,200,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Joan Sakyo 989.4123

7961 Paragon Circle \$2,195,000
Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

3294 Vermont Place \$1,188,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Piper 200.0202

5 BEDROOMS

1695 Germano Way \$3,375,000
Sun 1-4 Uwe Maercz 360-8758

387 Mullin Court Call for pricing
Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

3267 Picadilly Court \$1,199,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 Joyce Jones 998-3398

San Ramon

2 BEDROOMS

3118 Lakemont Drive \$650,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 S. Stewart/J. Walker 989-9125

The state of the local real estate market

In Tri-Valley, home prices continue to climb well above pre-recession levels

BY TIM HUNT

David Stark, public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtors, has been very busy this year trying to tamp down what he describes as "a war against homeowners on the Alameda County's I-880 corridor."

Several cities are searching for more revenue and are seeking to increase fees on real estate transactions.

Mix in the statewide election in November when a measure to change the laws limiting rent control goes before the voters, and it will be a busy fall. The statewide Realtors' association also has qualified an initiative for the ballot that will allow homeowners over the age of 55 to take their fixed property tax under Proposition 13 anywhere in the state if they buy a less expensive home.

It promises to be quite a fight because the state estimates the measure would cost cities, schools and counties up to \$1 billion. Expect the state teachers union and public employee unions to spend

substantially to oppose it.

Stark updated the Pleasanton Men's Club on both the state and Tri-Valley real estate markets in his annual appearance this month. Statewide, he pointed out that California needs 180,000 new housing units annually to keep up with new households but has fallen 77,000 units short yearly for the last 20 years.

That shortfall, coupled with explosive and welcome job growth in San Francisco, Santa Clara and Los Angeles counties, have sent housing prices soaring as supply continues to shrink. That resulted in a key trend: The number of years people live in a home continues to increase, particularly among Baby Boomers who could be expected to be in the downsizing season. Instead, money spent on remodeling and other home improvements is soaring. To encourage movement in the Baby Boomer, see Prop 13-related initiative mentioned previously.

See MARKET on Page 19

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 6-13

Pleasanton

4664 3rd Street C. Vespi to P. Sotorrio for \$865,000

3965 Blacow Court Pearson Trust to V. Kata for \$1,175,000

7835 Canyon Meadow Circle #G S. Laskar to N. Sanas for \$679,000

4218 Casterson Court Inderbitzen Trust to M. Niazi for \$2,390,000

28 Castlewood Drive Winslow Trust to M. Mitchell for \$1,980,000

7109 Corte Balboa Anadkat Trust to N. Murugasamy for \$1,100,000

5721 Corte Libre S. & R. Kautz to Crug Trust for \$1,689,000

677 Crystal Court Sabiel Trust to A. Joyo for \$1,775,000

2223 Delucchi Drive M. & S. Macor to K. Hwang for \$1,060,000

4211 Diavila Avenue Koronka Trust to S. Zeng for \$1,100,000

4406 Downing Court A. Ford to Rod Properties for \$715,000

4173 Georgis Place Y. & R. Ishikawa to S. Son for \$780,000

412 Junipero Street K. Perkins to S. Sant for \$1,170,000

7866 Marigold Court B. Knabenshue to M. Kwan for \$1,180,000

5148 Merano Court Menon Trust to S. Domingo for \$1,000,000

3107 Montpelier Court Montgomery Trust to V. Venkataraman for \$1,240,000

5215 Muirwood Drive Pollack Trust to R. Hennessy for \$1,245,000

7759 Oak Creek Court L. & S. Digiovanni to S. Atkinson for \$1,340,000

8031 Oak Creek Drive S. & L. Spencer to S. Majumdar for \$1,852,000

2037 Olivia Court Martin Trust to M. Husain for \$1,222,000

3826 Pinot Court Landis Trust to A. Prakash for \$1,310,000

235 Rachael Place KCMC Properties to Y. Xu for \$699,000

6850 Riddell Street Fuccy Trust to M. Abdelmessih for \$1,840,000

420 San Gabriel Court Kenneally Trust to A. Cusimano for \$879,000

2308 Sandpiper Way Goodrich Trust to LL Cool Homes for \$1,114,000

5491 Sonoma Drive T. Steiner to S. Dong for \$965,000

7353 Stonedale Drive P. & S. Davis to D. Mohan for \$790,500

1037 Sunset Creek Lane O. & S. Marie to Xander Group for \$2,610,000

283 Tomas Way Northrup Trust to S. Sarathy for \$1,036,000

7204 Valley View Court W. Ro to A. Sriram for \$830,000

2380 Via Espada J. & D. Griffith to Yee & Hsu Trust for \$1,350,000

2580 Via Espada Stephan Trust to N. Ghosh for \$1,280,000

Dublin

6983 Alamo Creek Trail B. Ruthruff to A. Sripuram for \$900,000

4556 Alta Terra Road S. & O. Guclu to S. Zhou for \$1,250,000

8897 Bellina Commons C. & S. Ivory to N. Narula for \$770,000

7381 Brookdale Court Maruri Trust to H. Gaar for \$916,000

6592 Conestoga Lane J. Bhaskaran to L. Cunningham for \$675,000

7935 Countess Court Wilburn Trust to A. Rathore for \$815,000

7391 Dalmally Lane R. Tarkhanyan to K. Rath for \$791,000

8595 Deervale Road Lester Trust to S. Singh for \$938,000

3465 Dublin Boulevard #118 U. Ayub to M. Liao for \$681,000

3385 Dublin Boulevard #225 L. Chang to J. Li for \$653,000

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Homeownership rates, particularly in people under 50, continue to drop — it's particularly low (25%) in people under 35. That likely means that most Californians will be renters by 2040.

Turning to the Tri-Valley scene, prices continue to climb well beyond pre-recession levels. One key metric — the number of homes sold annually — has remained in a narrow range across the valley since 2012.

Median sales prices have climbed steadily in the same period so all cities except Livermore now are more than \$1 million. In the four cities, a substantial majority of the home sales were between \$1-\$1.5 million. In Livermore, the highest percentage

was \$600,000-\$690,000 with \$700,000-\$799,000 and \$1-\$1.5 million also close.

Considering whether the prices are realistic, Stark's stats show that through June homes in each market are selling for more than asking price. And the days-on-the-market stats for the resales are 20 days or less across the area.

Bottom line: Supply is constrained, the Tri-Valley is desirable, and there are few places that combine quality public education, plenty of quality job opportunities and housing prices — compared to the elsewhere in the Bay Area — still within range. ■

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

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (June 6 - June 13)

Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$679,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,610,000
Average sales reported: \$1,258,141

Dublin (June 6 - June 13)

Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$497,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,400,000
Average sales reported: \$893,780

Livermore (June 6 - June 13)

Total sales reported: 42
Lowest sale reported: \$378,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,500,500
Average sales reported: \$941,726

Sunol (June 6 - June 13)

Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$950,000
Highest sale reported: \$950,000
Average sales reported: \$950,000

San Ramon (June 15 - June 22)

Total sales reported: 40
Lowest sale reported: \$465,000
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Source: California REsource

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Don Faught, Alain Pinel Realtors Pleasanton Office Manager, is pleased to announce that **Megan Kristine Capilla** has taken a new position in our Pleasanton Office.

Starting her career in the industry for 3 years with Chicago Title she then became an escrow coordinator here at our Pleasanton office. Capilla has taken the next logical step by joining The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group and their team of licensed professionals. Megan states, "I've positioned myself properly and am very excited to join this well-respected and experienced team, comprised of Blaise Lofland (32 years), Marti Gilbert (24 years), and Kelly McKaig (16 years). This is a perfect opportunity for me to take the next step in my real estate career, allowing me to work more directly with people, which I really enjoy. My clients can work with me while also benefitting from my new team's combined 72 years of experience. This makes this move a win/win for me and my clients!"

Blaise Lofland, founder of The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group, states, "We are very pleased to have Megan join our team. She has the positive attitude, enthusiasm, and the integrity that's required. I'm particularly excited because when I initially entered the business, I was mentored by Diane Brittain, Leah Jones, and **Pat Burns**, Megan's Grandmother. I am ready to pay it forward."

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