

Pets of the Week

COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

Tyler, a 2-year-old pit bull mix, was found abandoned and tied to a pole. Despite the lack of care shown to him, he scored very high on his temperament test. He is very friendly — what a smile — and just needs a little training and a lot of love. To adopt Tyler, or to see all of the adoptable animals at Contra Costa Animal Services, visit www.ccasd.org.



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Tyler



HUMANE SOCIETY

Harmon

to be 1 year old and is neutered, microchipped and vaccinated. For more information, visit www.cchumane.org.

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Harmon is a fun-loving, confident, stuff-strutting little Chihuahua mix who loves laps and adventures. He's full of spirit and affection and loves to spend time with his people. He has a bit of a "small dog complex" when meeting new dogs, but happily settles down and lives with other dogs just fine. He'd do best in an adult home. Harmon is estimated

Library Corner

All Contra Costa County library branches offer programs for children, teens, adults and families. All branches are closed July 4 for the observance of Independence Day. For library hours and updated information, call the local branch or 800-984-4636 or visit www.ccclib.org.

■ At the **Martinez Library**, Story Time programs are free.

Mother Goose Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through Aug. 13. There will be stories and songs, followed by a simple craft time. Best for ages 6 months-3 years old.

Stuffed Animal Storytime with Photos of Animals: 4-5 p.m. June 17. Kids can pick up their stuffed animals along with photos of the animals' overnight high jinks. They will hear stories about the lives of stuffed animals and their friends, and can also pick up reading festival game cards to move along the path to prizes.

Summer Pajama Party Toys Alive: 6:30-7:30 p.m. June 24. Tots can wear their jammies and listen to music and stories about toys, followed by a craft.

Knit and Crochet Classes: 6-7:30 p.m. July 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6, 12. Kids and teens can learn the about knitting and crochet and a six-week workshop sponsored by the Helping Hands Foundation and the National Needle Arts Association. Adults 18 and older are welcome, but supplied materials may be limited. Registration is required.

Reading Is So Delicious Summer Reading Program: Through Aug. 17. Reading records will be available in all branches or online at ccclib.org, and kids, teens and adults can pick one up and earn prizes for reading.

The library is at 740 Court St., Martinez. Phone: 925-646-9900. Hours: noon-8 p.m. Mondays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesdays; noon-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Sundays and Thursdays.

■ At the **Pleasant Hill Library**, Story Time programs are free.

Storytime: 11:15-11:45 a.m. Fridays features songs, rhymes, bounces and simple stories. Best for ages 0-3. **Afternoon Storytime:** 1:15-1:45 p.m. Fridays. Simple stories and more to introduce children ages 0-3 to literacy. **Preschool Storytime:** 11:15-11:45 a.m. Thursdays, for preschoolers and toddlers, ages 3-5. **Saturday Storytime:** 11:15-11:45 a.m. Saturdays, for babies, preschoolers and kids.

Air Show: 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 25. Kids can fold and fly airplanes in a wind tunnel and air cannon to find out what makes things fly. Exhibition of aircraft from the Diablo Valley Radio Controllers, including a quadcopter.

The library is at 1750 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. 925-646-6434. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1-8 p.m. Tuesdays; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

TRANSITION OPTIONS PROGRAM CREATIVITY EXPO

WHEN: 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 21

WHERE: Loma Vista Adult Center, multipurpose room, 1266 San Carlos Ave., Concord

INFORMATION: contact lingenfelterk@mdusd.org

ter-Carman said.

If students do not develop the skills and confidence to move forward into the next phase of their life, the possibilities of them achieving success in college and at work are slim, she said. "They need social and relationship and communication skills to engage comfortably with others."

The TOPS programs provide students ranging in age from 18 to 46 with that type of support. The classes also help students develop skills in planning and decision making, she said.

The Creativity Expo encourages students to interact with the public. Students have been engaging in practice sessions with adult education teachers and staff in anticipation of this open to the public event. Students feel a bit nervous but look forward to talking to the public about their art, said Lingenfelter-Carman.

"From the perspective of students who often feel isolated, it's nice for them to show their talent and the work they've done without placing any judgments on the challenges they have," she said. "Second, it's an opportunity for the public to see their amazing talent and creativity. Our students are very bright and can do well in academic settings with the proper support."

Expo

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Disabilities Programs.

Initially, her daughter was "kicking and screaming" and didn't want to attend classes at the Concord campus. Three years later, Hanlon said she's noticed what a difference it's made.

"Now she's talking to people about Asperger and how she's dealing with it," she said.

Hanlon said the classes have helped her daughter so much she will attend the TOPS Creativity Expo on June 21 to support and cheer on her peers.

The event will feature various art displays and performances in comedy, drama and music presented by TOPS students.

"We have amazingly talented students whose creativity and ingenuity should be displayed," said Karen Lingenfelter-Carman, the school district's Adults with Disabilities Program Coordinator. Students can sell their paintings, sketches and jewelry, she said.

Students look forward to it. "I feel excited, especially about all the students being able to show off all their talents," said Kelsey Daum of Moraga.

Added Ryan Alves of San Ramon, "It's a real honor to display my talents and to show that adults on the spectrum are talented and that others can appreciate us."

When students with Asperger and high-functioning autism leave high school, there are few options to help them transition into work and life. Often, they are plagued with social anxiety, Lingenfel-

Pleasant Hill police report

The following excerpts are from the Pleasant Hill police log:

THURSDAY, MAY 30

■ **AUTO THEFT** — At 8:39 a.m., a caller reported that a vehicle was stolen from the 900 block of McNeil Place.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A vehicle was reported stolen from the 200 block of Twinbridge Circle at 9:29 a.m.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A vehicle was reported stolen from the first block of Massolo Drive as 12:14 p.m.

■ **BURGLARY RESIDENCE** — At 12:37 p.m., a caller from the first block of Bonnie Place reported that a double-pane window was cut out and missing.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — At 12:51 p.m., a caller reported theft of a motorcycle from the 200 block of Chilpancingo Parkway.

■ **MALICIOUS MISCHIEF** — At 1:05 p.m., a caller reported that trees and ground near a school in the 2000 block of Oak Park boulevard were spray painted.

■ **SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES** — At 7:32 p.m., a caller reported the two men and a woman were smoking marijuana at a park in the 1500 block of Taylor Boulevard.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

■ **MISCELLANEOUS DISTURBANCE** — At 2:29 a.m., a caller reported that three men were fighting in the 1900 block of Contra Costa Boulevard.

■ **BURGLARY (AUTO)** — At 2:43 a.m., a caller reported that cash and stereo equipment were sto-

len from a vehicle in the 2000 block of Oak Park Boulevard.

■ **BURGLARY (AUTO)** — Four vehicles in the 2600 block of Contra Costa Boulevard were reported burglarized between 5:52 a.m., and 6:53 a.m.

■ **BURGLARY (AUTO)** — A vehicle in the 700 block of Ellinwood Way was reported burglarized at 10:03 a.m.

■ **BURGLARY (AUTO)** — A vehicle in the 400 block of Boyd Road was reported burglarized at 6:55 p.m.

■ **THEFT** — At 8:10 p.m., a caller from a business in the 3200 block of Buskirk Avenue reported that two men stole laptops.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

■ **NARCOTICS** — At 12:25 a.m., a 47-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of drug possession following a traffic stop at Dexter Drive and Contra Costa Boulevard.

■ **MALICIOUS MISCHIEF** — At 9:07 a.m., a caller reported vandalism to the front window of a business in the 2600 block of Pleasant Hill Road.

■ **THEFT** — At 6:56 p.m., a caller reported theft of a cellphone, car key, and calculator from a bag at a school in the 200 block of Viking Drive.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

■ **DUI** — At 12:59 a.m., a 25-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence at Monument Boulevard and Highway 680.

■ **DUI** — A 27-year-old woman

was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence at 1:35 a.m. in the 600 block of Contra Costa Boulevard.

■ **MALICIOUS MISCHIEF** — At 4:04 a.m., a caller reported that a group of kids was breaking window at a school in the 200 block of Boyd Road.

■ **MALICIOUS MISCHIEF** — At 7:43 a.m., a caller reported that someone threw a rock through a front window of a residence in the 100 block of Luella Drive.

■ **MISCELLANEOUS DISTURBANCE** — At 8:21 a.m., a caller from a business in the 600 block of Contra Costa Boulevard reported that a man entered the business and smashed computers.

■ **BURGLARY RESIDENCE** — A caller reported at 9:59 a.m. that a bicycle was stolen from a garage in the first block of Jib Court.

■ **MISCELLANEOUS DISTURBANCE** — At 7:44 p.m., a caller from a business in the first block of Crescent Drive reported that a customer threw a plate at someone.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A vehicle was reported stolen from the 700 block of Ruth Drive at 7:33 a.m.

■ **THEFT** — At 10:39 a.m., a caller from a school in the 200 block of Viking Drive reported vandalism and theft of recycling materials.

■ **THEFT** — Cell phones were reported stolen at businesses in the 500 block of Contra Costa Boulevard at 12:15 p.m. and

the 700 block of Contra Costa Boulevard at 5:48 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

■ **BURGLARY RESIDENCE** — At 11:09 a.m., a 33-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of burglary at a business in the 2700 block of Pleasant Hill Road and was booked into County Jail.

■ **BURGLARY RESIDENCE** — At 12:23 p.m., a caller reported that a residence in the 1900 block of Ardhith Drive was burglarized.

■ **THEFT** — A bicycle was reported stolen from the 200 block of Coggins Drive at 12:44 p.m.

■ **THEFT** — A dolly was reported stolen from the 1800 block of Eloise Avenue at 5:10 p.m.

■ **BURGLARY BUSINESS** — At 5:25 p.m., a 34-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting \$2726 worth of merchandise at a business on Monument Boulevard and was booked into County Jail.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

■ **BURGLARY AUTO** — A vehicle in the 100 block of Devon Avenue was reported burglarized at 6:49 a.m.

■ **BURGLARY AUTO** — At 1:04 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle in the 2100 block of Geary Road was burglarized.

■ **BURGLARY BUSINESS** — A cellphone and shorts were reported stolen from a locker at a business in the 300 block of Civic Drive at 8:37 p.m. At 9:09 p.m., a wallet and cash were reported stolen from another locker at the same location.

Martinez police report

The following excerpts are from the Martinez police log:

THURSDAY, MAY 30

■ **HIT-AND-RUN** — A hit-and-run was reported at 10:08 a.m. at F Street and Ricks Avenue.

■ **FRAUD** — A caller on Greenway Drive reported at 11:47 a.m. that a debit card was fraudulently used to purchase five items online totaling \$489.50.

■ **HIT-AND-RUN** — A hit-and-run was reported at 1:36 p.m. on Douglas Drive.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — It was reported at 5:07 p.m. that a 45-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting at an Arnold Drive business.

■ **VANDALISM** — A caller on Fig Tree Lane reported at 11:01 p.m. that a vehicle was scratched with keys.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

■ **EMBEZZLEMENT** — A 21-year-old male employee was arrested on suspicion of taking \$1,120 from registers at a business on Arnold Drive at 12:54 p.m. The incident was recorded on video.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A vehicle was reported stolen at 2:43 p.m. from Fig Tree Lane.

■ **HIT-AND-RUN** — A hit-and-run was reported at 2:59 p.m. on Lees Place.

■ **HIT-AND-RUN** — At 3:12 p.m., a hit-and-run was reported on Arnold Drive.

■ **FRAUD** — On Fraga Court at 4 p.m., a caller reported fraudulent charges on a bank account.

■ **FRAUD** — Unauthorized use of personal identification information was reported at 6:10 p.m. on Alhambra Avenue.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — A caller on Alhambra Avenue reported at 9:29 p.m. that a transient stole merchandise and ran out of a business.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

■ **FRAUD** — A caller on Heatherleaf Lane reported fraudulent activity on a credit card at 11:49 a.m.

■ **BURGLARY** — A caller reported at 12:10 p.m. that a residence on Boynton Avenue was burglarized and a cell phone stolen.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — A caller reported at 1:44 p.m. that two women attempted to steal merchandise at a business on Arnold Drive and subsequently dumped it inside the store when they noticed they were being watched.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — A business on Escobar Street reported at 3:24 p.m. that a man attempted to steal items, but when discovered, left the store.

■ **HIT-AND-RUN** — A hit-and-run was reported at 5:17 p.m. on Main Street.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

■ **VANDALISM** — At 12:23 a.m. on Pine Street, vandalism was reported by a police officer.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — It was reported at 4:24 p.m. that a 42-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of theft at a business on Arnold Drive.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — At 10:50 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen at Ferry and Ward streets.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A vehicle was reported stolen at 11:24 p.m. at Green and Ferry streets.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

■ **DUI** — At 2:30 a.m. at Pacheco Boulevard and Arnold Drive, a 29-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A vehicle was reported stolen from Shell Avenue at 11:01 a.m.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — A caller report-

ed at 11:58 a.m. that a man stole merchandise from a business on Alhambra Avenue.

■ **SUSPICIOUS PERSON** — At 1:36 p.m., a caller reported a man came to the caller's door, posing to be from PG&E. The caller phoned PG&E and determined they did not have any employees in the area. The man left in a red Jetta with tinted windows.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

■ **FRAUD** — A caller from Bridgehead Road reported at 12:16 p.m. receiving five counterfeit checks, totaling between \$500-\$600.

■ **VANDALISM** — At 5:44 p.m., vandalism was reported on Vista Oaks Drive. A caller advised that a vehicle was entered via the driver's side door, and the steering column damaged, but nothing was taken.

■ **BURGLARY** — On Crestview Avenue, a caller reported at 5:49 p.m. that a computer, laptop and other miscellaneous items were stolen.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — A woman, 18, and a man, 19, were in custody at 6:13 p.m. at a business on Arnold Drive on suspicion of petty theft of \$236.81.

Fees

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Police Chief Gary Peterson, however, assured the council that such political gatherings would not be subject to the fee.

"It is protected speech so people are free to assemble and express their views," Peterson said. "That's clearly not going to be dealt with in this resolution."

The chief's assurances didn't placate Menesini, who insisted the resolution

should specifically state that political rallies are exempt from paying the fee.

"Otherwise, I can honestly see someone showing up and saying you didn't pay your fee, this is an unlawful assembly, we don't like you anyway, please disperse," he said.

Councilwoman Lara DeLaney suggested staff include a definition of "special event" in the resolution. Mayor Rob Schroder also pointed out that since some nonprofit organizations host events that in fact turn a healthy profit, the council

should reconsider whether all nonprofits should receive a discount on the event fee.

"I think we need a little more clarity in a few different areas, specifically with respect to civil rights activities, define what a special event actually is and looking at the difference between profit versus nonprofit organizations," he added.

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Lemongrass Bistro

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Open Monday to Friday for lunch, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, noon – 2:30, Monday for dinner, 5 – 8:30 p.m., and Tuesday to Saturday for dinner, 5 – 9 p.m. The restaurant is located in historic downtown Martinez.

Founded in 2009, Lemongrass Bistro serves contemporary Southeast Asian food with a variety of dishes and flavors featuring chicken, beef, pork or tofu with vegetables. On the dinner menu are several seafood dishes in addition to the many choices of ingredients and sauces.

The restaurant has "wonderful customers who love the food we serve! Our keys to success include hard work,

determination, and having a thick skin to overcome criticism and the bumps that you encounter along the way."

We are a proud member of the Martinez Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Martinez. We support and donate regularly to the East Bay Regional Park District, Muir Heritage Land Trust, St. Catherine of Siena School and the Martinez Early Childhood Center.

Recently named Best of the East Bay Award 2013 by Contra Costa Times readers for Thai food.

We are a family business that emphasizes the use of fresh produce and ingredients to create contemporary Southeast Asian dishes. We value community and the importance of helping to revitalize our downtown business district.



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