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Mayor Plays at Mayor's Concert



Photo Ellen Reintjes

At the 18th annual Mayor's Concert the Stanley Symphonic Band had a special guest artist, Mayor Don Tatzin on the baritone horn. Because this is his sixth time as mayor, he's enjoyed the band over the years as a listener, but this was the first time he was able to unveil his hidden talent as a euphonium player.

With proud parents ringing the band room, Tatzin and the student band members did not disappoint. They played an interesting variety of music that included the majestic theme from "The Man from Snowy River," the "National Emblem" – a

rousing marching band piece – a swashbuckling medley from the Pirates of the Caribbean and Tchaikovsky's "Chanson Triste."

Tatzin had been practicing, but commented on his rustiness, noting the 45 year gap since he last played. He fit right in with the toe tapping students calling it "a great experience." He got high marks from director Bob Athayde, for listening closely and using Smart Music, music education software for students, to get up to speed. No report card for his morning of music, this was strictly an extra credit assignment. C. Tyson

Greenlight on Lafayette School District Parcel Tax

By Cathy Tyson

With a unanimous vote, Lafayette school board members approved putting a measure on the May 6 ballot to replace property tax measures that will sunset in 2015. Voters will be asked to make a decision on the \$539 tax that would include an exemption for seniors, a cost of living adjustment and

have no sunset date to continue to fund key academic programs for the district. Current voter approved measures J and B will expire in 2015, this new tax, if approved, will "continue to maintain programs that we have now," explained board president Teresa Gerringer.

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Avg. Days on Market	28	14	18	17	37	29
Sold Over Asking Price	11	18	23	29	21	34
Sold Under Asking Price	12	3	17	11	25	17
Sold at Asking Price	5	1	6	7	6	7
Avg. Sales Price	\$747,000	\$844,454	\$911,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,247,000	\$1,360,000
Avg. Sales Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$429	\$493	\$407	\$489	\$390	\$441

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