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“Stanford has saved my life, not once but twice. They’ve also given my daughter life.”

—Yolanda

Stanford Heart Transplant Patient Is Doubly Thankful for Second Chance at Life

Just 28 at the time of her transplant at Stanford Hospital in 1991, Yolanda went on to become the first heart transplant recipient to have a child at Stanford.

Today, her “miracle baby” is 27 years old, and Yolanda is a grandmother. She continues to thrive after receiving a second heart transplant and kidney transplant in 2015.

“Stanford has saved my life not once, but twice,” said Yolanda. “They’ve also given my daughter life. It was unheard of to have a baby back then after a heart transplant. I wouldn’t have my grandson Jonah or the second grandchild due this July. Without Dr. Shumway doing his miracle work, three generations would not be here.”

More than two decades after Norman Shumway, MD, PhD, a cardiothoracic surgeon at Stanford, performed the first successful adult human heart transplant in the United States on January 6, 1968, Yolanda’s story began. Fifty years later, heart transplantation often remains the only treatment available for end-stage heart disease.

Yolanda’s heart transplant cardiologist, Dr. Sharon Hunt, MD, PhD, a Stanford medical student when the first transplant was performed, said, “Heart transplantation opened up a potential life-saving treatment for people who were dying of heart disease.”

Life was “literally hell”

For Yolanda, a nagging cold that would not go away was the first sign that something was wrong. After multiple trips to the doctor, she was diagnosed with an enlarged heart. It could no longer pump blood effectively to her body. She went from working full time and enjoying life, to barely being able to walk from one room to another without getting out of breath.

“Life before my first heart transplant was literally hell,” she said. “I couldn’t function as a person on a day-to-day basis with the heart that I had.” When medical therapy failed to improve her condition,

Yolanda’s doctor referred her to Stanford. At her first appointment, she knew she was in the right place. “I believed they would make me better,” she said. “I love my entire transplant team. Without them I would not be here.”

When she became pregnant a year after her heart transplant, she asked Dr. Hunt, “Can I keep it?” At the time, the Stanford transplant team discouraged patients from conceiving a child because of the risk of complications such as rejection, infection, and graft dysfunction, a life-threatening complication that affects the heart’s ability to circulate blood effectively. But Yolanda was willing to do whatever it would take to have a baby, and Dr. Hunt was ready to help.

“That’s how I had my daughter Monique,” said Yolanda. “She is the first baby born to a heart transplant recipient at Stanford. The delivery room was packed with 28 people, all of whom wanted to witness the historic birth.”

Yolanda was fine for years with her new heart and Dr. Hunt continued to care for her. But she had a setback in mid 2015 when her heart and kidneys began to fail. Her blood pressure periodically plummeted, causing fainting spells. The first occurred in the middle of the night. Yolanda woke up on the floor, her dog persistently nudging and licking her. His bark alerted her daughter that something was wrong. “He is my furry savior,” said Yolanda. She received a second heart transplant on November 9, 2015. Because her body was also showing signs of kidney failure, her Stanford transplant team made the decision to simultaneously conduct a kidney transplant.

Stanford at “heart” of innovation

Today, approximately 50 patients undergo heart transplantation at Stanford each year, and

the program has performed more than 1,200 heart transplants over five decades. Stanford remains the oldest, continuously operating heart transplant center in the world, and its physicians are responsible for many of the innovations that continue to improve long-term survival. Research conducted by Dr. Shumway and his team led to the use of the anti-rejection drug cyclosporine and to an innovative biopsy technique that allows doctors to spot rejection in a transplanted organ earlier and administer anti-rejection measures to save the heart.

Stanford doctors also performed the first successful simultaneous transplant of the heart and lungs, and the first successful implantation of a left ventricular assist device. A Stanford pathologist created the classification system used to determine rejection, and Stanford researchers developed a noninvasive way to detect rejection earlier than previously possible.

“Stanford really is the birthplace of heart transplantation,” said Kiran Khush, MD, a transplant cardiologist who works as part of a team of physicians, nurses, physical therapists, social workers, dieticians, and pharmacists to care for patients before, during, and after heart transplantation.

For Yolanda’s daughter Monique, Stanford is simply home. “It’s where my son Jonah was born. It’s where I was born,” she said. “And it’s where my mom got both of her new lives. Stanford is definitely a special place for us.”



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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Haglund's contract may portend difficult employee negotiations

Pleasanton school district trustees clearly value the leadership of Superintendent David Haglund.

When they rewrote his contract on July 1, they extended it to four years and have the option of renewing it every June after his annual review.

The challenge for trustees and management will come when they sit down with their employee unions. For his first year in Pleasanton, Haglund received the same 2% raise and 1% bonus that went to the teachers and classified employees unions.

The new contract for the superintendent built in 4% raises each year. That's good for Haglund personally, but likely will become the starting point for the employee unions when they sit down to negotiate.

As former trustee Kathleen Ruegger pointed out, giving that level of raises to both employee unions as well as management will be a major challenge going forward, even with the growth in state funding. School funding is up 46% per student since 2012.

Gov. Jerry Brown has warned in his budget message for several years that the state is overdue for a recession (the nine-year expansion is one of the longest on record) and once that happens, revenues will plunge. Even with the rainy day fund that the governor will hand off to his successor, a modest downturn will cost the state billions.

Even with continued economic growth, the issue for Pleasanton and districts across the state will be the soaring cost of employer contributions to the State Teachers Retirement System. The systems investments have performed well in the last two years with 8% returns that exceeded the assumed 7%. That said, it still has not overcome the Great Recession. The fund is worth \$223.8 billion with an unfunded liability of \$107 billion.

Four years ago, the Legislature and the governor passed a plan to deal with the problem.

Employee pension contributions increased from 8% to 10.25%. For school districts, the number climbs from 8% in 2013 to 19% in 2020. Studies by the state Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst

show that about one-third of the increased funding in the last three years went to pension costs and they expect that to be half in the next three years.

Those increasing fixed costs will squeeze the budget for raises for people. Given that salaries take more than 80% of school district budgets, bringing budgets into balance will be a huge challenge. There's only so much programming that can be cut from the remaining 20% of the budget (and some cannot be, for instance utility costs) before it will take personnel cuts.

Incidentally, despite criticism about principal turnover online, that didn't prompt anyone to toss their hat in the ring for the school board. Incumbents Joan Laursen and Mike Miller filed for re-election and did not draw a single challenger.

Presumably, their fellow trustees will save everyone some money and re-seat them without having them run unopposed.

Meanwhile, Tri-Valley Congressman Eric Swalwell is running for re-election to the House, but he's also certainly working hard to build a national profile.

Casey Tolan, in an East Bay Times article Aug. 12, noted how much time Swalwell has spent on TV and in Iowa. He was born there where his dad was a police chief and moved to California when he was 5.

One of his primary opponents, Brendan St. John, pointed out Swalwell's Iowa activity when we chatted before the June election and his November opponent, Rudy Peters, was quoted criticizing it. Given the Democrat registration in the district, Swalwell has little to worry about come November.

That frees him up to be a talking head on cable TV channels. Given the endless Mueller investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election and his role on the House Intelligence Committee, Swalwell has done more than one TV appearance daily this year. In 2016, Tolan reported he did 28 — it was 282 in 2017 and 233 this year.

He's also spent more time in Iowa and does not deny his interest in running for president. His campaign staff has purchased Swalwell2020 and SwalwellforAmerica domains, just in case. ■

About the Cover

Rabbi Raleigh Resnick stands next to former Masonic Lodge at 3370 Hopyard Road that his Tri-Valley Chabad bought for \$2.5 million last year. Chabad is seeking removal of restrictions on outdoor uses of its one-acre property; some neighbors want noise controls to stay. Photo by Jeb Bing. Cover design by Doug Young.

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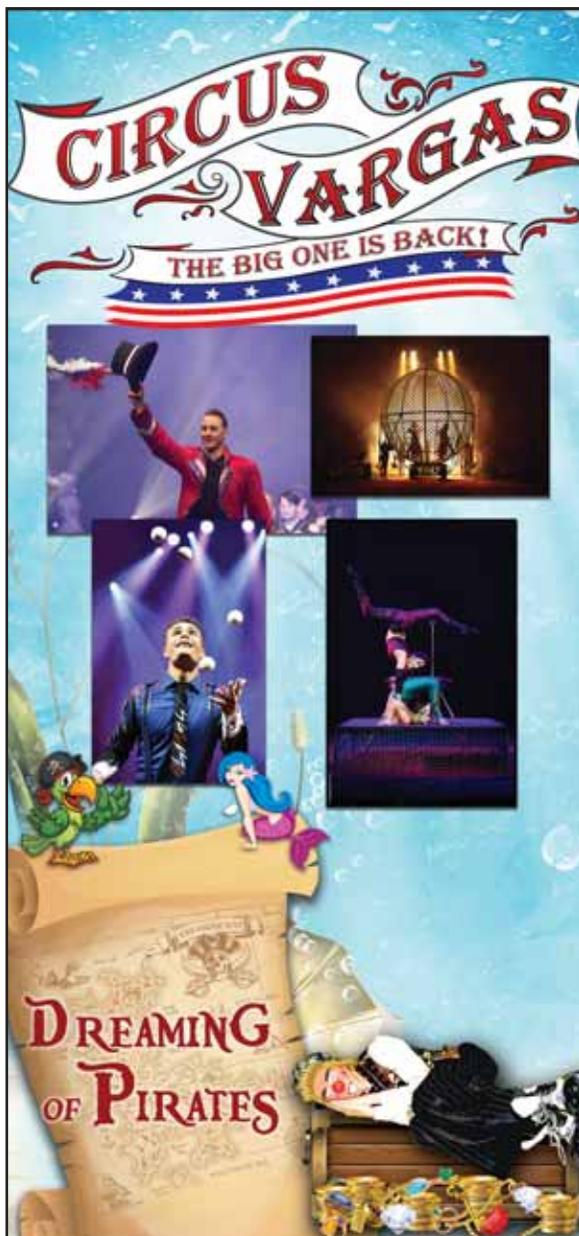
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Public Hearings

Monday, September 10, 2018 – 11 AM
Dublin City Hall – Regional Room

Monday, September 10, 2018 – 6 PM
Pleasanton Senior Center – Senior Center Classroom

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 – 11 AM
Robert Livermore Community Center – Sycamore Room

Translation services are available with 72 hours advance notice by calling (925) 455-7500.

The LAVTA Board of Directors is expected to consider the final staff recommendation on the proposed fare policy changes at their October 1 meeting. If approved, the fare policy changes would take effect January 1, 2019.



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ASKED AROUND TOWN

How do you feel about summer coming to a close?



Kim Gonzaga-Duval
CPA

I think of it as a blessing and a curse. I love the idea of having my normal, structured routine back, but at the same time I dread the idea of getting all of my kids off to school on time.



David Duval
Sales

I will miss having my kids around all day and all that that entails, but I do look forward, very much, to getting back into the routine and structure that the school year brings.



James Armario
Business owner

It doesn't really impact me much. I'm so busy all year round, regardless of the season. And honestly, I wouldn't want things any other way.



Sabrina Roberts
Small business owner

I'm really looking forward to the change of seasons. I love our fabulous California autumn weather and the fall holidays. The summer was great, but I will be glad to have the heat and the smoke behind us.



Beatrice Browning
Retired

I'm feeling a bit melancholy, actually. I wish the summer could go on forever. I love watching the vegetables in my garden growing in the warm sunshine, and I enjoy not having to worry about how my grandchildren are doing in school, even though of course I know they are all doing well.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness



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PTSCA barbecue

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association is holding its annual barbecue and social fundraiser this Saturday from 5:30-11 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

The event will feature a barbecue dinner by Tony Macchiano's award-winning Lickety Spit team at the grill, a no-host bar, DJ Phil playing music, and live and silent auctions — all as part of the association's primary fundraiser of the year.

Proceeds from the event benefit the youth exchange program, the Tulancingo delegation visit and community events sponsored by the association throughout the year such as Cinco de Mayo and Posada celebrations and an entry in the Holiday Parade.

For tickets and more information, contact David Struebing at 292-0104 or Jorge Victoria at jvictoria452@comcast.net, or visit ptsca.org.

Family Days

"Life in Early Pleasanton" is the theme for this Saturday's Family Days event at the Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton.

"Take a step back and learn about life in Pleasanton without modern conveniences. We will be making adobe bricks, dipping candles, stamping leather and making tortillas," museum education director Sarah Schaefer said of this weekend's event.

The Family Days are held on the third Saturday of each month during the summer, running from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and featuring free hands-on demonstrations, crafts and activities for the entire family at the museum, 603 Main St.

Bail reform bill

Bay City News Service recently analyzed Senate Bill 10 in a feature story on California's bail system.

The proposed legislation would drastically reduce the use of money bail, and instead require all 58 California counties to use risk assessments to help judges decide when to release those charged with crimes — questions to predict whether a defendant will show up to court or commit a crime if they are released.

Proponents of the bill see the proposed legislation as a step in the right direction for fixing an outdated and unfair bail system. Meanwhile, some experts and community organizations suggest that SB 10 is too vague and doesn't address key issues with the design and use of the required pretrial risk assessments.

Read the full story, "Bail reform bill considered by California Legislature," today at www.PleasantonWeekly.com. ■

PUSD: Overcrowding is urgent issue

Admin appointments, Measure I1 updates and more at school year's first meeting

By ERIKA ALVERO

Enrollment talk featured prominently at the three-hour-plus Pleasanton Unified School District board meeting Tuesday night, as trustees received the most updated enrollment data and confronted the district's rising student population at the dawn of the new school year.

The district is at a critical juncture, staff said, as schools in northern Pleasanton are seeing a sharp increase in students, with ramifications for the district and city as a whole. And while staff have narrowed down their options, PUSD officials say that coming up with the

ultimate solution is a balancing act — of weighing urgency with wisdom and of ensuring they consider all stakeholders' perspectives.

"The community understands there's a sense of urgency around this issue," Superintendent David Haglund said after reading through comments on a recent online survey. "Everybody realizes that we have an issue and we need to address the issue."

No actions were taken at the first meeting of the 2018-19 school year, however, as the enrollment presentations were just informational updates. The public conversation will continue throughout the fall.

Last year's enrollment growth saw a 78-student increase from the previous year, and a 140-student increase between October and June. An additional 14 full-time teachers plus one music specialist and 1.64 PE specialist positions were added at the elementary level, while staffing positions are still under review at the secondary level.

This year's total district enrollment (also as of Aug. 7) stands at 14,963.

The bulk of the enrollment increase affects schools in the northern part of the city, especially Donlon and Fairlands elementary schools and Hart Middle School.

Donlon has the highest number of resident students being overflowed, at 103, with Fairlands following behind at 67. And at the middle school level, Hart also recently reached capacity, according to staff — as of Aug. 7, 26 new resident students were overflowed.

The four options currently being mulled over by the district to address the strained capacity include adjusting current school boundaries, building a new elementary school, implementing a K-8 school configuration and increasing the enrollment capacities within existing

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Candidate lists set

Four seek council seats; mayor, school board unopposed

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council election is set to feature four candidates vying for two seats in the November election, while Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and school board members Joan Laursen and Mark Miller stood without any challengers in their re-election bids when the candidacy deadline expired.

City Councilwoman Kathy Narum, former parks commissioner Joe Streng and former human services commissioner Julie Testa each qualified for the ballot before the initial filing deadline passed last Friday afternoon, but the deadline was extended to Wednesday after Vice Mayor Arne Olson confirmed his earlier decision not to seek a second term.

That gave Pleasanton resident Joseph Ledoux, a Berkeley Police Department officer, extra time to ponder joining the race, which he did officially by submitting candidacy papers and qualifying for the ballot on Wednesday afternoon.

With multiple challengers on the council ballot, residents will have one Pleasanton-specific election to decide this fall.

That won't be the case for the mayor's chair.

Thorne, who is seeking his fourth and final two-year term, was the only candidate to file for the mayoral election ahead of Friday's original deadline, which was the final registration day unless

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CIRCUS VARGAS

The theme of Circus Vargas' upcoming Pleasanton performance is "Dreaming of Pirates!"

Circus comes to town

Pirate-themed performances at fairgrounds through Sunday

By ERIKA ALVERO

Don't be surprised by the blue and yellow Big Top hoisted over the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend — the circus has come to town, with a piratical twist.

The theme of Circus Vargas' Pleasanton visit is "Dreaming of Pirates!" and the show features flying trapeze artists, clowns, jugglers, contortionists, motorcycles and more. It aims to be a family-friendly, animal-free "fantastic voyage of nonstop action and adventure," according to circus officials.

Performances began Thursday evening, and will continue through the weekend, with 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. shows today, performances Saturday at 1, 4 and 7:30 p.m., and concluding Sunday with

shows at noon, 3 and 6:30 p.m. All performances are being held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave.

Circus Vargas was founded in 1969 by Livermore resident Clifford Vargas, the son of Portuguese immigrants. Vargas created the show with the dream of recalling the "glamour, thrills and heart-pounding excitement of the authentic old-time circus," according to the company's website.

Until his death in 1989, he traveled the world in search of new acts, and it was on a trip to Argentina that he encountered trapeze artists "The Flying Tabares," and hired the brother performing duo of Nelson and Alberto.

Now, Nelson and Katya Quiroga-Tabares are the co-owners and

producers of Circus Vargas, presenting the show through their production company Tabares Entertainment, Inc. The show travels through the western United States, stopping for a few days in communities before packing up completely and moving to the next destination.

Families are invited to come 45 minutes early to partake in an interactive pre-show celebration, learning circus skills like juggling and balancing, and attendees can meet the cast following every performance.

General admission tickets start at \$15 for children and \$25 for adults, and can be purchased online at the Alameda County Fairgrounds website, alamedacounty-fair.com. ■

Harvest Park library in recovery after fire

School systems up and running; first responders honored for actions

By ERIKA ALVERO

Cleanup and repairs continue after the fire that erupted in the Harvest Park Middle School library in early July, and the project to put in a temporary space is moving quickly forward, according to district staff.

At Tuesday night's Pleasanton school board meeting, facilities staff updated the board on the library's status, and recognized the city of Pleasanton and first responders who knocked down the flames that night, including personnel from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, Alameda County Fire Department and Pleasanton Police Department.

"Every now and then, something

bad happens, and it's so heartening to know that we have a crew of folks that are always looking over our shoulders to make sure things are OK," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund told the sea of uniform-clad fire and police officers crowding the district boardroom.

With students returning to Harvest Park this week, facilities staff is focusing right now on getting the interim library up and running to replace the current "interim interim library" — in the words of maintenance, operations and transportation director Myla Grasso, referring to the very-temporary library presently stationed in the school's drama room as portables are being implemented.



ERIKA ALVERO

Police and fire personnel crowded the PUSD boardroom Tuesday night to be recognized for their response to the Harvest Park library fire.

The fire broke out July 3 around 10:30 p.m., and fire personnel from Livermore-Pleasanton and Alameda County fire departments were able to bring the flames under control about half an hour later.

No final report of the fire's investigation has yet been released.

According to PUSD staff, damage was limited to the library itself, though campus-wide systems were also affected, including the fire and burglar alarm, bells, clocks, intercom, phones and Wi-Fi/internet. In

total, the library saw a loss of 992 items, mostly books but also some technological devices and furniture.

Currently, all of the campus-wide systems are back in operation, with a temporary main distribution frame (MDF) in the teachers' lounge. The library building has been fenced off, the carpet was removed, 3,400 boxes of materials were removed for cleaning or disposal and shelving is being removed for cleaning and to be possibly used in the temporary library.

The district is currently working to set up temporary portables for an interim library, expected to open in October. The temporary space will be about 2,000 square feet, smaller than the original library by about 1,000 square feet, so it will only be able to hold about two-thirds of the materials, said Nick Olsen, director of facilities and construction.

Next steps include starting the process of replacing and rebuilding the actual library, and replacing the furnishings and materials. ■

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UPCOMING MEETING

City Council
Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing:** Consider appeals of Michael and Darlene Miller and Chabad of the Tri-Valley of the Planning Commission's approval of a conditional use permit and design review for the operation of a religious institution with a childcare facility/preschool and for site modifications including a playground and terrace for outdoor activities for Chabad of the Tri-Valley located at 3370 Hopyard Road
- Public Hearing:** Consider actions related to Urgency (Interim) Ordinance No. 2182 prohibiting the issuance of specified approvals and permits for new or expanding massage establishments within the Downtown Specific Plan area: (1) issuance of a written report describing measures taken to alleviate the condition which led to the adoption of the ordinance; and (2) extending the Ordinance for 22 months and 15 days

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Tri-Valley politicians oppose fuel efficiency standard rollbacks

Feds intend to revoke state authority to regulate emissions

By RYAN J. DEGAN

In light of the Trump administration's recently proposed rollback of Obama-era fuel efficiency and emissions standards, Tri-Valley politicians on the state and national stage quickly declared their opposition and created plans to combat the federal government's proposals.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency have issued a proposal to rollback planned increases in vehicle fuel efficiency standards. The EPA also announced its intent to revoke California's existing authority to create its own efficiency standards under a previously approved waiver to the Clean Air Act.

In response, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-Dublin), State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) and U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) have all announced their opposition to the rollbacks and are trying to address them in a variety of ways.

"The federal government's proposal is a threat to the air we breathe and the climate we live in," Baker said in a statement. "The science is clear: California's fuel

efficiency standards work and are needed ... California's standards have dramatically improved our air quality and vehicle efficiency, while our economy has grown to the fifth-largest in the world. Any action that jeopardizes that progress is misguided and must be opposed."

Baker has proposed legislation — Assembly Joint Resolution 49 — in a bipartisan effort to condemn the rollback and call on the federal government to maintain California's ability to set its own vehicle efficiency and emissions standards.

Aside from the environmental impact, local officials oppose the rollback on grounds that lowering fuel efficiency standards will decrease auto industries' incentive to fund the research of innovative green technology.

"It's wrong for the administration to even consider revoking California's ability to set its own clean air standards," said Glazer, who co-authored AJR 49. "The auto industry has been right there with us, developing new technologies that lead to lower gas consumption and emissions. We must not turn our backs on the technological

advances that are opening up whole new and thriving sectors of our economy."

On the national level, DeSaulnier is leading a coalition of 60 Democratic members of Congress condemning the proposals and introducing a resolution defending state authority to protect their citizens from air pollution.

"Simply put, this is an attack on clean air and public health. And as other countries keep their focus

on increasing fuel efficiency and reducing emissions, we run the risk of losing out on this progress and innovation," said DeSaulnier, whose district includes Danville and Alamo.

The California Air Resources Board has established fuel efficiency standards that have been adopted by 12 other states. DeSaulnier's office argues these standards will reduce America's oil dependence by more than two million barrels a

day and will eliminate the impact of 59 million vehicles from the road by 2030.

"By rolling back current fuel economy standards, the Trump administration will cost the United States \$450 billion by 2050 and increase health risks associated with air pollution. Our resolution puts the administration on alert that this move will be met with strong and coordinated opposition across the country," DeSaulnier said. ■

Livermore Outlets set to welcome new shops, kiosks

Pots and Pans, Fruitsy Smoothie among additions

By CIERRA MARTINEZ

Officials with the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore recently announced they will be adding four new shops to the shopping center.

The new additional shops will be Pots and Pans, Karl Lagerfeld Paris, Fruitsy Smoothie, and Go! Calendars, Games & Toys.

Pots and Pans features a wide variety of cookware, kitchenware and tableware products from recognizable houseware brands. The store is expected to open by Sept. 1.

Karl Lagerfeld Paris will feature ready-to-wear fashion for men and women, bags, small leather goods and fashion

jewelry "with a modern, rock-chic edge." The store is expected to open at the end of the month.

Fruitsy Smoothie, a new kiosk, will feature freshly squeezed juice, smoothies and fruit bowls.

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TV30 airing latest 'Youth View'

Livermore mayor, Alameda County DA among interview subjects

By JEREMY WALSH

"Tri-Valley Youth View," an hour-long TV special produced by middle and high school students who attended TV30 summer camps, is currently airing on TV30 and the station's website.

Celebrating its 20th year, the Tri-Valley Community Television camps gave students the chance to learn the aspects of TV production. The "Youth View" show features interviews with Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and Candice McGraw, senior director at Quarry Lane Schools, among others.

"TV30 is the only place in

the greater Bay Area that students can gain this type of hands on experience in an actual broadcast environment and see their program broadcast on television," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director at TVCTV.

"Students also have the rare opportunity to interact with professionals who share their time to be interviewed. In the last 10 years students have kept in touch with us and due to their TVCTV experience, have decided to make media their career," Tench-Stevens added. "We truly appreciate the time that Tri-Valley professionals extend to be interviewed and interact with the students."

The premiere episode of "Youth View" represents the work of students who attended the first of the two summer camp sessions.

The hands-on camp provides an introduction to the technical and talent aspects of studio and field production. "Youth View" was written and produced by students from grades six to 12 who researched and wrote questions, acted as crew for all the production positions and were talent for the program.

Other guests in the new episode included Bob Tucknott, forensic electric expert; David Stark, public affairs director; Lori Loreen, pharmaceutical representative for



Summer camp students work behind the scenes to create their "Tri-Valley Youth View" program, which is airing now on TV30 and streaming online.

Contact Lenses; and Jeff Schroeder, senior vice president, Ponderosa Homes II.

The program is available to

watch any time online at tv30.org, and it is broadcasting on cable television on Comcast TV30 and AT&T U-Verse. ■

BART board approves \$20M in security upgrades

Nearly \$15M going toward digitizing all security cameras, a 4-year project

Responding to the public outcry over safety raised by the killing of Nia Wilson and other recent crimes, BART's Board of Directors last week approved a \$20 million plan to expand the transit agency's network of digital cameras and install emergency call boxes on station platforms.

There are over 4,500 cameras already installed, but not all of them are digital. Expanding and converting that network is estimated to cost \$15 million, and it will take more than four years to complete.

Pending the outcome of another meeting, the upgraded system of cameras could also be connected

to a "physical security information system," or PSIM, which is already being tested at the Lake Merritt station.

Described by agency staff as a "platform for enhanced video and alarm analytics, monitoring thousands of simultaneous video streams and automating response

recommendations," the system drew criticism during the Aug. 9 board meeting from members of the public who raised concerns about privacy.

During public comment, several speakers raised questions about whether data collected by the PSIM or through facial recognition technology might be made available to corporate interests or other government agencies, such as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

BART staff are still working on a privacy policy to govern such matters, but one member of the public pointed out that even if the use of facial recognition technology were prohibited as a matter of BART policy, other agencies might be able to subpoena any data created and apply facial recognition technology to it without BART's knowledge or oversight.

That matter will be further discussed in a special meeting to be held at night in a suburban East Bay location, alongside several other plans suggested by BART staff. Those include additional proof of payment teams to battle fare evasion, a no panhandling ordinance within the paid areas of the BART system, and the installation of video screens showing real-time security footage near the entrance of stations to remind them that they're entering an area which is under surveillance.

They'll also look at speeding up the agency's efforts to improve the physical barriers preventing fare evasion, like replacing fare gates, which could cost an estimated \$150 to \$200 million.

Meanwhile, BART police have

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Operation Backpack sets record

This marked the fifth year that Livermore-based Sandia employees rallied to collect backpacks filled with school supplies for children of local military families, and this year Operation Backpack set a new record with 202 backpacks donated to help the kids start their school year off right. The backpacks were delivered to the family centers at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (Camp Parks), Travis Air Force Base and Moffett Federal Airfield.

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school configurations.

Haglund and PUSD communications coordinator Patrick Gannon went over community input on these choices, feedback gathered via an online survey over the summer and during two meetings in May. Overall, Haglund said, while responses varied widely, there were a few points of consensus: an acknowledgment that there is no easy solution, and a desire to mitigate traffic impact.

Over 100 community members attended the community input meetings in person, while 606 people responded to the online survey, Gannon said. Survey-takers consisted overwhelmingly of parents, making up 77% of the respondents, though teachers, community members and students were also represented.

A school boundaries adjustment would be a low-cost option and could help balance the distribution of students, respondents said. However, they also countered that the possibility could be disruptive to some families and would only be a temporary solution.

Community members saw building a new elementary school as a good long-term possibility that would reduce overcrowding and traffic; on the other hand, they noted, the district would need to take into account the cost to build infrastructure and purchase land, along with the land availability where it is needed — in northern Pleasanton.

A K-8 school configuration is a possibility that sparked substantial debate last year, and was presented as a way to use the overcrowding issue as an innovative opportunity, in terms of scholastic structure.

Survey-takers said a K-8 configuration could offer more continuity for students and allow them to strengthen bonds with staff. But cost and traffic concerns, along with

some uneasiness around the wide student age range and the equitability of school structures district-wide remain as potential hurdles and issues for respondents.

And in terms of increasing the capacity within existing school configurations, community members noted the option's comparatively low cost and appreciated that students could stay at their same school sites. However, they again pointed to infrastructure concerns and said that it might be difficult to preserve the sense of community and quality of education with larger schools, along with extra staffing needs.

In reviewing some of his key takeaways from the responses, Haglund noted that the possible construction of a new K-8 school was mired in questions and uncertainty — an indication that the option would require a good deal of work, logistically and pedagogically.

"There was just so much work that we need to do, that almost flies in the face of the urgency at which we need to do the work," Haglund said.

Staff highlighted possible criteria to consider in moving forward with one or more options: impact on students, implementation complexity, cost, implementation time, school size guidelines, adaptability for future population changes and allowing students to attend their neighborhood schools.

Next steps will be to consult with trustees on the proposed criteria and possibly narrow down the options, complete a traffic study in conjunction with the city of Pleasanton, review architect conceptual designs on Aug. 28 and hold a board workshop Dec. 8.

In other business

• During closed session, the board appointed six new administrators, at the district office and all school levels.

Eduardo Guerena and Kelly Hilton were both named as vice

principals at Amador Valley High School, Lisa Hansen as administrative assistant of human resources, Steve Chapman as vice principal at Hart Middle School, Doris Kwok as assistant director of special education, and Leslie Navarrete as vice principal for Vintage Hills Elementary School, Walnut Grove Elementary School and Harvest Park preschool.

• Trustees heard updates on the implementation of Measure 11, the \$270 million facilities bond measure approved by voters in November 2016, with proceeds funding facilities and technology projects at district schools, and to prepay part of PUSD's 2010 certificates of participation (debt-payoff).

Steve Zevanove from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee presented his group's findings and recommendations for district staff as bond projects proceed. The committee had found everything to be transparent with projects progressing at the anticipated scheduled, he reported, though he acknowledged

that they were still in the early stages.

In terms of committee recommendations, he highlighted the fact that while the bond could not be used to pay teacher or administrative salaries, however, bond monies could be used to pay district staff working on bond projects.

In order to ensure an appropriate usage of these funds, the committee was suggesting that Pleasanton Unified "develop internal guidance for district staff to use when charging bond funds," and periodically report these charges to the board.

And trustees subsequently heard a collective update on bond financing and the district's outstanding debt.

In October last year, PUSD issued its first series of Measure 11 bonds in the amount of \$70 million, with \$3.7 million funding short-term technology, \$52 million directed to infrastructure projects and the rest going to certificates of participation (COPs) payoff.

Currently, the district has three series of refunding bonds outstanding,

according to staff.

• The board heard a short presentation on budgetary adjustments in recent months, based on re-shuffled allocations at the state level in addition to expenditure changes from the district.

In light of a decrease in California's new funding allocation rate for average daily attendance (ADA), along with Pleasanton Unified expenditure increases for additional staffing and supplies costs, the district will see a \$1.7 million decrease in fund balance.

• Staff presented the 2018-19 emergency preparedness and district safety report, which focused not only on standardizing basic emergency know-how drills and protocols, but maintaining a healthy school culture throughout the school year.

• Trustees approved a contract for district produce to Daylight Foods.

• The board approved two new district job descriptions: coordinator II benefits/risk management/safety/leaves and behavior intervention specialist. ■

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TRI-VALLEY HAVEN

New computers courtesy of Pleasanton Lions

Local nonprofit Tri-Valley Haven recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Pleasanton Lions Club to cover the costs of installing two new computers, which will help streamline the nonprofit's food delivery process for clients and actually creates more room for food storage since most paperwork is no longer necessary. Tri-Valley Haven's food pantry serves 5,700 people and 1,700 families a year experiencing food insecurity in the area.

SRVUSD posting lifeguards at pools, halting PE swimming

Moves come in wake of freshman boy drowning in San Ramon Valley High pool

By RYAN J. DEGAN

In the first action announced since the drowning of 15-year-old freshman Benjamin Curry in the San Ramon Valley High School pool last spring, school district officials have hired lifeguards to work at school pools to enhance safety when students are in the pools, a program that began with the start of school Monday.

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District investigation into the fatal incident — which law enforcement deemed accidental — has concluded, and though full details have not been released, one key outcome is the district posting lifeguards at each pool at the four comprehensive high schools to watch students during school-sponsored activities.

For now, that will need to occur only during school teams' water

polo activities because the district has halted physical education lessons in high school pools for at least the fall semester while officials continue to review the district's pool policy, according to SRVUSD spokeswoman Elizabeth Graswich.

"Following the tragic death of a student in the San Ramon Valley High School pool last spring, our District has evaluated the safety protocols for use of the pools at each high school," Graswich said in a statement Tuesday.

"As part of this process, beginning (Monday), on the first day of school, we now have lifeguards staffed at each of our pools whenever they are in use. This includes four hours a day for water polo practice through the entire season. The safety of our students continues to be our top priority," she added.

Curry's family is supportive of the new lifeguard safety measure but is still working to find out what exactly led to Benjamin drowning undetected during his physical education class nearly three months ago, according to attorney Andy Schwartz, who represents the Curry family.

"They are glad that they are implementing safety procedures. Anything to make the pools more safe is something that my clients will feel good about," Schwartz said Tuesday. "We are continuing to investigate what occurred ... We are investigating the facts surrounding the incident."

The lifeguard program is catching up with the district's policy of requiring residents who rent out school pools to have a lifeguard on duty at all times, which has been in effect since 2016. Individuals

or groups who rent the use of a pool on school grounds must provide their own lifeguard who is registered through the American Red Cross, YMCA or an equivalent lifeguard training program.

Lifeguards must also be certified in standard first aid and CPR. The district will follow these qualifications in hiring its lifeguards and ensuring that they are professionally certificated, Graswich said.

For the fall semester, the district will post three certified lifeguards at each pool. The idea is to guarantee at least two sets of eyes on the pool any time it's in use, according to Graswich. Current projections indicate the lifeguard program will cost about \$125,000 for the fall semester.

Curry drowned during his fourth-period swim class on May 8 which, while taught by a PE teacher

did not officially have a lifeguard on duty during that time, and he was not discovered in the pool until the fifth-period pool class began, according to investigators.

In July, the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office opted not to file criminal charges, after Danville police found no signs of foul play nor criminal negligence with regards to Curry's death, confirming previous findings made by the county coroner's office in early June.

Also in July, police confirmed that Curry did know how to swim but they were unsure of how to answer when asked about his skill level.

Graswich said Tuesday that she could not comment on any potential disciplinary actions for SRVHS staff as a result of the drowning, citing employee confidentiality. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Through her lens: Pleasanton resident and professional photographer Sue Evans was thrilled to see all of the beautiful animals and experience the African culture during a trip to Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. She had around 3,000 photographs to organize when she got home.

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CANDIDATES

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an incumbent did not file for the election.

This marks the first time in recent memory Pleasanton won't have a contested mayor election. Thorne faced a single challenger in each of his prior three elections.

No school board race, on the other hand, is nothing new for Pleasanton.

Most recently, the Pleasanton Unified School District had no contested elections — the same number of candidates as available seats — in 2012, 2006, 2004 and 2002.

With two seats due up for election this fall, Laursen is seeking her third straight term and Miller his second.

It remains up to the city and PUSD, respectively, whether to put the uncontested mayor and school board elections on the ballot (at a cost to taxpayers but leaving open the possibility for write-in campaigns) or opt to have the incumbents appointed directly.

Other elections

- Pleasanton's representative seat on the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, for Ward Area 5, will be up for election in November. Incumbent Ayn Wieskamp has been challenged by small business owner Dev Gandhi.

- Three races are also held over from the June primary, including Alameda County assessor in which Newark real estate tax attorney Phong La is competing against Jim Johnson, chief of the Assessor's Assessment Services Division.

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

- Three-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) will look to maintain his position as the representative of California's 15th Congressional District when facing off against Republican challenger Rudy Peters, a business owner from Livermore. ■

BART SECURITY

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been increasing their staffing levels by canceling days off for their officers and staff Aug. 6. For the next two weeks, those personnel will be working 10-hour shifts six days a week.

"I do want to say that I didn't take this decision lightly," Police Chief Carlos Rojas said during the meeting. "I know the impact it has on their personal lives."

During times of heightened concern, the agency also plans to dispatch teams of two to four employees who've been trained by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration to provide extra sets of eyes and ears for police and to increase the visibility of station staff.

The board also asked General Manager Grace Crunican to come back with a plan on how BART can work with other agencies to address issues connected to homelessness and mental illness. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Teen dies in rural crash outside Livermore

A young man who died in a solo-vehicle crash on Mines Road in unincorporated Alameda County outside Livermore on Sunday morning has been identified by the Alameda County coroner's bureau as 19-year-old Jon Gullette of Tracy.

According to the California Highway Patrol, Gullette was traveling in a white Ford Mustang in a rural area around 8 a.m. Sunday when he lost control of the car around a curve and careened off a steep hill into trees, where he became trapped.

Other vehicles were traveling with Gullette and stopped after they saw the crash but they couldn't reach emergency responders because of the lack of cellphone service, CHP Officer Derek Reed said.

Gullette's friends were able to extricate him from the car and drove to an area with cell service, where they called 911, according to the CHP.

Emergency responders arrived and took Gullette to a trauma center, where he died.

The CHP said alcohol or drugs are not suspected as factors in the crash.

In other news

- Four suspects were arrested last week in Livermore in connection with the armed robbery of a T-Mobile store.

The identities of the suspects have not been released.

On Aug. 9 at 1:10 p.m., three

suspects wearing masks walked into the T-Mobile store at 4516 Las Positas Road, according to the Livermore Police Department.

One of the suspects simulated having a gun.

One of the two employees inside the store at the time of the robbery was able to run out of the store and notify a passerby of the robbery, police said.

The suspects then left the store and fled the area in a white Jeep Cherokee driven by a fourth person.

A responding officer located the fleeing vehicle and pursued it to a dead-end on Old First Street, where the three passengers fled the vehicle.

Police were able to take the driver into custody at the vehicle, and the three suspects who fled were detained following a search.

Police said Thursday the identities of the suspects is pending, and the suspects are believed to be gang members from Fresno.

- A transient man from San Francisco was convicted July 20 of two counts of forced oral copulation and one count of rape for sexually assaulting an intoxicated woman in San Leandro whom he encountered at the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station.

Jurors, who deliberated for less than a day and a half, also convicted 29-year-old Meini Foster of multiple kidnapping charges. He faces a state prison term of up to 75 years to life when he's sentenced by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Paul Delucchi on Sept. 28.

However, they found him not guilty of an attempted sodomy

charge, according to prosecutor Tim Wellman.

Police and prosecutors said the victim works in San Francisco and after work on the night of Dec. 15, 2016, she drank alcohol with work colleagues at a holiday party for more than six hours before she entered the Powell Street BART station in San Francisco at about 11:20 p.m.

According to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, the victim boarded the Dublin-Pleasanton BART train instead of the Pittsburg-Bay Point train, which she needed to take in order to get home to her apartment in Walnut Creek. She arrived at the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station just after midnight on Dec. 16, which is where she crossed paths with Foster, according to BART surveillance video footage.

The video showed Foster with the victim at the Dublin-Pleasanton station before they boarded a train to the Bay Fair BART station in San Leandro, according to the DA's Office.

BART surveillance camera footage shows that the woman was "swaying back and forth and had trouble maintaining her balance" and "is so intoxicated she falls forward onto her hands and knees," San Leandro police Officer Deborah Trujillo wrote in a probable cause statement.

She was seen leaving the Bay Fair BART station in San Leandro with Foster at about 1:04 a.m. the next day, the police report says.

Trujillo said Foster pulled the woman close to him when she tried to walk away from him and then led her down the stairs toward the

station's exit. Foster then continued to lead the woman as she stumbled and took her into the BART station's parking lot.

Foster next forced the woman onto nearby railroad tracks between Hesperian Boulevard and Halcyon Drive where he sexually assaulted her, according to the police officer.

Foster finally left the woman in the mud at the railroad tracks but she had a hard time finding her way and when she knocked on a family's door at 3 a.m. to ask for help the

residents mistook her for a burglar, ordered her to leave and called 911, according to Trujillo.

However, police finally found the woman and took her to a hospital, where they conducted a sexual assault examination on her, Trujillo said. The DNA that was found on the woman matches Foster's, which was in the criminal justice system database because he had a prior sexual assault conviction, police said. ■

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 12

Drug violation

■ 4:14 a.m. at Owens and Rosewood drives

■ 7:13 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Sex offense

■ 11:20 a.m. on Valley Avenue

Theft

■ 12:30 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

■ 10:47 a.m., 4200 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft

Assault/battery

■ 12:03 a.m. on the 2600 block of Calle Reynoso

Aug. 11

Robbery

■ 6:45 p.m. on the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

■ 7:21 a.m. on the 3100 block of Thistledown Court

■ 12:30 p.m. on the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

■ 1:51 p.m., 3400 block of Beecham Court; theft from auto

Drug violation

■ 3:58 a.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road

■ 8:22 a.m. on the 7600 block of Olive Drive

Domestic battery

■ 2:46 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Aug. 10

DUI

■ 7:57 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Hopyard Road

■ 10:42 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive

Theft

■ 12:46 p.m. on the 3600 block of Chelsea Court

■ 2:44 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft of bicycle

■ 2:49 p.m. on the 2500 block of Jolene Court

■ 5:37 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Alcohol violation

■ 1:49 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

Trespass/prowling

■ 9:58 a.m. on the 7700 block of Oak Creek Court

Drug violation

■ 2:20 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Aug. 9

Theft

■ 3:19 p.m., 4200 block of First Street; shoplifting

■ 4:45 p.m. on the 1400 block of Groth Circle

Residential burglary

■ 8:47 a.m. on the 7700 block of Oak Creek Court

Aug. 8

Drug violation

■ 8:45 p.m. on the 8000 block of Ensenada Drive

Theft

■ 3:42 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 4:16 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 5:34 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 7:25 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

Domestic battery

■ 1:26 p.m. on the 8100 block of War Glory Place

Aug. 7

Alcohol violation

■ 10:37 p.m. on the 2500 block of Stanley Boulevard

Theft

■ 5:27 a.m., 4300 block of Valley Avenue; theft from auto

■ 11 a.m. on the 2600 block of Calle Morelia

■ 1:27 p.m. on the 7400 block of Hillsdale Drive

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Rabbi Raleigh Resnick stands in Chabad's backyard, which can't be used under proposed city restrictions. Darlene and Mike Miller's house can be seen through bushes.

Chabad: What's the fuss?

Council to rule Tuesday on appeals over restrictions on new Jewish Center

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JEB BING

In what could be one of its longest, most intense meetings of the year, the Pleasanton City Council will be asked Tuesday to decide if the Chabad Jewish organization should have unrestricted use of its recently acquired property on Hopyard Road or be kept hemmed in as some of its backyard

neighbors are demanding.

Chabad is considered a "traditional, inclusive and observant" assembly of Judaism. The local Chabad of the Tri-Valley was first organized in 2005 by Rabbi Raleigh Resnick and his wife Fruma.

The Tri-Valley Chabad bought the former Masonic Lodge at 3370

Hopyard for \$2.5 million last year. The 8,000-square-foot building now serves as a religious sanctuary with space for classrooms, community gatherings and food preparation.

Its one acre of property, spun off by St. Clare's Episcopal Church when that church building was

constructed in 1976, includes a backyard that became a source of discord in the neighborhood when the former owners, Pleasanton Masons, hosted parties there.

Those parties resulted in the city imposing land-use restrictions that are now hampering the new owners — the Chabad — from fully using its property.

At a 3-1/2-hour public hearing June 27, in a crowded council chamber, Resnick and other representatives of Chabad asked the Pleasanton Planning Commission to change or cancel those proposed restrictions.

Commissioners tweaked the restrictions to help Chabad without ignoring the opposition of Michael and Darlene Miller, whose Bryce Canyon Court home backs up to Chabad's property. But a city order that it close all windows and doors facing that backyard and ban all uses of the backyard remains in effect.

Planning commissioners saw their June 27 decision as a workable compromise, although Commissioner Nancy Allen stated in a letter sent after the meeting that the proposed restrictions should have been tightened even further.

Still, neither the Millers nor Chabad liked the commission's decision, and both are appealing it to the council Tuesday night.

What once was a land-use issue dating back to the Masons' original building permit has now escalated into concerns over continued outdoor activities at churches and preschools citywide, discrimination against a Jewish organization and a possible violation of Chabad's constitutional right to equal protection as defined by the federal Religious Land Use & Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA).

"Chabad is not prepared to relinquish one-third of its property with no uses allowed at all," said Chabad's attorney James G. Schwartz. "No other houses of worship (in Pleasanton) have such draconian measures."

Resnick, in an interview, said that an important part of Chabad is to have a preschool with outdoor activities and to hold numerous religious events outdoors.

But the Planning Commission's ruling not only continued the ban on using the Chabad's building's backyard, it also restricts the use of its side yard. That includes allowing no more than 24 students at a time to go outside and then for no longer than 2-1/2 hours a day.

"If we have 25 children in a class, would one have to stay inside?" Resnick asked. "That's unacceptable."

"When I look out from my office and see 200 Boy Scouts gathering outside St. Clare's just a few feet away, it doesn't make sense to deny similar uses on our property," he added.

Comments from speakers at the June 27 meeting, as well as emails



Locked doors on north side of Chabad's building

Resnick has received and posts on the Pleasanton Weekly's online Town Square, have voiced opinions that the city's ruling may be anti-Jewish.

But Resnick disagreed.

"I don't think the protests are anti-Semitic," he said. "I don't think that's what is motivating the neighbors. I think they are genuinely motivated by noise. I believe them and take them at their word."

Planning Commissioner Justin Brown, who voted to impose the new restrictions, agreed. He said that after a phone call with the Millers to clarify their position, he did not believe the neighbors' concerns are religious-based. He added that he did not like the assertions made at the June 27 meeting that



Mike Miller at June 27 Planning Commission meeting objects to relaxing rules on outdoor activities at Chabad of the Tri-Valley.



Crowd at June 27 Planning Commission meeting



g, which the city says must stay closed along with all windows on north side of building.

they are.

The Millers objected for years to noise coming from the Masons, who often rented out their building to groups seeking a place to hold large receptions and parties. Although these were always in violation of the original land-use restrictions, it was only recently that city staff agreed and put a stop to the outdoor events.

“We support faith-based religion and education,” the Millers said in a joint statement to the Weekly. “However, with all of the events that Chabad wanted outside — 15 events of 120 people a year, discussion groups of up to 24 people and a playground, all directly on the other side of our fence — we did not know how to make it all work in this very small area.

Their statement added: “Since the last (June 27) hearing, we have come up with a configuration that we did not think of before. We believe it addresses most if not all of Chabad’s needs and are trying to work with Chabad to come up with a mutually acceptable compromise before next week’s (City Council) hearing.

“St. Clare’s sold part of its land to the Masons (now Chabad’s property). Because the building (would be) closer to the neighbors than normally allowed, the city only approved the building on the condition that noise remain inside the building, (and that) any outdoor activity be located away from the neighbors.

“In response to Chabad’s initial use permit application on Feb. 9,



St. Clare’s Episcopal Church children play outdoors with no noise restrictions just a few feet from Chabad’s building.

2016, the city wrote a letter to Chabad a full year before escrow closed, which stated: “Staff is generally unsupportive of outdoor activities near the adjacent residential properties to the north of the subject site due to potential impacts of outdoor activities on adjacent residences.”

“Therefore, Chabad was fully aware of the city’s position on use of the backyard for an entire year before buying the property,” the Millers said.

Although the Millers have met with Resnick to seek a compromise, they have yet to hear back from him with regard to their latest proposal. It seems likely, though, that he will not agree to some of their demands, including a continued ban on the Chabad using its backyard and its need to construct a sound wall up to eight or nine feet high to keep noise from side yard activities.

In their appeal to be considered Tuesday, the Millers complain that the Planning Commission’s June 27 decision violates the conditions placed on the original Masonic building site.

Their appeal states, “To protect the neighbors from activities generated by this building, the 1977 Planning Commission prohibited outdoor activity at the site. The 2018 Planning Commission’s decision violates the conditions placed on the nature of this site from its inception.

“An objective analysis by a sound engineer hired by the Millers indicates that the noise from the playground will be at least 20 dB above the ambient noise level. Five dB is the industry threshold for a significant increase in noise. The playground will increase ambient noise far above this level.

“The Planning Commission has ignored, and in fact reversed, the City Council’s clear and unanimous decision prohibiting outdoor

activity at this site and the 40-year history of limitations on this site. The decision of unelected officials should not override the decision of elected officials who are the highest authority in the city.”

Meanwhile, in his appeal of the June 27 Planning Commission’s decision, Rabbi Resnick argues that the city is restricting the rights of the Jewish community because a few of its citizens are saying, as they did in front of the Planning Commission, “not in my neighborhood.”

“It was for this reason that the federal government passed the Religious Land Use & Institutionalized Persons Act,” Resnick states. If ‘not in my neighborhood’ would prevail, then no houses of worship could ever be built.”

His appeal calls discriminatory the commission’s rulings of:

- Limiting the number of outdoor events Chabad can hold each year to 15.
- Limiting the number of people inside and outside the building to 120 regardless of how many Jewish people may want to attend religious activities at the synagogue.
- Banning the use in any manner of one-third of Chabad’s property.
- Limiting the number of persons allowed outside the building before 10 a.m. or after 10 p.m.
- Limiting the students of Chabad’s preschool to 2-1/2 hours of outdoor time per day and only from 10:30 a.m. to noon and from 3-4 p.m.
- Limiting the number of activities with amplification to two a year.
- Banning the opening and closing of windows and doors on the north side of the building.

“These are substantial limitations of the rights of the Jewish community to use their property in a manner they deem necessary for their religious rights,” Resnick adds. “The only restrictions should

be those that may be in violation of the zoning where this synagogue is located.”

In addition to Resnick’s formal appeal, Chabad’s outside attorneys, represented by Daniel P. Dalton of Dalton & Tomich, with offices in Belvidere, Ill., outside Chicago, sent a letter dated July 27 to Pleasanton City Council members and the city attorney’s office.

In part, the letter reads:

“In advance of the City Council meeting on Aug. 21 ... we write to appeal and oppose the unlawful conditions the Planning Commission has sought to impose on the Chabad’s religious land use of its property at 3370 Hopyard Road ... conditions which are not generally applicable to other similar uses in the community.

“Imposing such a condition on the Chabad’s religious land use would violate the Chabad’s constitutional right to equal protection of the law and the ‘equal terms’ provision of RLUIPA.

“It would also substantially burden the Chabad’s religious exercise as it would impair the Chabad’s ability to have Sabbath services, wedding ceremonies, prayer and other religious activities outdoors.

“Pleasanton does not even have a rational basis upon which to justify limiting the Chabad’s outdoor use of its property beyond the playground and terrace areas to just maintenance activities.

“Should this condition not be removed, it may also constitute an unconstitutional taking of the Chabad’s property rights.

“Again, our client would like to secure its religious land-use rights without costly and lengthy litigation and seeks an amicable resolution of this matter.”

Now it’s up to the council to decide. The public hearing is set to start at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■



g. More might appear for City Council’s meeting Tuesday night.

Chabad seeks same treatment afforded other faith groups in Pleasanton

BY RABBI RALEIGH RESNICK

It was exactly 13 years ago, August 2005, and my wife Fruma and I were freshly “off the boat” from New York City. We moved to Pleasanton to establish Chabad of the Tri-Valley and to share our passion for Judaism’s traditions, joys and teachings with our fellow Jewish brothers and sisters.

Born from humble beginnings in our living room, a vibrant and dynamic Jewish community was coming to life. After outgrowing our home, we spent years renting office spaces and hotel ballrooms, until it became increasingly clear that we needed a permanent home; a Chabad Center for Jewish Life to meet the needs of a growing community.

Pleasanton’s hot and limited real estate market made this no easy task for a young nonprofit organization. But then it happened: The perfect size building, zoned appropriately with ample parking, surrounded by houses of worship, on an acre of land — all in the heart of Pleasanton. A miracle indeed!

How sad it was for us that, in a city home to dozens of parks, schools and houses of worship woven beautifully within the fabric of residential neighborhoods, we now faced a very small but very vocal opposition to the sounds of our preschool children and religious gatherings. This, instead of joy and energy to face the challenge of fixing up an eyesore on Hopyard Road.

My wife and I made numerous personal attempts to reach out and share our resolve to enhance the community, to compromise, and even accept limits imposed on no other religious organization.

Sadly, these overtures have not yet been met with the same spirit in which they were extended. A contentious public process is the last thing we hoped for, but in the absence of acceptance, our expectation from our elected officials is a simple one.

We, Pleasanton’s Jewish community, ask only to be treated with equality and fairness. We seek no preferential or special treatment. We do however expect to be given the freedom to worship, gather and celebrate our faith; the very same freedom afforded to the men and women of every faith group in this glorious “Community of Character.” ■

Editor’s note: Rabbi Raleigh Resnick is the spiritual leader of Chabad of the Tri-Valley, which owns the building at 3370 Hopyard Road.

City must strike balance between religious freedom, residents’ rights

BY MICHAEL AND DARLENE MILLER

In the complex discussion around what Chabad of the Tri-Valley should be allowed to do at their site, there are some misconceptions we would like to address.

Some people are concerned that restrictions on Chabad might impact other religious institutions. This is incorrect. The city has stated that each situation is assessed individually, and the decisions on one site do not create a precedent for future decisions on other sites.

Others may feel that limiting Chabad’s outdoor use is unfair because other cited religious institutions don’t have similar restrictions. However, these institutions don’t share a fence-line with neighbors. Furthermore, all, except St. Clare’s, are much farther from residences, reducing the noise impact.

Although Chabad has religious protection, even religious events are subject to reasonable restrictions on size and location to protect neighbors from excessive noise. Hence the city created designated outdoor areas for large events and group meetings away from neighbors’ fence-lines to reduce noise, even though this meant that Chabad was restricted in using parts of its property.

Additionally, Planning Commissioner Nancy Allen stated in a letter to the City Council, “Most of the examples cited of churches are very old CUPs (conditional use permits) which would likely never be permitted as is today ... Old CUPs such as St. Clare’s are not the model of current CUPs which are much more rigorous ... We regularly place restrictions on things such as playtime hours, location of noise generating activities, events, etc. We also deny applicants because they are too close to residences such as we did with a recent Ruby Hill application.” And in 2014, the city denied a playground located only 80 feet from neighbors due to noise concerns.

We fully support religious freedom, but the law allows a balance between religious freedom and residents’ rights. With this balance, neither the residents nor Chabad will have everything they want, but the immediate neighbors have recently met with Chabad and hope to work out a compromise together.

This conflict between faith-based neighbors weighs heavy on our hearts, and we hope that as good neighbors, we can live harmoniously with mutual respect. ■

Editor’s note: Michael and Darlene Miller are residential neighbors to the Chabad property, with the backyards sharing a fence-line.

LETTERS

Council election and Costco

Candidates for Pleasanton City Council — I sent the following comment as a letter to the editor; the editor chose not to publish it (last week):

It’s important that Pleasanton voters elect that candidate that supports Costco build in Pleasanton. Two of the current City Council members have recused themselves from the Costco issue because their retirement investments contained Costco stock.

A third seated Pleasanton council member is not seeking re-election. That leaves two seated council members currently, actively supporting the Costco build in Pleasanton.

In order for the majority of the Pleasanton voters to be reaffirmed that their majority vote for Costco build in Pleasanton continues to have Pleasanton City Council support, all of us must vote for that candidate that supports Costco

build in Pleasanton.

City Council candidate Joe Streng has publicly and privately stated, reaffirmed with me, that he supports Costco build in Pleasanton.

—Michael Austin

Gluten-free options at school

If your student has a gluten intolerance/allergy or Celiacs, please contact me. Together I am hoping to get food items on the school menu that are gluten-free. The menu is nut-free and dairy-sensitive but does not offer gluten free options.

Even the yogurt (granola) and the salad (croutons) are not options. I don’t believe that (some) chips and fruit will do.

I pack my kid a huge lunch and sometimes he needs more. One in 100 people have Celiacs and more

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are gluten intolerant/allergic. With 2,500 students in each high school, and many more in middle and elementary schools, we can't be the only ones. Thank you for your help in advance.

—Kelly Swenson

Stand up for local control

Pleasanton must pay attention. A plethora of state legislation is threatening to remove Pleasanton control, planning and development of our community. The state's housing agenda has little regard for Pleasanton's quality of life regarding housing, schools, traffic and water.

Legislators want to take those decision away from us, removing local control. Legislation being considered gives a clear path to developers to build without concerns for architectural review, traffic congestion, providing law enforcement and city services, building schools or recreational balance.

They feel no responsibility for our community's values.

I support Pleasanton's 20% affordable housing policy (which supports vulnerable populations), but Sacramento's housing agenda produces 80%-90% market-rate

(expensive) housing and does not create needed workforce affordability.

With two BART stations, Pleasanton is targeted by AB 2923, legislation which is likely to pass soon. AB 2923 gives development authority to BART: an organization that has no experience as a developer, can't manage the responsibilities they currently have and would not care how our existing community would look or be impacted.

The threat from other legislative proposals is even greater. Join me to Stand Up for Local Control. I will soon provide further information on my campaign website.

—Julie Testa
Candidate, Pleasanton City Council

Safe Digging Day

Aug. 11 was National Safe Digging Day, and PG&E is raising awareness about the importance of calling 8-1-1 before any digging project — large or small. When called, this free nationwide service dispatches all companies with underground lines to mark the location of their facilities and ensure safe digging, including electric, gas, water and telecommunications services.

Third-party dig-ins and strikes on underground lines happen

nearly every day. So far this year, there have been more than 200 dig-ins on PG&E's underground lines in the East Bay alone. Many could have been avoided by calling 8-1-1 or placing an online request to 811express.com.

No project is too small. Whether you are planting a tree, installing a fence, or building a new structure — calling 811 can avoid fines, repair costs and even injury.

Help save lives and keep communities safe with a call to 8-1-1 two business days before any digging project.

—Victor Baker
Senior manager, PG&E Diablo Division

Where's their picture?

Your article on Sandi Thorne was outstanding. You knew her well.

I would like to comment on the Meadowlark Dairy feature (from Aug. 3). Having been a resident since 1975, I have watched Bruce and Patti Takens raise a family, grow a business and generously contribute to Pleasanton.

I wonder why a picture of Bruce and Patti was not included. Their dedication and hard work has made the dairy possible, and I believe a picture would have been appropriate.

—Trudy Fabian

TAKE US ALONG

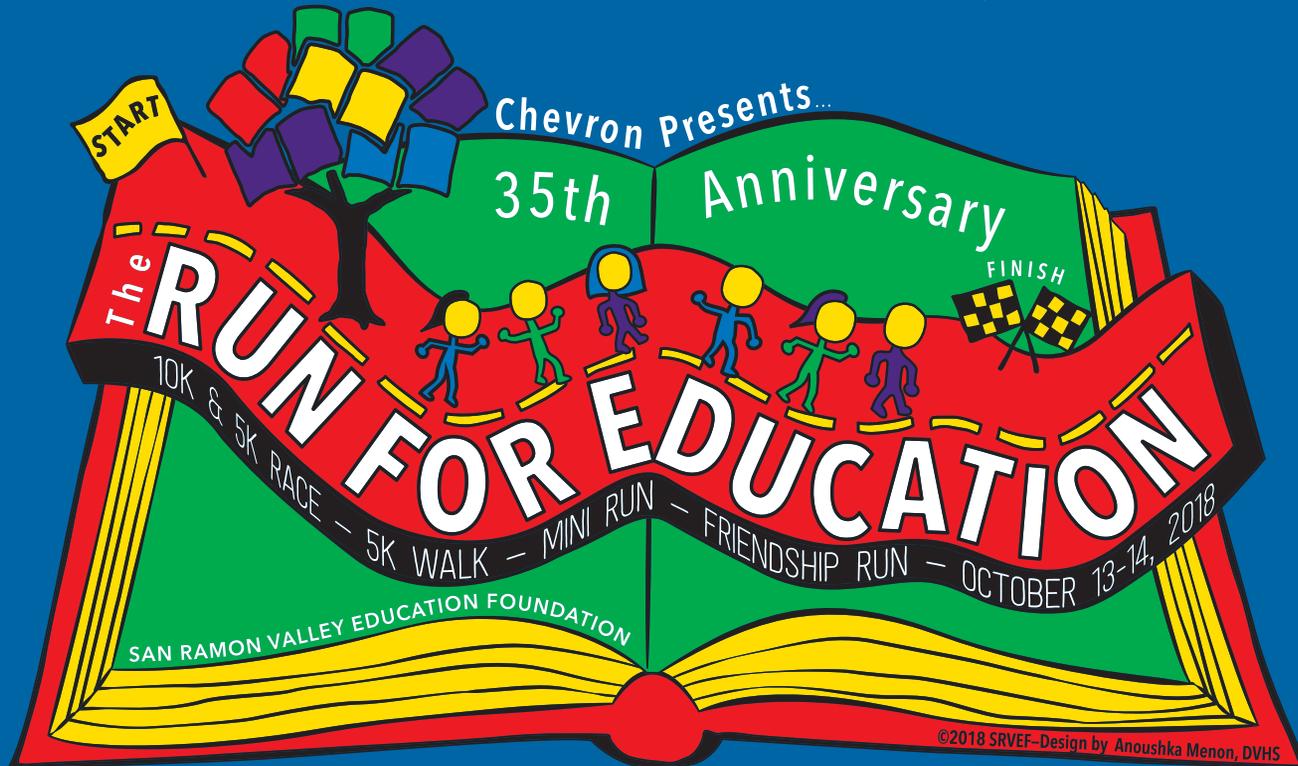


Cross that off the bucket list: ClubSport of Pleasanton instructors and members took a 10-day Panama Canal aboard the Coral Princess. The canal visit was on everyone's bucket list. From left: Doreen and Tommy Colombo, Esther and Ron Hart, Susan and Bob Scott, and Jenny and Don Underwood.

Election letters

The Pleasanton Weekly will accept letters to the editor of up to 250 words on election-related issues until 5 p.m. Oct. 28. Letters are published based on order of receipt and space availability, among other factors. We will publish only one letter per person per election topic this fall, and we reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted. Send via email to editor@pleasantonweekly.com.

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EXPLORING LIVES OF MIGRANT WORKERS

Museum exhibit is a reality check about the food we eat

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

How much do we know about the lives of the people who feed us?

Where do they live?

How does it feel to work so hard at a repetitive task?

The Museum on Main explores these questions in its new exhibit, which displays oral narratives of migrant workers beside the powerful images of photojournalist David Bacon. The exhibit is in both English and Spanish, titled "In the Fields of the North/En los Campos del Norte."

Bacon — photographer, journalist and activist — has spent more



DAVID BACON

Manuel Garcia, a farm worker from Esteli, Nicaragua, shows the juice from trimming tobacco plants on his hands and arms.

than three decades documenting the lives of migrant workers, building upon his previous work as a union organizer. He traveled with them as the fruit and harvest season moved from the Mexican border to the state of Washington, asking the workers themselves what answers they have to end their poverty and endless migration.

The exhibit is based upon the book of the same name, recently published by University of California Press.

"Bacon captures the humanity of workers who work each day in demanding physical labor, in the hot sun, and for poverty wages," wrote Kent Wong, director of the UCLA Labor Center. "This is one of the few publications that captures the authentic stories of California farm workers, through their own voices and with the images of their living and working conditions."

Bacon is also the author of "The Children of NAFTA," "Communities Without Borders," "Illegal People" and "The Right to Stay Home."

"In the Fields of the North/En los Campos del Norte" was produced in partnership with the California Rural Legal Assistance, the Binational Front of Indigenous Organizations, and History San José. It is touring the country through Exhibit Envoy, which provides traveling exhibits to museums to build new perspectives among Californians.



'Workers who work each day in demanding physical labor, in the hot sun, and for poverty wages.'

Kent Wong,
UCLA Labor Center

"In the Fields of the North" runs through Oct. 14. Programs related to the exhibit will be announced on the museum's website, www.museumonmain.org.

Museum on Main is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays at 603 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. Call 462-2766. ■



DAVID BACON

Top: Maria Antonietta Gonzalez and Jose Angel Martinez Gonzalez, two migrants from Carranza, Chiapas, top and bag onions.

Bottom: Just after arriving from Mexico, a Mixtec farm worker lives with her son in a tent on the hillside in Del Mar.

Livermore Valley Opera announces new season

Two fully staged operas are works by Mozart and Rossini

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Valley Opera opens its 27th season with Mozart's "The Abduction from the Seraglio," the first of two fully staged operas at the Bankhead Theater. "Abduction" runs Sept. 29 to Oct. 7.

This opera, a lighthearted comedy, is an example of the musical theater when it was written and

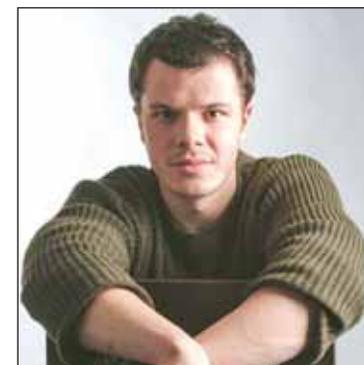
Mozart ushered in a new era in music history with this first of his operatic masterpieces.

The second opera this season will be Rossini's "The Barber of Seville," running March 9-17. This popular opera has perhaps the most recognizable music of all time, which has been a part of movies, TV commercials and even a Bugs Bunny cartoon.

The operas will include favorite performers of Livermore Valley Opera, including Eugene Brancoveanu and Rob Herriot. The performances include pre-opera talks held one hour prior to curtain time and a reception with the artists held in the lobby after each performance.

Each of the operas also will have an Opening Night Gala dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard at 4 p.m. before the performance. Tickets are \$95 for the welcome reception and dinner plus a chance to meet stage director Alexander Katsman.

Tickets for the operas are \$42-\$90 for adults; \$10 less for students 18 and younger. Purchase at www.LVOpera.com or at the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Left: Rob Herriot will direct "The Barber of Seville." Right: Eugene Brancoveanu will direct "Abduction" and perform the role of Pasha Selim.

Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St. in Livermore. Call the box office at 373-6800.

Visit the opera's website for information about a variety of events throughout the season. ■

Judaism course for adults

Congregation Beth Emek offering 14-week overview

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Rabbi Laurence Elis Milder will teach a 14-week "Introduction to Judaism" class at Congregation Beth Emek beginning Sept. 6.

The course will offer an overview of the basics of Jewish beliefs, history and traditions, appropriate for anyone curious about Judaism who would like to study at an adult level.

"This is the single best way for the public to learn about Judaism in a mature, scholarly way — and also in a warm and friendly environment," Milder said. "It is a very valuable class, both for our members and for the public at large."

Topics will include the Bible, Jewish history, holidays, life cycle customs, prayer, theology, Israel, Jewish peoplehood and Jewish movements.

Milder taught the course in 2015 at Beth Emek and has also taught in other synagogues. He has a doctorate in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University, and he has taught college and seminary classes in Jewish history, theology and Bible.

"The course is appropriate for the general public — people curious about Judaism who want a serious class that explains all about Judaism in a comprehensive way," Milder said. "Some non-Jews have families with Jews or have friends or family but have never had the opportunity as an adult to explore what is this religion — what does it mean, its basic beliefs, its texts."

"Someone may have a Jewish partner, and they want the opportunity to learn together," he added. "It is also appropriate for Jews who didn't have a formal Jewish education, and the last time they learned anything about their religion was as a child."

There will be no formal text, but Milder said he will have a recommended reading list, noting there are several good books on Judaism that are well-written and objective.

In other years, Beth Emek has offered classes on single topics, including Introduction to the Jewish Bible, Modern Jewish Thought and the History of Jewish Music.



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Rabbi Laurence Elis Milder

"Introduction to Judaism" will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. Tuition is \$140 for individuals and \$175 for couples. Register online at www.bethemek.org/lifelong-learning/adults. For more information, call 931-1055. ■

Tea for British mystery writer

Author to introduce latest in Royal Spyness series

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Towne Center Books is hosting New York Times bestselling author Rhys Bowen at a Tea Party and Book Signing at 1 p.m. Aug. 23 at Inklings Coffee & Tea, 530 Main St.

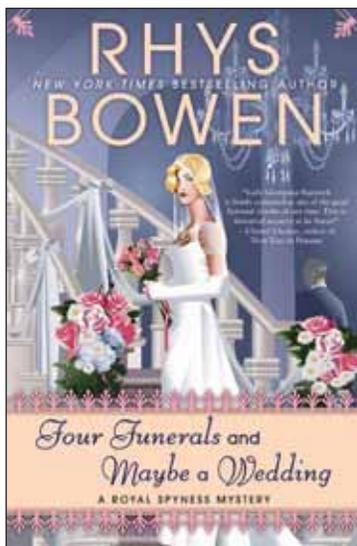
Bowen, author of the Royal Spyness mystery series, is presenting her latest addition, "Four Funerals and Maybe a Wedding," as her most darling couple is finally ready to say "I do." But weeks ahead of the wedding the bride is caught in a royal mess.

This is the 12th book in the

series, which has been described as "Bridget Jones's Diary" meets "Downton Abbey," as amateur sleuth Lady Georgiana Rannoch faces one debacle after another in 1930s England.

Bowen has been nominated for every major award in mystery writing. She is also the author of the Molly Murphy Mysteries, set in turn-of-the-century New York, and the Constable Evans Mysteries, set in Wales. She was born in England and now lives in the Bay Area.

Tickets are \$5 for the tea,



available at www.townecenterbooks.com or at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826. Books will be available for sale for \$26 at the event. ■

'Taste Our Terroir' winners

Tri-Valley winegrowers note best pairings at annual event

The winners of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association's recent "Taste Our Terroir" gala were as follows:

- Judges' Best Pairing — Longevity Wines & Backdoor Bistro. This team paired its 2017 Pinot Blanc, Livermore Valley with shrimp aguachili and local melon on a chili-dusted potato chip with avocado crema.
- Best Classic Pairing — Mitchell Katz Winery & Atria

Senior Living. This team paired its 2013 Speechless Cabernet Sauvignon Blend, Livermore Valley with Wagyu ribeye topped with barrel-aged Shoyu and fresh-grated horseradish.

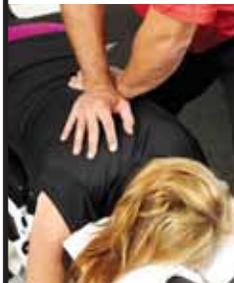
- Most Innovative and People's Choice Red Wine Pairing — Wood Family Vineyard & First Street Alehouse. This team paired its 2015 VIVA Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley with curry-fried chicken

Frankie with mango chutney aioli, pickled vegetables, chimichurri sauce and fresh cilantro.

- People's Choice White Wine Pairing — McGrail Vineyards and Winery & Attraversiamo. This team paired its 2017 McGrail Vineyards Kylie Ryan Rose, Livermore Valley with Mexican street corn-local Brentwood corn, mayo, pimenton, pine nuts, lime, chives topped with a spicy chicharron. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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Football season begins amid head-scratching changes to EBAL

League split into two divisions based on prowess; Falcons in top Mountain, Dons in lower Valley

Believe it or not, we have arrived at the start of the high school football season as both Amador Valley and Foothill start their campaigns tonight. (Our 2018 football preview issue will run next Friday.)

Amador opens at home against Del Oro, while Foothill travels to San Leandro.

It will be an interesting season to say the least as the East Bay Athletic League has again tweaked how the football league will be structured, and to be honest, it's a bit of a head-scratcher.

This year EBAL officials have divided the league into two separate divisions — the Mountain and

the Valley. This has been done in the other sports as well, but with football there are a couple of major differences.

The divisions were not done geographically as would make perfect sense, but rather by what is perceived a competitive balance. In addition, there will be a league champion in each division and with that title, an automatic berth in the North Coast Section playoffs.

It gets better.

Recently in football, De La Salle was on an island, not competing for an EBAL title, which allowed the other nine teams in the league

to fight for a chance to hang a banner.

Let's be honest — that is the only fair way to handle the Spartans. Originally when De La Salle came into the league, I was in favor of it as I have always crowed about the EBAL being the best league in Northern California. And if you want to be the best, then you must beat the best.

I honestly believed over time, EBAL teams would figure out a way to play and at times, beat the Spartans. It hasn't happened, and with De La Salle getting stronger and stronger at times where the numbers are down at other



KARI DUKLETH

Coming off a playoff season last year, the Foothill Falcons find themselves in the harder Mountain Division in EBAL's new football league format while the crosstown Amador Valley Dons are in the easier Valley Division.

programs, it's not going to happen any time soon.

At the end of the day, the Spartans, while enjoying an EBAL title, have their eyes on bigger prizes — NorCal and California state titles. Winning the EBAL was a formality and with this new format, it will be again.

So how do the divisions shake down and what does it mean for our Pleasanton teams? Well, good for Amador and bad for Foothill.

Based on a five-year competitive

record, the Mountain or "A" Division will be comprised of De La Salle, Monte Vista, San Ramon Valley, California and Foothill. Foothill had the best mark over the last five years for schools other than De La Salle. The Valley or "B" Division has Amador, Livermore, Granada, Dougherty Valley and Dublin.

Once again, the winner of the Mountain and the Valley get a league title and an automatic NCS berth. In other words, De La Salle gets a banner and the five teams in the Valley battle for one as well.

As for the other four in the Mountain? Thanks for playing, now try to get an at-large berth.

Imagine entering a season and knowing you have no chance to win the title.

I mean there are teams each year that start behind the eight ball, but with injuries and breaks, anything is possible. Not the case with De La Salle. The Spartans are loaded, deep and not going to lose a league title.

There is also going to be a system where the last-place team in the Mountain will be sent to the Valley and the top Valley team reassigned to the Mountain, much the same as European soccer leagues work.

Will this promote tanking to be relegated to an easier division? You'd like to think not, but when tanking has become the norm in pretty much all professional sports, you must wonder if it will trickle downhill.

This is a slippery slope the EBAL is going down, and one that could have easily been avoided. Hopefully nothing comes into question regarding losing, but in this day and age, anything is possible. ■

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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PUBLIC EYE AT CONCERT IN THE PARK At 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, at Lions Wayside Park, 4444 First St., Public Eye is closing out the concert season and is bringing High Energy Rock & Roll to Concert in the Park. pleasantondowntown.net.

Fundraisers

OPEN HEART KITCHEN'S BLACK & WHITE PARTY FUNDRAISER Open Heart Kitchen is holding its annual fundraiser to help support the hungry of the Tri-Valley from 6 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 17, at the Palm Event Center in The Vineyard, 1184 Vineyard Ave. Enjoy an evening of fine food and wine, live music, and auctions. Purchase 9 tickets and get 1 free. For tickets or more information, go to donate.openheartkitchen.org/2018fundraiser.

BBQ An Annual BBQ fundraiser hosted by the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association will be held from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Dinner at 7 p.m., no-host bar, a DJ, live and silent auction. Advanced reservations suggested. To reserve tickets or for more information, visit ptsca.org or call David Struebing 292-0104.

PAWS IN NEED APPLEBEE'S BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER From 8 to 10 a.m. on Aug. 25, at Applebee's, 808 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Buy tickets online by Aug. 20 at Paws-In-Need.org, or mail a check to Paws In Need, P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583. A receipt and the tickets will be waiting for you at

the Applebee's the morning of the event. All proceeds will benefit Paws In Need's animal medical program. For more information, call 462-2099 or email Hathily@aol.com.

Family

BLOCK PARTY A community block party will be held between 5 and 8 p.m. on Aug. 26, at Callippe Preserve Golf Course, 8500 Clubhouse Drive. Event will feature free hot dogs, a "build your own sundae bar," and a face painting booth. There will also be a cornhole tournament with prizes. To register or any questions call 426-6666. playcallippe.com.

Food & Drink

LIVERMORE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AUGUST LUNCHEON From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 23 at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore, guests will enjoy a catered lunch while hearing from Amber Rich, Director of Engagement at Visit California. Following Rich's report on the impact agritourism has on a community there will be a panel of local agricultural representatives. Seating is limited, go to livermorechamber.org or call 447-1606 to reserve your seat.

Lessons & Classes

FREE COMPUTER TUTORING From 5 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Bernal Ave., come in for help with downloading e-books from the library to an e-reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging or general internet questions. Call first to confirm 931-3400 ext. 4. cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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Government

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

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Health & Wellness

THE POWER OF COMPLEMENTARY SUPPLEMENTAL ONCOLOGY TREATMENT Complementary Medicine Event starts promptly at 10 a.m. and ends at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18. Register and check in at 9:45 a.m. at Alain Pinel Realtors, 900 Main St., Suite 101. Paul Palomares, Manager of Radiation Oncology at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare, will discuss "traditional" treatment options. Free. RSVP, space is limited. Register at www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org.

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VA PALO ALTO MEDICAL TEAM SITE VISIT From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 23, the

PET OF THE WEEK



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Check out Chester

Chester is an adult terrier mix whose adoption fee is being sponsored by Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Chester is ready to find his forever home, and he has his little knapsack all packed. He is easy to walk but is also very content to just sit by your side. He is a bit apprehensive with young children so adults or teenage children or grandchildren would be the better fit. Chester is available for adoption at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. For more information about Chester, call 803-7040.

Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Unit. No appointments needed. Benefits counselors will be available for consultations and the medical team will provide care in the mobile van's private exam rooms. Bring proof of service documents (DD-214) and a list of current medications. Assistance and instructions to request replacement DD-214 before the event are available at the Library Information Desk/Veterans Resource Center 931-3400 x 4, or jeseltine@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Support Groups

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, learn more about this common movement disorder. For more information visit eastbayet.com, call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

TRI-VALLEY HAVEN - INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING & GROUP THERAPY OPENINGS For over forty years, Tri-Valley Haven, a non-profit agency, has provided shelter and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, and their children in the Tri-Valley. The Haven provides free, professional individual and group therapy for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and poverty. For more information on Tri-Valley Haven's Support Groups and Individual Counseling, please call 449-5845.

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

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

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY From 7 to 9 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, Parent Resource and Support Group meets for parents with children to age 17 diagnosed or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. Drop-in, no registration, free. For more information, contact Marsha McInnis at 980-5331 or marsha@nami-trivalley.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS At 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 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.

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.

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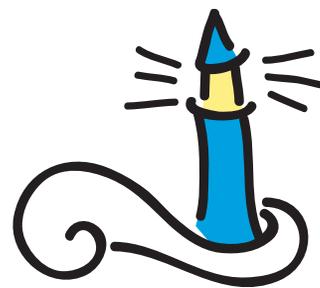
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Blues and jazz at Bankhead

Blues-rock band Indigenus, featuring second generation bluesman Mato Nanji, will take The Bankhead Theater stage at 8 p.m. tonight, joined by guitarist Chris Duarte (right) and his "ferocious blues" style. On Saturday night, contemporary jazz pianist Keiko Matsui (left) makes her sixth return to Livermore, bringing what Jazz Review called her "wonderful amalgam of exotic melodies, luscious harmonies and global rhythms." Visit lvpac.org or call 373-6800.

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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)

HAIRLIGHTS SALON & BARBER SHOP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 547809

The following person(s) doing business as: Hairlights Salon & Barber Shop, located at 4307 Valley Ave., Ste. F, Pleasanton CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DEANNA ORTUNO, 1147 Tiffany Ln., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 7/1/2003. Signature of the registrant: Deanna Ortuno, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 30, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018)

DST TECHNICAL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 548104

The following person doing business as: DST TECHNICAL, 7794 FORSYTHIA CT, PLEASANTON, CA, 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: DOMINICK TAGALOG, 7794 FORSYTHIA CT, PLEASANTON, CA, 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein AUGUST 6, 2018. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: DOMINICK TAGALOG, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on AUGUST 6, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, AUGUST 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018).



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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 14-28.

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3481 Arbor Drive S. Mahini to C. Shelner for \$1,350,000
142 Birch Creek Terrace M. & B. Chen to P. Baudin for \$900,000
5319 Brookside Court Mirabelli Trust to A. Grover for \$880,000
3263 Cheryl Circle M. Gibney to D. Arskere for \$1,250,000
3179 Cranwood Court D. Allen to Patnaik Trust for \$1,250,000
2463 Crestline Road Werner Trust to Y. Lin for \$1,210,000
4577 Fisher Court L. & L. Rusca to S. Panchagnula for \$1,020,500
4632 Gatetree Circle J. & A. Parsons to Z. Zhang for \$1,400,100
4263 Jensen Street J. & D. McCabe to S. Pai for \$1,025,000
4325 Krause Street B. Turner to C. Kevin for \$800,000
1604 Lexington Lane Sun Trust to S. Lai for \$1,300,000
4520 Lin Gate Street Weaver Trust to Assao Trust for \$1,325,000
1131 Mills Court W. & D. Guthrie to Y. Lu for \$1,755,000
7519 Olive Drive S. & P. Feng to N. Bhatla for \$1,275,000
3168 Paseo Granada Sparber Trust to K. Wa for \$1,478,500
2025 Raven Road G. Reznick to S. Lee for \$1,350,000
5260 Ridgevale Way Nei Global Relocation to A. Nanda for \$1,535,000
615 Romeo Court Cheng Trust to D. Pratte for \$2,075,000
449 Sangro Court W. English to Tahamtanzadeh Trust for \$1,589,500
2401 Skylark Way Martin Trust to Z. Allison for \$1,400,000
4185 Suffolk Way Cloonan Trust to V. Kamble for \$1,320,000
7480 Sundrop Court L. & J. Oltman to K. Liu for \$1,335,000
320 Trenton Circle T. Reyna to S. Saxena for \$1,050,000
3883 Vine Street J. Nolte to B. Kang for \$705,000
234 Birch Creek Drive S. & K. Shibuya to Y. Lu for \$650,000
262 Birch Creek Drive Knight Trust to A. Parthasarathy for \$708,000
1175 Bradford Way Chen Trust to K. Saltzman for \$1,275,000
4429 Clovewood Lane Nelson Trust to P. Kumar for \$1,025,000
2808 Cupflower Court S. Kumar to S. Gunda for \$1,075,000
4380 Fairlands Drive U. Viswanathangeeth to R. Das for \$805,000
7727 Fairoaks Drive S. & M. Bentley to J. Gan for \$1,138,000
3953 Fernwood Way C. Corbett to Z. Wang for \$1,020,000
1906 Foxswallow Circle Pendery Trust to R. Shen for \$1,290,000
6249 Garner Court W. Leu to M. Leu for \$850,000
4531 Gatetree Circle Rakowski Trust to F. Zong for \$1,375,000
3110 Half Dome Drive S. & P. Prabakar to C. Ho for \$960,000
1081 Heinz Ranch Court S. & M. Brown to J. Calvey for \$2,195,000
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8107 Moller Ranch Drive M. Valentine to F. Zhang for \$1,235,000
3555 Norton Way B. Zhou to V. Phan for \$700,000
6804 Payne Court D. & S. Waters to M. Dave for \$1,155,000

- 3320 Prairie Drive** K. & E. Saltzman to J. McLaughlin for \$1,850,000
127 Ray Street Whitney Trust to L. Sato for \$625,000
835 Rose Avenue M. & J. Larson to Enm Trust for \$890,000
7518 Rosedale Court Conway Trust to B. Lu for \$846,000
4646 Ross Gate Way S. & C. Mantha to G. Morekonda for \$1,155,000
5371 Sonoma Drive R. & N. Harrison to N. Sharma for \$1,020,000
728 St. Michael Circle N. Kaur to V. Vitikkate for \$763,000
4112 Stanley Boulevard Perry Trust to S. Ticknor for \$925,000
1520 Via Di Salerno L. James to A. Barzin for \$3,112,500
7970 Winged Foot Court Oakland Trust to P. Reddivari for \$1,301,000
4426 Yuma Court F. & M. Dsilva to T. Buteau for \$675,000

Dublin

- 3156 Aran Way** S. Subramanian to A. Singh for \$875,000
7573 Brigadoon Way G. Mendeguia to S. Pariavakkam for \$855,000
3291 Central Parkway N. & C. Danson to U. Patel for \$990,000
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5008 Colebrook Court G. & M. Hershon to K. Gottimukkala for \$1,440,000
8387 Cypress Court J. Mendoza to K. Shanmugam for \$840,100
7831 Gardella Drive C. & E. Teuben to N. Khogendro for \$920,000
6050 Hillbrook Place R. Kwak to I. Chan for \$885,000
7476 Limerick Avenue M. Perry to V. Veytser for \$945,500
11473 Silvergate Drive D. & C. Martin to S. Ng for \$950,000
4390 Sunset View Drive C. Hia to P. Tatineni for \$1,160,000
4243 Trolan Lane Pulte Home to W. Ro for \$1,070,000
3630 Whitworth Drive Mitra Trust to A. Verma for \$900,000
2885 Alliston Loop Lennar Homes to D. Yetcherla for \$1,090,000
7075 Atlas Peak Drive D R Horton to Antal Trust for \$1,350,000
7224 Avon Court K. & C. Campos to K. Abraham for \$950,000
7614 Bonniewood Lane Svitak Trust to K. McLoskey for \$810,000
4375 Brannigan Street M. & R. Nobori to M. Nay for \$570,000
2372 Carbondale Way A. Makhija to N. Gandhi for \$881,000
7352 Cronin Circle R. & J. Lee to L. Che for \$648,000
4335 Fitzwilliam Street N. Shah to D. Damania for \$744,000
7950 Iglesia Drive D. & V. McGonagle to D. Floyd for \$920,000
4060 Kinsale Street J. & S. Byrne to F. Thoppil for \$860,000
6139 Ledgewood Terrace M. & A. Rubinelli to Z. Kalsheker for \$1,525,000
3250 Madden Way T. & H. Dosanjh to Y. Coogan for \$1,380,000
3360 Maguire Way #137 M. Nay to V. Akula for \$499,000
4781 Mangrove Drive #78 A. Mohamed to S. Buddala for \$881,000
3279 Monaghan Street S. Pellegrino to D. Shah for \$720,000
8383 Mulberry Place K. & C. Lodge to B. Garcia for \$805,000
5120 Persimmon Drive Sangabi Trust to S. Saxena for \$1,410,000
5663 Ramsgate Court Lindstrom Trust to N. Meshkat for \$1,300,000
3301 Ridgefield Way M. Wren to R. Girija for \$1,370,000

Source: California REsource

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 Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846.6500
7935 Riviera Court **\$1,500,000**
 Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 359.9606

5 BEDROOMS

- 1208 Shady Pond Lane** **\$2,449,000**
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Pleasanton (June 14-28)

Total sales reported: 53
Lowest sale reported: \$625,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,075,000
Average sales reported: \$1,213,342

Dublin (June 14-28)

Total sales reported: 38
Lowest sale reported: \$499,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,525,000
Average sales reported: \$967,857

Livermore (June 14-28)

Total sales reported: 69
Lowest sale reported: \$330,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,837,500
Average sales reported: \$848,957

San Ramon (June 25 to July 25)

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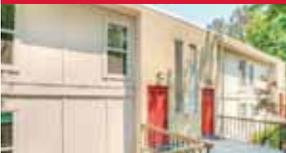


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