



## from the publisher

by David King

# Life is Good!

I enjoyed a Beermakers Dinner at Concord Hilton featuring two local craft breweries, Black Diamond and Eight Bridges, benefitting Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

Five dishes were served plus appetizers, giving each brewery a chance to pair specific brews against specific entrees. Of course, Plate and Vine chefs did a fabulous job with the pairing serving Ahi Tuna Poke, Thai Chicken

Curry, Irish Bangers and Mash, Babyback Ribs and Espresso Tart, Caramel Gelato with the various beer flavors. Next month, Concord Hilton is hosting a Winemakers Dinner, and given what delicious fun this

was, I recommend you attend.

Clayton Valley's James Biles and Bill Ralston can go down in baseball trivia with their recent Homerun Derby victory over Jose Canseco, (story back page) The feat made national attention. I learned two things that night. Jose Canseco is straight up a cool sport and he's still a fan favorite. Enjoy this month's Diablo Gazette. For



more stories and updates throughout the month, like our FB page, [www.facebook.com/diablogazette](http://www.facebook.com/diablogazette).

Thanks for reading.  
David King



## clayton update

Howard Geller, Mayor of Clayton

### I Will Not Run for ReElection

Ending eight years on the Clayton City Council, I have decided to take a sabbatical and not run for re-election. The past eight years have been enlightening ones. I have learned the ins and outs of local politics and how a city can stay solvent. I have learned efficient government works best when there are no special interest groups spending monies to "buy" votes. I truly believe city governments are the truest forms of democracy in action.

With three months left to my term on the City Council and as the Mayor of Clayton, I will faithfully discharge my duties and serve the people who had the confidence four years ago to re-elect me for a second term. Having two children living out of state and three grandchildren, I feel it is only right my decision not to re-run is in harmony with my election statements.

My future plans are to spend more quality time with my wife Debbie, our four children and touring the United States and abroad without the constraints of the many monthly meetings required of a Mayor or Council member. I will continue to produce the ten "Concerts in the Grove Park" each summer.

### A Word to the Wise: Senior Scams

Seniors lose billions of dollars each year to heartless fraudsters. Here are some tips to be sure you don't fall victim to "senior scams".

- Never give your bank account, Social Security number or credit card information over the phone to someone you don't know, even if they seem to be from a legitimate institution like the IRS.
- Don't respond to a message on your computer saying your virus protection has been compromised.
- Don't send money to anyone who says they're in a hospital in a foreign country and need help.
- Don't respond to a notification you have won a sweepstakes and need to make a payment to unlock the prize. Remember: if it sounds too good to be true, it is, particularly when you've never entered the sweepstakes to begin with!
- If someone who sounds like your grandchild calls to say they're in trouble, call them on their cell phone instead or check with their parents to make sure they're okay, and it's not a scam.

For more information, contact the Elder Abuse Hotline at 800-677-1116. Direct comments to Howard Geller, Mayor of Clayton at: [Hgeller@ci.clayton.ca.us](mailto:Hgeller@ci.clayton.ca.us)

### Omission:

Last month, the Diablo Gazette inadvertently left off the full name of Suzy Elsworth-Heithcock, the Lafayette artist who lost her home, health, and life's work in a devastating fire. Through the strength of family, a long recovery and rebuilding process, a spark of inspiration has lifted her art to new creative heights. Our apologies. If you missed this story, go to [diablogazette.com](http://diablogazette.com).



Suzy Elsworth-Heithcock

## Cyber Security Just Became Relevant



### computercorner

by William Claney, Computers USA

Did you know the President is handing over control of the Internet (that's right the one Al Gore created; wink-wink) to the UN and third world countries in two months and we lose total control and ownership of it? If you thought fighting off scammers is a problem now, just wait until the Russian hackers, and their communists friends take over.

According to a tweet from former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, "Every American should worry about Obama giving up control of the internet to an undefined group. This is very, very dangerous," he said. What [sic] (Who) is the global internet community that Obama wants to turn the internet over to? This risks foreign dictatorships defining the internet," he continued.

Do you believe your existing antivirus is going to protect and save you? Think again. It's time for Military Grade Enterprise monitoring and Cyber Security software to combat the vicious attacks yet to come. You need to protect yourself.

Awareness is the key, education and some common sense will protect you against such Internet crimes and scams. How do you become more aware and better educated? Homeland Security has declared October Cyber Security Awareness Month (not to be confused with the Department of Redundancy Department).

"October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month," according to the US

Government web site. It's a month long campaign to help you understand the threats that you now face. Wow, way to go government, your tax dollars at work. For more info on Homeland Security's guides go to: <https://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month>

We've all seen and heard the stories of cyber crimes against hospitals, lawyers and individuals whereby cyber criminals (those that commit crimes against you through your computer) invade your computer, encrypt your data (scramble it so it's useless) and then sell it back to you. It's called Ransomware because your data is held at virtual gunpoint.

Currently, there is only one way to counter this invasion and that is with Military grade, Enterprise level cyber-security software developed to specifically handle these threats. This very special software is not available on line or through your local retail outlet like Staples or Fry's, but can only be accessed through an MSP (managed service provider).

ComputersUSA of Clayton, CA has stopped recommending "best of breed" antivirus and anti-malware stand alone software because this threat has escalated beyond the abilities that packaged software can handle.

Find out more by calling your local MSP (managed service provider) today or drop a dime to 925-672-9989 for more on the subject.

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