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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

38 years as a Pleasanton barber — that's a lot of haircuts

When Cosmo Panetta first opened his barber shop on Main Street in May 1972, you could ride a horse downtown to his shop's hitching post out front, get a shoe shine for 50 cents and a hot towel shave and haircut for a couple of dollars more. In those days, most men kept their hair cut short, many parted it on the left or right, and tipped a quarter or half a dollar at the most.

Today, as Cosmo celebrates his 38 years in Pleasanton and also 36 years at his First Street location in Pleasanton Plaza, the city's first strip shopping center, much has changed. Horses are no longer allowed downtown, you probably have to drive to an airport to get a shoe shine, and haircuts are now \$10 at Cosmo's Barber Shop, still one of the better bargains in men's grooming in the Tri-Valley.

Cosmo, who's 67, immigrated with his family to the U.S. from Calabria, Italy, in 1957, traveling by train from the family's Staten Island docking to Richmond and then on to San Leandro where relatives already lived. At 19, he graduated from Pacific High, which was absorbed into San Leandro High School later. A friend interested him in barbering so he went to Moliere's Barber College where he obtained his state license and began a career, working in other shops before buying out and renaming the Krause barber shop that was next to Pastime Pool on Main Street.

Cosmo and his wife Marisa live in a large Italian-style home with plastic pink Flamingos and a backyard shed filled with homemade wines. It's a necessary stop for a group from Pleasanton and nearby cities in the late afternoon of every first Thursday as the local Italian contingent makes its way to the Colombo Club in Oakland, itself a fixture of the Italian community that first settled there as immigrants. I joined this select group May 3 where I had a chance to visit with Tony Macchiano, Rich Puppione, Bob Molinaro, Dan Faustina and scores of other Italian-Americans from Pleasanton, who all asked the same question: How did a British descendant like me get inside the hallowed halls of the Colombo Club?

In addition to his Italian connections, which extend far beyond the Bay Area, Cosmo is also a sports enthusiast whose barber shop walls



JEB BING

Cosmo Panetta celebrates 38 years as a barber shop owner in Pleasanton, including the last 36 years at his Pleasanton Plaza shopping center location on First Street.

are covered with signed photos. Although he discreetly steers clear of political chatter, he and his associate barbers have handled the haircuts and hair styles for thousands of customers over the years, including many of our local politicians. Just how many? Cosmo cites a friend's suggestion that he post a sign outside "1 billion haircuts," just as McDonald's has done with its hamburgers.

Although a majority of customers are still men, women aren't far behind and are gaining in numbers as Cosmo hires "multi-tasked" women professionals capable of making any round, oval square or heart-long faced female look even better with new styles, coloring, extensions and more. His barbers and stylists are regular, too, which helps for women who like to make appointments with the same professional. Some have been with Cosmo for years, including Maria Doccaro, now 40, who joined the Cosmo team when she was 18.

Cosmo also has special appeal for youngsters, no doubt because of his price and 12-hour, seven days a week shop openings. But just as his associates keep up with the latest hairstyles for women, they also are on top of men's hair preferences. Currently, it's the George Clooney and Justin Bieber styles that are in vogue. Long gone are the once-popular Mohawks, Elvis Presley sideburns and long hair. Although cutting hair is usually uneventful, Cosmo ran into trouble recently when he cut the overly-long hair of a 10-year-old at the insistence of his mother, who was standing alongside. Seeing in the mirror that his long locks were gone, the boy ran up to Cosmo and kicked him in the shin as hard as he could.

Last week, I made it easy for Cosmo, my own barber since I moved here in 1987. Asking how I preferred my hair, he then chuckled, saying there wasn't all that much left anymore to worry about. Five minutes later I was through, paid my bill, and was out the door. ■

## About the Cover

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress at the airport in San Luis Obispo before its flight to the Bay Area on the Wings of Freedom tour, which will be at the Livermore airport from Sunday to Tuesday. The swastikas represent the number of destroyed Nazi aircraft while each bomb represents a mission. Photo by Amelia Arvesen. Design by Lili Cao.

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## How do you celebrate Memorial Day?



**Julie Marchand**  
*Executive assistant*

This year we are going to put up our backyard waterslide and have friends over for a relaxing barbecue. All the men in my family have fought in wars, so it is very important to us that we honor those who have died for our country. We took our son to the cemetery last year so that he could understand what the holiday is about.

**Fiorella Cuba**  
*Student seeking employment*

My mom goes to church and prays for those that died for the country, and I am going to follow in her footsteps this year. I was born in Peru, and we have a similar holiday there. It's nice to celebrate both.



**Brian Glasco**  
*Student*

We are going to goof around and have fun. We also look at old pictures of my grandpa who fought in a war. He died before I was born so I never got to meet him. We also pray for my uncle because he served in Vietnam.

**Sarala Rajagopalan**  
*App industry/mom*

We are planning to take a trip to the Exploratorium this weekend, and we'll have our first visit to the pool. We also put the flag up every year to honor those who served.



**Nelly Jaurejui**  
*College student*

I moved here from Mexico two years ago, so we haven't really celebrated Memorial Day. This year, I am planning to spend time with my family.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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## DIGEST

### July 4th fireworks

Independence Day Fireworks are returning to Livermore this year, to take place at Las Positas College. The Livermore Fireworks Community Committee, working with the city of Livermore and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park district, has raised enough private funding for the community event, with Flora-Tech Landscape and Management as a presenting sponsor.

The gates will open at 4 p.m. with family games, food trucks and live music. Entrance fee is \$20 per carload in advance or \$25 at the gate. Walk-in entry is \$5 per person. Pets and outside alcohol are not allowed but beer and wine will be for sale.

To volunteer for the event, register by June 8 at [www.LivermoreFireworks.org](http://www.LivermoreFireworks.org) or call 290-8295. Volunteers receive free parking at the campus and discounted entry for a limited number of family members.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

### The 'coolest' city

Pleasanton is in the Top Ten cities of the CoolCalifornia Challenge, a competition among cities to reduce their carbon footprints.

Hosted by the California Air Resources Board, the year-long program began April 1 and includes Chula Vista, Citrus Heights, Davis, Gonzales, Pittsburg, Pleasanton, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Cruz and Tracy. By the end of June, the three cities with the highest points will be named finalists, and the "Coolest City in California" will be crowned later in the year.

Residents will be recognized for efforts to make Pleasanton more sustainable; each household earns points for signing up, filling out an online survey, uploading a photo, and inviting friends to join. Visit [www.coolcalifornia.org/community-challenge](http://www.coolcalifornia.org/community-challenge).

### Summer classes at Las Positas

Registration is under way for Summer Community Education Classes at Las Positas classes. Kids programs include football camp, volleyball, fencing, film-making, stop motion animation and comic drawing. Teens can enhance their essay writing skills and learn SAT test preparation techniques.

Popular returning classes are in photography, Olivina Estate olive oil tasting and food pairing, and backyard farming in partnership with Alden Lane Nursery. Visit the Community Education website at [www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed/index.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed/index.php), or call 424-1467.

## Employees, parents push school district to restore programs

Concessions from teachers union lets district halt some cuts

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Pleasanton School Board is looking at restoring nearly \$1.3 million in programs and jobs cut made earlier this year, to the relief of parents and district employees who packed the board room to overflowing Tuesday night.

"Believe me, I wish that I could sit here and say, 'We can bring back one-tenth of what's been cut (since 2008),' " Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi told the crowd.

The district's administration recommended bringing back the equivalent of 5.1 fulltime counselors — the equivalent of 1.5 counselors at both the elementary and middle school levels and the equivalent of 2.1 fulltime counselors at high schools. That would cost \$408,000.

The plan would spend \$320,000 to add four reading specialists, for a total of six, but would not restore the popular Barton Reading Program.

Instead, those six specialists would do interventions, with the plan of catching elementary school students before they fall too far behind their classmates. The interventions would be "needs-based and district-wide," Ahmadi told the

board.

The equivalent of five physical education specialists would be returned at a cost of \$400,000 as part of the restoration plan. Ahmadi said that would serve several purposes: It would give students instructional time by P.E. specialists; it would free up 45 minutes for teachers; and it would open the door to allow for staggered reading schedules so teachers would have more time with young readers.

Two additional sections would be restored at high schools at a cost of \$64,000, and the district would contribute \$100,000 more to the Regional Occupation Program, which has seen a number of sections cut as the district allocated funds elsewhere.

Most of the 16 speakers who commented on the potential restoration of programs focused on counselors. Among them was Jennifer Corbin, a junior at Foothill High, who said she's a regular visitor to her counselor's office.

"Our counselors deal with so much," Corbin said, citing a list that included drugs and fighting. "It's really comforting to know we can go there."

Counselor Linda Carey, who

stood with about a dozen other counselors, all wearing red, said research shows that students that have counselors available perform better in school.

"This is what counselors do: We dry the tears and get them back to class as soon as possible," she said.

Although most support went to counseling, Joyce Sanborn stood up with her colleagues in the hope of ending the layoff of seven library assistants. Sanborn said cutting the assistants at the nine middle and elementary schools would gut the program, leaving the five remaining not even enough time to shelve books. She said unlike many programs, libraries touch every single student.

Some, including Christina Hicks, want the district to reconsider class-size reductions, which she said is "hugely" supported by parents. Hicks asked that the board add a discussion of bringing back smaller classes.

"I'm not ready to give up class-size reduction," Board Member Chris Grant said. Board Member Jamie Hintzke asked that an agenda item be added to discuss that.

Board Member Valerie Arkin pointed out that the board agreed

to borrow money from the Sycamore Fund — proceeds from the sale of district property — to fund the facilities master plan. Arkin asked that administrators consider using money from the general fund that originally was earmarked to pay for the facilities study for Barton.

"It's an effective program, it's relatively low cost, and it targets the kids that need it most," she said.

Some in the crowd also brought up the need for a parcel tax.

Andrea Stokoe said she was among a group of residents that went to 13 other districts, where they learned that most high-performing districts have an average \$250 parcel tax and a strong foundation to raise funds.

"We shouldn't have to choose between clean classrooms and kids that can read," Stokoe said.

Board Member Jeff Bowser told the crowd the district has tried twice to pass a parcel tax, adding, "If the community wants it, step up."

The board will vote on the proposed program restorations at its June 5 meeting.

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## Teen art to hang in halls of Congress

High school pieces chosen in district contests

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D, 11th) announced the winners of the annual Congressional Art Competition on May 15, and all four of the recognized artists come from the Tri-Valley.

"Year after year, I have been impressed with the talent and passion of the young artists from our region," said McNerney. "This year's submissions were no exception, and I commend each of the students who participated in the competition."

Amy Kim, an 11th-grader at Quarry Lane High in Dublin, placed first with her pencil and pastel piece, "Flying for Dream."

She will be flown in June to Washington, D.C., where she will attend a reception for the winners from Congressional districts across the country and see her artwork displayed in the Capitol.

"I look forward to welcoming our first place winner, Amy Kim, to Washington, D.C.," McNerney said.



"Flying for Dream," a pencil and pastel art work by Amy Kim, an 11th-grader at Quarry Lane High in Dublin, won first place in the 11th Congressional District art contest and will be displayed in the Capitol.

Second place went to Ivy Liao, a 10th-grader at Amador Valley High, for her colored pencil drawing, "Eden."

This piece will be displayed in McNerney's office in Washington, D.C.

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## Amador high teen busted in drug dog sweep

Second high school searched under new policy

The second sweep of a high school by drug detection dogs was "pretty much a non-event," according to Amador Valley High School Principal Jim Hansen.

"There was one hit," Hansen confirmed.

The sweep took place on Thursday, May 17, at about 10:30 a.m. and lasted about a half hour, he said. It focused on a parking lot, and not gym lockers, which are also permitted under school district policy.

A drug detection dog alerted to a car; no drugs were found, according to a police report, which said a search of the car turned up a knife.

A 16-year-old male was arrested for possession of a knife on school grounds. His name has been withheld because he is a juvenile.

Hansen, who said the aim of the sweeps is school safety, called it a success, although one aspect — doing the sweeps without being

See **DRUG DOG** on Page 9

## Five candidates in running to replace Supervisor Nadia Lockyer

Decision to be made June 5

By JEB BING

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors selected five candidates Tuesday to continue to the next round of the public appointment process to replace Nadia Lockyer, who resigned in April as County Supervisor for District 2.

The five candidates, in alphabetical order, are: Ana Apodaca, Sheryl Grant, Mark Green, Gail Steele and Richard Valle. They were selected from a list of eight District 2 residents who applied for the appointment.

They will be interviewed by the Board of Supervisors at a special public session at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

According to a tentative schedule, County Supervisors will deliberate and make their selection on Tuesday, June 5, and will swear in the new District 2 Supervisor on Tuesday, June 12, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Fifth Floor, 1221 Oak St., Oakland.

The schedule is subject to change and the Board could call one or more

additional special sessions in order to complete the appointment process.

By law, the Board has until June 19 to fill the vacancy by appointment. Otherwise, the right to appoint reverts to the Gov. Jerry Brown.

The board's appointment will serve as District 2 Supervisor until the Nov. 6 General Election, when voters will be asked to elect a candidate to serve out the existing term through 2014.

County Supervisor Nadia Lockyer, who announced Feb. 14 that she was at a wellness and recovery center, resigned her position April 20, saying she wasn't able to be a good mother to her child and represent her 325,000 constituents in District 2 "while also trudging the waters of early recovery from addiction and the aftermath of interpersonal violence."

Lockyer, 40, who is married to California Treasurer Bill Lockyer, apparently was referring to an incident at a motel in Newark on Feb. 3 in which she alleged that

an ex-boyfriend assaulted her. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office initially investigated her allegations but then turned the probe over to the California Attorney General's Office because Lockyer formerly worked for an agency connected to the district attorney's office.

Before she was elected to the Board of Supervisors in November 2010, Lockyer worked for the Alameda County Family Justice Center, an agency in which the District Attorney's Office and other county departments work together to provide a variety of services to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse and sexual abuse and exploitation.

District 2 includes the cities of Hayward, Newark and Union City, the northern portion of the city of Fremont and a portion of Sunol.

To learn more about the candidates and the selection process, go to <http://acgov.org/government/news/d2application.htm>. ■

### SCHOOL BOARD

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Hintzke noted that the programs restored would cost the district \$1.3 million, although negotiations with the Association of Pleasanton Teachers yielded \$2.3 million in savings.

"It isn't a good idea to spend everything. We need to have some set aside," she said.

That money could be needed if neither of the two school funding measures expected to be on the November ballot passes. Gov. Jerry Brown's May budget revision, known as the May re-

vision, shows the budget deficit has grown from \$9.2 billion in January to an estimated \$15.7 billion.

"That's a growth of \$6-1/2 billion," said Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services.

While she said the governor has promised to support education, he's cutting other programs to do it, and Cazares said that traditionally has not gone over well with state legislators.

In other actions Tuesday night, the board:

■ Awarded a \$305,000 contract for repairs to the roof of the ad-

ministration building at Amador Valley High School;

■ Approved a modification of salaries for management and confidential employees, adding five unpaid furlough days and cutting stipends, a continuation of last year's agreement;

■ Approved spending \$75,000 to fund band and strings teacher positions at elementary schools; and

■ Passed a resolution calling on Congress to continue its overhaul of the bill known as "No Child Left Behind." Board members and district administration have said NCLB is costly and ineffective. ■

### PUSD hires new assistant superintendent

Former Lodi Unified administrator replaces Cindy Galbo

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Pleasanton school board has hired a former assistant superintendent at the Lodi school district to replace its Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Cindy Galbo, who retires at the end of June.

Odie Douglas, 54, was officially hired by the school board at its meeting Tuesday night. Until recently Douglas was second in command at Lodi Unified School District as assistant superintendent of secondary education. He was given a two-year contract with Pleasanton, starting at \$162,340, plus \$3,450 in stipends for a 220-day work year, with 18 sick days.

He was earning \$164,000 at Lodi, according to published reports.

Douglas, who has a doctorate, was a finalist in 2010 for the superintendent's post at Stockton Unified, and also interviewed for superintendent in the Natomas Unified School District.

He was hired from Elk Grove Unified School District as Lodi's associate superintendent in 2005. His position was changed to assistant supervisor for middle and high schools in a 2010 reshuffling as Lodi streamlined services and cut jobs.

The Stockton Record said he filed a request for reassignment in

March when the district changed its focus from college preparatory to career and technical education.

Published reports said Douglas was "outspoken" about his search for a superintendent position following that restructuring.

"Douglas ... is making no secret of his search for administrative jobs outside of Lodi Unified," the Lodi News-Sentinel said on May 16.

Although he'll officially start on July 1, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said he'll work with Galbo to begin transitioning into the new job before that.

Douglas did not attend Tuesday night's school board meeting, although Ahmadi promised to introduce him at a future meeting. ■



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**Mt Olympus**

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Grilled chicken breast, mushroom, tomato, zucchini, red onion, olive, Creamy Garlic Herb

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"Eden" by Ivy Liao of Amador Valley High won second place.



"Passing the Reins," an oil painting by Sherry Xu, placed fourth.



"Polluted Tear" by Miry Kim came in third.

**TEEN ART**

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Third place went to Miry Kim, a 10th-grader at Amador Valley, for her acrylic painting, "Polluted Tear."

Her artwork will hang in Mc-Nerney's district offices, as will that of fourth-place winner, Sherry Xu, a ninth-grader at Morning Light Education in Dublin who painted "Passing the Reins" in oil.

An exhibit of artwork submitted from throughout the 11th Congressional District was on exhibit May 15 at the Elsie May Goodwin Gallery in Stockton, where four judges decided on the winners, which were announced by McNerney. ■

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## YMCA's 'Move-a-Thon' program has kids powering-up

'We want to kick-start healthy life habits for kids to uses now, later in their adult lives,' CEO says

By JEB BING

How many East Bay YMCA members does it take to put in a light bulb?

Robert Wilkins, president and chief executive officer of the organization, is not sure. But he does know that YMCA members during the recent Healthy Kids Day event participated in a day-long "Move-a-Thon" and collectively generated enough energy to power the average East Bay home for two-and-a-half days.

More than 500 Y members celebrated Healthy Kids Day by participating in the "Move-A-Thon" program. It encourages children

and families to participate in circuit exercise stations and record the number of repetitions of the exercises they complete within one minute.

Wilkins said the idea behind the Move-A-Thon is to teach kids basic exercises, the kind they can perform at home without the need for expensive electronic equipment.

"We want to kick-start healthy life habits for kids that they can use now and on into their adult lives," he said. "By participating with their families and learning that instead of using energy they can create it just by doing a

few sit-ups or jumping jacks, we hope kids will improve their own health and be more conscious of the environment around them."

At the end of the summer, the Y plans to look at the progress of participants to track improvement, as well as total energy expended in the program. The Y is also providing a "Keep It Movin'" website, from which participants can access encouraging messages from the Healthy Home Guidebook; links to other recommended sites; a chalkboard/blog-spot for participants to announce progress and achievements and much more. ■

## Quarry task force to advise on east side site

City seeking members for study that could take at least a year

The Pleasanton City Council has voted to establish an East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force to guide elected officials and city staff in the development of a 1,000-acre area extending out from the intersection of Valley Avenue at Busch Road.

The site, formerly used for sand and gravel mining, could see housing, business and light industrial uses.

The council is seeking representatives from surrounding neigh-

borhoods, as well as five at-large members, also to be chosen by the council. All applicants must be Pleasanton residents.

Task force members must agree to attend at least one or two meetings a month for a year or more.

Task force members also should be capable of undertaking detailed background reading and research, working collaboratively, and have good communication skills and a balanced perspective on a wide range of viewpoints.

Those interested should submit completed applications to the City Clerk's office by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 7. The council will confirm the members of the task force at its June 19 meeting.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main St. in Pleasanton, or can be downloaded at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/epspcomm.pdf](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/epspcomm.pdf). For more information, contact Planning Manager Janice Stern at 931-5605 or [jsstern@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:jsstern@cityofpleasantonca.gov). ■

## DRUG DOG

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seen by students — didn't work out.

"We tried to do it at a time when the kids are in class, but of course, there's one building with a window that faces the parking lot," he said.

Hansen said because of that, news of the search spread though the school.

No one was arrested in the first search, which took place at Foothill High on Friday, May 4, during third period.

That search, which took about

an hour, also focused on a parking lot and turned up two pipes hidden in bushes at the school.

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Course: The 5K is a run/walk that is 50% paved and 50% dirt road and is stroller friendly. The 10K is 90% dirt road and 10% paved road. Strollers are not allowed in the 10K. Both runs travel through Sycamore Grove Park and are very flat with only one hill on the 10K. The Kid's 1 Mile Fun Run (for ages 12 & under) will take place at Wente Vineyards at about 9:45 a.m. No dogs are allowed on either of the courses or the fun run.

Register at: [www.onyourmarkevents.com](http://www.onyourmarkevents.com)

Awards: 3 deep in each age group (M & F) 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+ (Special prizes for top 3 Male and Female race winners 5K AND 10K RUN)

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## Kickstart your exercise regimen with Gravity Power Pilates

By Jim Evans

**DEAR JIM:** I've managed to stay in pretty good shape for my age — I'm 47 — but lately I feel like I'm in a rut. I still work out regularly at Bay Area Family Fitness in Pleasanton, but it seems like my body has become so accustomed to my routine that I'm not making progress anymore. Is there anything you can recommend to kickstart my program and get me back on track?  
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*Jim Evans is a 45-year veteran of the health and fitness industry and internationally recognized fitness consultant. He is also a member of the Visionary Board of the International Council on Active Aging. Readers can send their questions to Jim about health, fitness, and quality of life to [jime@bayareaaffc.com](mailto:jime@bayareaaffc.com).*

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# Business News

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## Goodguys at the Fairgrounds next weekend

19th annual Summer Get-Together gives glimpse into cars of yesteryear

The Goodguys will hold its 19th annual Summer Get-Together next weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds with more than 2,500 classic American muscle cars and souped up hot rods on display.

The colorful cars, painted in a variety of candy hues with layers of chrome, showcase a glimpse into yesteryear when American automobiles were made of steel, had carburetors and could be worked on in the driveway, said Goodguys spokesman John Drummond.

The magical and unique quality of a Goodguys "Get-Together" is that any American made or American powered car can exhibit, no matter how old or in some cases, how new they are, he added.

Goodguys events are the perfect platform to showcase modern era muscle machines like the new era Ford Mustang, Dodge Challenger and Chevy Camaro just to name a few. It's no secret that Detroit's "big three" have made a strong push to reconnect consumers to the muscle cars of the '60s and '70s.

By welcoming new generations of cars and car enthusiasts to their events, the Pleasanton-based Goodguys Rod & Custom Association has seen a surge in both attendance and buzz.

"We're seeing generations of car guys and gals able to come out and show their cars together as a family," said Harry Daviess, the event director. "All Goodguys are car guys at heart. The 'Get-Together' format broadens the scope of our events allowing as many as six or seven generations of car people to participate in an event."

Another buzz-worthy topic these days in the vintage car scene is the re-birth of the vintage American muscle car, Daviess noted. The latest trend is blending race track technology into muscle cars from the 1960s and '70s.

Adding race engines, race suspensions and flashy bright paint jobs to big bodied, V8 powered relics is all the rage. Besides showing and displaying them at events like the Summer Get-Together, event participants are more than willing to flog



GOODGUYS PHOTO

This high speed AutoCross course at Goodguys 19th annual Summer Get-Together next weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds will showcase custom cars in action as they race around a tight course trying to win the best elapsed time. Four classes of competition will be held.

them around an AutoCross course to "see what they'll do." In most cases the results are astounding.

"The American muscle car is a whole new breed," said Ed Capen of Goodguys, an industry authority on AutoCross.

"AutoCross was a very popular activity for sports cars like MG's, Datsuns, Lotus and Mazdas in the 1970s," he said. "It was a sports car activity sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America."

"Now muscle cars and street machines are right in the mix," he added. "We've seen interest in AutoCrossing explode in recent years at our events. At the Summer Get-Together demand will be so high we expect at least 400 to make runs in the AutoCross."

In addition to the cars, the Summer Get-Together offers other automotive-themed activities for the family. A used parts automotive swap meet will join a special "cars for sale corral" where automotive treasure hunters can seek out hard to find parts and buy and/or sell the car of their dreams.

Inside the exhibit buildings will be a Concourse-style show featuring stock, original cars like Packards,

Bentleys and Duesenbergs from the 1930s and '40s. A special "Brush Bash" featuring local pin stripe artist's will offer hand painted items and the Tri-Valley Quarter Midgets — a youth racing program will perform exhibitions on an oval track.

Another show highlight will be a custom bicycle exhibit. Bay Area-based Bicycle fabricators and enthusiast's "Boogie" Breiz and Dominick Guida, proprietors of Behind Bars Inc., a full service custom bicycle fabrication shop in San Jose, CA have pulled together the unique exhibit which will feature over 50 one-of-a-kind custom bikes. The exhibit will be held inside the Hall of Commerce Building. This marks the first time Goodguys has featured a bicycle exhibit at an event.

The Goodguys 19th Summer Get-Together presented by J Rockcliff Realtors is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. General admission is \$17; kids 7-12 are \$6, while 6 and under are free. Fairgrounds parking fee is \$8. For additional event information, contact the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association at 838-9876 or visit [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com). ■

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This is the 100th year of the Alameda County Fair and you can be part of the fun!

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In the Pleasanton Weekly's June 1, 8, 15 and 22 editions, the Fair's 100th year logo will be hidden in 10 different locations. To enter the contest, go online to [PleasantonWeekly.com/faircontest](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/faircontest) each week to list the locations. A new form will be available every Friday at 8 a.m., and that week's contest will end the following Thursday at 2 p.m. We will draw a name each week for tickets and the grand prize will be awarded after the fourth weekly contest.

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## Airport planners want more flights for Oakland, San Jose

A new report by the Regional Airport Planning Committee (RAPC) shows San Francisco International Airport continuing to attract new airline passengers while passenger counts at both Oakland International Airport and Mineta San Jose International Airport have fallen in recent years.

RAPC's Regional Aviation Activity Tracking Report reveals that despite a nearly 16% increase in passenger volumes at SFO, the total number of passengers using the Bay Area's

three major airports fell to 58.4 million in 2011, a 3.6% drop from 60.6 million passengers in the pre-recession year of 2007.

Looking ahead, RAPC expects a reversal of this trend and forecasts the number of passengers at Bay Area airports to soar to 101.3 million in 2035.

In response, the long-range plan recommends:

- Encouraging airlines to add more flights at the Oakland and San Jose airports, thus shifting more air pas-

sengers to these facilities in the years ahead;

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Economic news good for Pleasanton, Tri-Valley

A new report released yesterday by the East Bay Economic Development Alliance shows economic recovery in the region is putting people back to work and improving the quality of life for many East Bay residents.

According to the report, unemployment reached 9.3% last January, its lowest point since February 2009. Since July 2011, almost 27,000 residents of the East Bay found jobs, while employers are continuing to supply new jobs locally. Industries fundamental to the long-term strength of the East Bay, including health care and professional, scientific and technical services, are growing by some of the largest margins.

The economic analysis was prepared for the East Bay EDA by Beacon Economics, with a presentation scheduled to follow yesterday morning by Christopher Thornberg, one of California's leading economic forecasters, at a special event at the California Center here in Pleasanton. The report examined many reasons to be optimistic in the East Bay as the economy continues to see post-recession growth. East Bay residents are clearly benefiting from the broader economic recovery.

Thornberg pointed out that strong year-over-year growth in bellwether sectors such as retail shows that the short-term gains in the labor market are not aberrations like some had feared, but rather part of a long-term trend in the East Bay. On top of the positive indicators in the labor market, the abundance of venture capital funding in recent years for companies in the East Bay "harbor the promise of robust economic development in the region," the EDA report states. In terms of investment, in fact, the report shows that East Bay firms are holding their own against the heavyweights of Silicon Valley and possible miscalculations by investors in initial public offerings, including Facebook's debacle this week. In the past two years, according to the EDA, nearly \$1 billion of funding went to industrial energy, which will help cement the East Bay's reputation as the epicenter of clean-tech production.

Especially attractive in the otherwise sizzling San Francisco and Peninsula markets are the lower costs of doing business in the East Bay. The EDA reports that the cost of residential real estate in the East Bay remains at historic lows, while the cost of commercial real estate here remains the most affordable in the Bay Area. This is expected to attract the attention of the new and growing businesses that benefit from the continuing economic growth of the region.

As economic growth brings more prosperity to the East Bay in the coming years, the EDA reminds us that there are long-run issues to consider. If addressed, this could have a substantive positive impact on the quality of life for many of us in Pleasanton, the Tri-Valley and beyond. While the percentage of top income earners in our region grew, and grew substantially, the middle class shrank slightly. Pay cuts and salary freezes allowed the gap between those on the top and those in the middle class and lower income groups to grow wider. As economic recovery this year will continue to bring much-needed relief to the East Bay economy, now is also the ideal time to more closely examine these gaps and obstacles to prosperity for many in this vibrant, diverse Tri-Valley. ■

## LETTERS

### Don't cast aspersions

Dear Editor,

I have watched, first with some amusement that has turned to consternation, the development of a seemingly personal feud between the Pleasanton Weekly and Councilman Matt Sullivan, which seems to have become particularly rancorous over the past months of the Walmart supermarket debate.

Personally, I am ambivalent about the issue itself. I don't particularly care for what I've heard of some of Walmart's business practices. But if they want to open a store and there is enough community support, I don't see it as the end of the world.

But my ambivalence is born of not knowing much of the issues on the subject, and I don't expect everyone, particularly those more educated on those issues, to see things my way, or so simplistically. Further, for those that don't, I don't expect them to do or say nothing about why they don't, and certainly not if they are an elected official whose civic duty is to act on what he or she sees is the best for the community, and the constituency that elected them.

Whether that action leads to a popular opinion or not, I would hope our officials follow the principles that got them elected. That path may lead to an opinion that is not of the majority, or the Weekly's, but I expect more of the paper than to castigate and cast aspersions on a councilman for having and defending his, and an apparent sizeable number, who agree with him.

Bob Nickeson

### Sullivan shines a light

Dear Editor,

We owe thanks to Councilman Matt Sullivan for his efforts to shine a light on Walmart's bad business practices (something the local conservative newspapers fail to do).

Do we want good-paying jobs in our local grocery stores or low-paid Walmart workers with few or no benefits and the profits sent to the Walton family billionaires in Arkansas? The Walton net worth equals \$102.7 billion, or, for perspective, the net worth of six members of the Walton family equals the net worth of the entire bottom 30% of American families. WWJD?

And it is right to ask about

the influence of the Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber is anti-union, opposes minimum-wage increases, sides with Big Oil on climate-change issues, and is now working with the tobacco companies to stop Proposition 29, the tax on tobacco).

Matt Sullivan is speaking up for local workers and local businesses. Matt would make a good mayor.

George Reid

### Thanks, Mom and Dad

Dear Editor,

What an honor to be among those at the luncheon May 9 celebrating the winners of the "2012 Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award," which included Debra Mitchell, Janet Liang and the Pleasanton Military Families. The applause and then the kind words and thank you from Kelly Dulka, chairperson of the luncheon, were reward enough.

Special thanks to my family for its help, support, and patience, and especially to my wife Hildegard for her love, strength and caring. I give credit to my Mom and Dad for many of the values I try to live by. My Dad, Carl, served with the YMCA for 45 years, retiring as the executive director of the Stockton "Y." He taught me to swim, lead songs and get involved helping others. He believed that the YMCA is the best family/youth organization in the country and would have liked this year's YMCA goals of Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility.

My Mom, Barbara, who graduated from Stanford when only about 500 women attended, expected the family to eat dinner together, and made sure my brother, sister and I played piano. She taught ninth-grade English/speech, history and leadership in Stockton, and organized a campaign to build a vehicle and pedestrian overpass over the railroad tracks in Stockton to help kids get to school that is still used.

Dad died at age 90 and his epithet reads: "Pray not for easy lives, but to be stronger men and women." Mom died last year at age 98, and her epithet reads: "Climb High, Climb Far, Your Goal the Sky, Your Aim a Star."

I say: "Thank you, Mom and Dad." They reply: "You're welcome."

Dave Melander

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# WILD BLUE YONDER



The Witchcraft, the world's only fully restored and operating B-24, is one of the vintage aircraft that will be on display at the Wings of Freedom show at the Livermore Airport from Sunday to Tuesday. The bomber flew 130 missions in World War II under the British flag.

## *Young reporter takes flight into history in time for Memorial Day*

STORY AND PHOTOS BY AMELIA ARVESEN



The P-51 Mustang is one of the historic aircraft preserved by the Collings Foundation. At right, reporter and college student Amelia Arvesen, who said it hit her that those who manned the bombers over enemy territory were her age.

I watched in shock as the fierce wind sucked my neon orange earplug through a crack in the floor of the Consolidated B-24 Liberator.

As my earplug disappeared into the void below, the crew member's words echoed in my head: "Don't step on the red floor!" He had explained that it would easily flap open at the touch. So a slip of the foot and that earplug could easily have been me — but it wasn't. I was still safely nestled inside the B-24 enjoying a once-in-a-lifetime flight between San Luis Obispo and Moffett Field in Mountain View.

The flight was possible because of the Collings Foundation's "Wings of Freedom Tour" that is scheduled to land at the Livermore Municipal Airport on Sunday, May 27, for Memorial Day. Everyone is invited to see, smell, feel and ride in a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, a Consolidated B-24 Liberator and a P-51 Mustang.

But last weekend I was honored to ride in the B-24 beauty, the only one of its kind in the world, which has been fully restored and is still operating. I spent Friday, three days before my college finals, with my head in the clouds. Just call me Amelia Earhart!

My day began in Livermore where I met happy-go-lucky Kevin Ryan, a 20-year volunteer for the Collings Foundation and a Pleasanton resident, and his 1976 Cessna 182.

With a tail wind behind us and a clear blue sky above, we easily made our way toward the San Luis Obispo Airport where two bomber planes awaited. The plane trip south was serene and resembled the flights my grandfather used to enjoy in his Cessna 210.

Once on the ground, I took in the sight of the rare treasures

of aviation history. It didn't hit me until takeoff that young men my age flew them over enemy territory nearly 75 years ago during WWII as part of the Allied effort to free Europe.

The most difficult decision of the day, besides stepping onboard in the first place, was choosing in which bomber to take my flight-of-faith. I opted to fly in the beefy B-24 "Witchcraft" with trusty pilot 72-year-old Jim Goolsby.

During WWII, the original Witchcraft flew a record 130 combat missions and no crewmen were ever injured or killed. Hoping that record wouldn't end, I checked to make sure I was wearing my lucky socks.

Ryan and I figured we had time to refuel at the airport's restaurant but it turned out that the B-24 flight to Moffett Field was one that would not be delayed. I almost missed it by seconds, but with Ryan's assistance I crawled through the bomb bay while the engines rumbled, and I took a seat above a breezy doorway.

Aviation is in my blood, and in my name, but I was unprepared for the flight ahead. If I had ever been afraid of heights, small spaces and loud noises, I wouldn't be for long. When the bomber took off, I couldn't tell if it was the plane or my entire body shaking.

I waited for the sound of a "ding" followed by the pleasant message, "You are now free to move about the cabin," but that never happened. After a few minutes in the air, the man next to me confidently maneuvered himself from his seat to the wide open windows equipped with waist guns.

It was a few extra minutes before I cautiously left the safety of my seat, but I was pleased when I did. The hair-whipping





Above: Pilot Jim Goolsby, 72, at the controls of the B-24 Liberator, as it flies from San Luis Obispo to Moffett Field in Mountain View. The old bombers bring up a whole range of emotions, Goolsby said. Below: Inside the B-24.

wind forced me to take refuge in the nose gunner spot, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I soaked up the view and imagined the people 2,000 feet below pointing to the sky shouting, "It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a B-24!"

For the first time in my life, I wished my head were shaved but I soon found a way to secure my long locks and enjoyed gazing out the window. I squeezed back through the catwalk (which seemed inches thinner the second time) and was careful not to step on the red floor.

A bell rang after about an hour, vibrating the floors and signaling that it was time to take a seat and prepare for landing. I tensed up anticipating the landing, but it turned out to be smoother than some commercial airplanes.

Everything seemed incredibly silent once the bomber had been taxied, parked and its four engines turned off. The five other passengers and I ducked under the open bomb bay to stable ground.

I stepped back and admired the amazing



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## Wings of Freedom

Everyone is invited to see, smell, feel and ride in a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, a Consolidated B-24 Liberator and a P-51 Mustang at the Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour 2012, which will be at the Livermore Airport from Sunday-Tuesday, May 27-29. Tours are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, and World War II veterans enjoy free admission. Thirty-minute flights on either the B-17 or B-24 are \$425 per person. The weekend revelries begin at noon Sun-

day, with '40s music from the "Big Band of Rossmoor" and several locally based airplanes such as a Yak 18 and C1A Tracker from the USS Hornet on display.

No reservations are need for walk-through tours at the following times:

- Noon-4 p.m. Sunday
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## FLIGHT

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piece of history that had transported me in one piece from one part of the state to another and felt like the luckiest young lady in the world.

"You hang around these bombers long enough, some days you want to cry and some days you want to hold your sides laughing. It becomes a whole range of emotions," said pilot Goolsby, an 11-year Collings Foundation volunteer.

My hat is off to the Collings Foundation, Kevin Ryan, Jim Goolsby and all the other volunteers who make available to the public these incredible aircrafts that served our country so well. And to the airmen who flew in them so bravely. ■

The Collings Foundation is "dedicated to preserving the machines that helped build the world and helped keep it free," according to its website.



JEB BING

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams, shown here from last year, will play again at Monday's Memorial Day ceremonies, which will be held at 11 a.m. Monday on the open grounds next to the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard. The event will pay tribute to Pleasanton veterans, to those serving today in the armed services and to those veterans no longer living.

## Scouts placing flags on graves for Memorial Day

Ceremony taking place Monday near Senior Center

Memorial Day ceremonies are scheduled for 11 a.m., Monday, with the observance again this year on the open grounds next to the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Hosted by the American Legion Pleasanton Post 237 with the assistance of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Pleasanton Post 6298, this year's event will include patriotic music by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band and Memorial Day speeches and remem-

brances by community leaders.

Tomorrow morning, as the Memorial Day weekend begins, Pleasanton Scouts will place special bronze grave markers with flags on veteran graves in the city's Pioneer cemetery and at the adjacent St. Augustine Catholic cemetery.

Joe Steiber, commander of the Pleasanton American Legion post, will serve as master of ceremonies for the Memorial Day event. ■

## County board salutes those in the military

May proclaimed as National Military Appreciation month

By JEB BING

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty presented proclamations to five branches of the military at the board's meeting Tuesday in observance of the Memorial Day weekend and in honor of National Military Appreciation Month.

In 1999, the Congress selected May because it has the most days set aside for celebrating and commemorating our military's achievements.

"As a county supervisor, I get many requests to sign proclamations, resolutions and commendations," Haggerty said. "But today is very significant to me, as we all live very hectic lives with busy schedules, and we often take our freedom for granted."

"By proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month our county is able to say thank you to all our service men and

women," he added.

The month of May includes Loyalty Day, which was established in 1921; Victory in Europe Day, recognizing the end of WWII in Europe on May 8, 1945; Armed Forces Day, created in 1949; Military Spouses Appreciation Day, established in 1984; and the best known May holiday, Memorial Day.

National Military Appreciation Month is a chance to recognize those on active duty in all branches of the service, the National Guard and Reserves plus retirees, veterans, and all of their families — well over 90 million Americans and more than 237 years of our nation's history, Haggerty pointed out.

"As a proud parent of a daughter in the U.S. Navy, it was an honor and distinct privilege to take time out of our board meeting to thank those that have served and continue to serve our great country," Haggerty said. ■

## Police plan extensive DUI crackdown over Memorial Day weekend

Sheriff's deputies and police officers from Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, BART, Berkeley, Fremont, Oakland and Piedmont will staff extra patrols aimed at DUI suspects over the Memorial Day weekend.

Fremont police plan a sobriety checkpoint for Friday, May 25.

The four-day Avoid the 21 crackdown begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday and ends at midnight Monday, said Lt. Ava Garavatti of the Livermore police, campaign chairwoman.

California Highway Patrol officers from the Dublin, Castro Valley, Hayward and Oakland area squads will flood the freeways all weekend.

"The long Memorial Day weekend is the

kick-off for summer," Garavatti said. "Have fun at your parties and gatherings, but remember that there is no safe way to drive after you've been drinking alcohol or taking drugs."

"Even a little of either can make you an unsafe driver and subject to arrest," she added. "Designated sober drivers regularly save the day by getting everyone home safely after the event."

Avoid the 21 will hit the roads again around Independence Day, and plans a three-week effort from the middle of August to early September. The California Office of Traffic Safety funds the campaign through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ■



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# Community Pulse

By Glenn Wohltmann, gwohltmann@pleasantonweekly.com

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Three arrested in two drug-related incidents

Three men were arrested in separate incidents involving drug sales over the last week, according to police reports.

An employee of Rite Aid in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road was arrested at about 1 p.m. May 22 for embezzlement and burglary. Amado Merchan, 28, of Walnut Creek was stealing medications and selling them, according to a police report, which said he'd stolen more than \$2,000 in prescription medicines over about six months.

Two Oakdale men were arrested after a registration check at the Shell station at 6750 Santa Rita Road on May 19 at about 11:30 p.m., a police report said. The check led to an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and a search of the suspect's car, where police found

45 grams of methamphetamine, a set of scales and plastic bags.

Car owner Russell Middleton, 38, was taken into custody on a parole violation and paraphernalia possession; Todd Skaggs, 41, was arrested for possession with intent to sell.

In other police reports:

- A May 19 traffic stop led to two misdemeanor charges against a 21-year-old Pleasanton man, who was arrested after a stop for an equipment violation for having a false tab on his license plate. A search turned up a switchblade knife and homemade fireworks — three small bottles filled with gunpowder, that were found in the inside pocket of the driver's door. The stop took place at about 11:34 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and California Avenue.
- Police have an unnamed suspect in an embezzlement at a kiosk

store at the Stoneridge Shopping Center reported at about 1:20 p.m. May 15. An employee at the store, called Get Cash for Gift Cards, was using a scam to pocket money from redeeming cards; more than \$1,000 was stolen between April and May.

- More than \$3,800 in property was stolen in a residential burglary in the 7600 block of Fair Oaks Drive reported at about 3:06 p.m. May 21. Taken was a \$1,000 laptop, 20 pairs of earrings valued at \$1,000, an \$800 men's wedding band, a \$500 watch, a \$200 jewelry box, a woman's gold chain worth \$200, and \$150 diamond stud earrings. The rear door of the home was pried open to provide access.

- Holly Kay Hollaway, 33, of Modesto was arrested at about 12:06 a.m. May 18 at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Tawny Drive for possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance and possession of a prescription in another's name, both felonies.

Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted.

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### May 15

#### Theft

- 1:20 p.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft, embezzlement

### May 16

#### Theft

- 2:53 p.m. in the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue; embezzlement
- 11:55 p.m. in the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue; misappropriation of property

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:09 p.m. in the 400 block of Main Street; public drunkenness, under the influence of drugs in public

### May 17

#### Theft

- 9:16 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue; possession of stolen property, petty theft

#### Burglary

- 5:59 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Auto burglary

- 7:41 a.m. in the 2900 block of Liberty Drive; auto burglary, petty theft

#### Possession of a weapon on school grounds

- 11:31 a.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Paraphernalia possession

- 10:37 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

### May 18

#### Embezzlement

- 5:11 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road

#### Auto burglary

- 10:58 a.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue

#### Battery

- 12:08 p.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

#### Vandalism

- 4:58 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa

### Rita Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:06 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Tawny Drive; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, possession of a prescription in another's name

- 4:10 p.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive; DUI

- 6:36 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive; paraphernalia possession

- 11:50 p.m. in the 4300 block of W. Ruby Hill Drive; DUI, hit and run

### May 19

#### Theft

- 2:04 a.m. in the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue; possession of stolen property, possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession, parole violation

- 8:38 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

#### Auto burglary

- 3:04 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 7:31 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

- 8:55 a.m. in the 3400 block of W. Ruby Hill Drive

- 2:10 p.m. in the first block of Benjamin Court

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:51 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue; DUI

- 11:02 p.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Bernal Avenue; public drunkenness

- 11:21 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

- 11:30 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, possession of a prescription in another's name, paraphernalia possession, parole violation

### May 20

#### Theft

- 8:10 a.m. in the 3800 block of

### Appian Street; auto theft

- 5:12 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Vandalism

- 11:13 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Alcohol violations

- 1:23 a.m. in the 3800 block of Hopyard Road; DUI

- 7:16 p.m. at the intersection of Hansen Drive and Camino Segura; DUI

- 8:04 p.m. in the 2100 block of Cascara Court; public drunkenness

### May 21

#### Theft

- 3:49 p.m. in the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft

- 7:07 p.m. in the 5500 block of San Juan Way; grand theft

#### Burglary

- 3:06 p.m. in the 7600 block of Fair Oaks Drive

#### Vandalism

- 10:11 a.m. in the 3200 block of Stanley Boulevard

#### Marijuana possession

- 10:47 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

### May 22

#### Theft

- 8:47 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; auto theft

- 9:36 a.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 1:00 p.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road; embezzlement, burglary

- 4:12 p.m. in the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road; mail theft

- 8:07 p.m. in the 2400 block of Skylark Way; mail theft

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 11:31 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road; marijuana possession

- 10:49 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Ray street; DUI



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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee

Monday, May 28, 2012 - Cancelled

### Human Services Commission - Workshop

Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

6:00 p.m. Welcome & Review of Agenda

6:15 p.m. Review of Eastern Alameda County 2011 Human Services Needs Assessment: Findings Report

- Conclusions

- Recommendations

7:00 p.m. Discuss Implementation of Needs Assessment

- Oversight Committee

- Collaboration with other Jurisdictions

- Short-term and long-term projects to be considered for implementation

- Funding/resources to meet work plan objectives

8:00 p.m. Wrap-up & Next Steps

### Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force Meeting

Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 6:30 pm

Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

- The City's Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force will develop a set of guidelines that addresses key elements in creating a positive and responsible environment for downtown vitality. The task force's discussions will be focused on areas including public safety, music and entertainment, outdoor activities and transportation. To be added to the email list for agenda packets and additional Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force information, please email your request to [tsnyder@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:tsnyder@cityofpleasantonca.gov). For further information or questions, see our website at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/business/planning/DH/DowntownHospitality.html](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/business/planning/DH/DowntownHospitality.html).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force

Applications are currently being accepted for the new East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force. The Task Force will guide the planning effort for an approximately 1,000 acre area in east Pleasanton which was formerly the site of sand and gravel mining. The Task Force will propose new uses and a circulation system for the site, and will recommend a plan for providing and financing needed infrastructure. The City Council is seeking representatives from several surrounding neighborhoods, as well as five at-large members selected by the City Council.

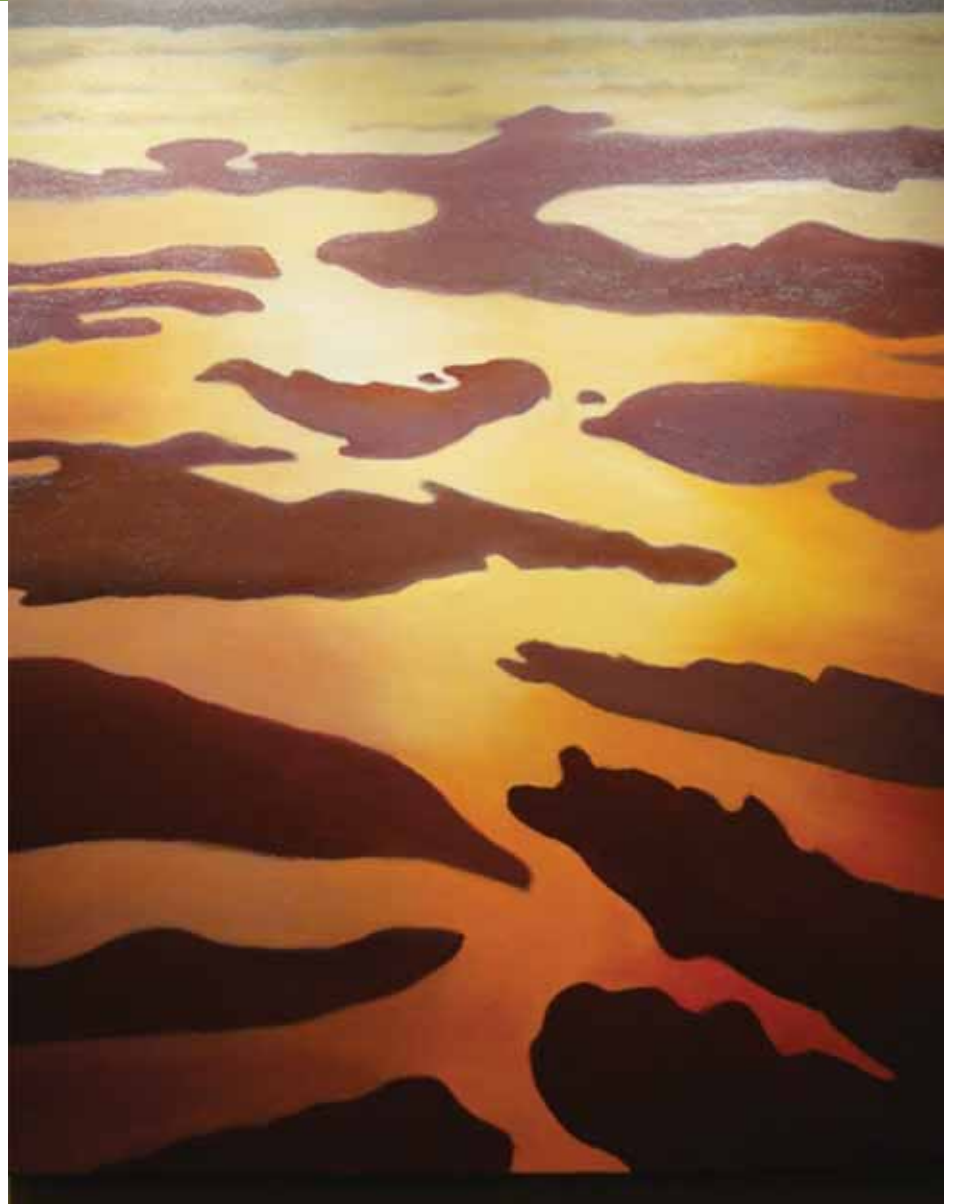
Applications shall be residents of the City of Pleasanton and willing to attend at least one or two meetings per month for a period of one year or more. The City seeks task force members who are able to do background reading and research, work collaboratively, and strive for clear communication, a balanced perspective, and inclusion of a wide range of viewpoints.

Applications are due to the City Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m., **Thursday, June 7, 2012**. Applications are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 123 Main Street, or on the City's website at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/epscomm.pdf>. For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VALLEY — MUSIC, THEATER, ART, MOVIES AND MORE



Works at the new Harrington Gallery exhibit include (clockwise, from above) *Light from a Distant Sun* by Martin Lasack; *Islands 2-Aerial View* by Gayle Muehring; and *Backyard No. 75* by Ellen Little.



## ‘Fresh Works’ at Harrington Gallery

*Second annual display of Bay Area artists*

The Firehouse Arts Center’s Harrington Gallery is hosting its second annual open juried exhibit of Bay Area artists, *Fresh Works*, opening Wednesday and running through June 30.

The exhibit will include an array of media — watercolor, oil, pastel, neon, sculpture, photography — by San Francisco Bay Area artists. This season’s juror is award-winning Berkeley painter, photographer and video artist Kim Anno.

“*Fresh Works* provides an opportunity to view an exciting, eclectic array of visual arts by exceptionally talented artists from our region,” says city of Pleasanton’s Visual Arts Coordinator Julie Finegan.

A gallery reception will take place from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, June 2, open to the public.

“No matter your artistic taste, you’ll find works that speak to you as you view this exhibit,” Finegan said.

Harrington Gallery hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; and for one hour prior to each Firehouse Arts Center performance and during intermission. Donations are appreciated.

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton. ■



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**While in Athens:** Standing in front of the Parthenon on the Acropolis are (l-r) Andrew Bailey, Egan Bailey, Drew Bailey, Peter Loewenhardt, Ruth Loewenhardt, Will Loewenhardt, Lauren Purcell, Rachael Loewenhardt, Adriana Morton, Lauren Morton and Judi Morton.

Auditions

**VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE 2012-13 SEASON** Valley Concert Chorale, Tri-Valley's premier chorus, will hold auditions by appointments for its upcoming 2012-13 concert season on the following Mondays: June 4, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10. Auditions and rehearsals are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, Fourth and L streets, Livermore. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10. For additional information call 866-4003 or visit [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org).

Author Visits

**HAPPY HOUR RETURNS WITH S.G. BROWNE** S.G. Browne, author of "Fated and Breathers," will be discussing his newest book, "Lucky Bastard," at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 30, at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton. The book is about a PI in San Francisco who makes his living stealing people's luck. Both men and woman will enjoy the book. Reservations are helpful for set up and food. Call 846-8826 or email [orders@townecenterbooks.com](mailto:orders@townecenterbooks.com).

**SPECIAL EVENT FOR TEEN READERS** Stages on Pages will be presenting Authors on the Spot, a program where authors answer and discuss quotes from their books drawn randomly out of a bag. The event is at 7 p.m., Friday, June 1, at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton. The authors, Gretchen McNeil, Stasia Keho, Elise Allen and Katherine Longshore, all have a performing arts background in addition to their writing skills. The event is free but reservations are helpful. Call 846-8826 or email [orders@townecenterbooks.com](mailto:orders@townecenterbooks.com).

Class Reunions

**AMADOR VALLEY HIGH CLASS REUNION** Golf begins at noon; dinner/dancing/raffle/fun begins at 6:00! Saturday, July 7 from 6-11 p.m. \$75.00 Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center at the Delta View Golf Course, 2222 Golf Club Rd., Pittsburg. 305-4071. [www.aplus-mediation-and-more.com/amador-valley-class-reunion.html](http://www.aplus-mediation-and-more.com/amador-valley-class-reunion.html)

Classes

**CLASSES IN MICROSOFT EXCEL** The Pleasanton Library is offering two Excel classes in May and June one

for beginners and one for intermediate level class. Gain skills for career advancement, learning formatting, advanced formulas, visual basic programming and more. Sign up for a one-time session on Tuesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. at the library. Beginners class is on Tuesdays, May 22 or May 29 and Intermediate are on Tuesdays, June 19 and June 26. Registration is required call 931-3400 ext. 7. Classes are held at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Clubs

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAR**, Daughters of the American Revolution, Jose Maria Amador Chapter meets the first Saturday of the month. It is a social gathering and time to explore the history of our American roots. For meeting time and location, call Ann at 510-507-5509 or email [anarciso@comcast.net](mailto:anarciso@comcast.net).

**PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB** This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit [www.pleasantonnewcomers.com](http://www.pleasantonnewcomers.com) or call Ruby M. at 462-6404.

Concerts

**AMERICAN IDOL FINALIST** American Idol Finalist Josh Gracin will perform at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 31, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. A Michigan native who grew up listening to Rhythm & Blues and Motown, Gracin heard Garth Brooks on country radio, embraced the sound and never turned back. Tickets are \$20-\$30. Call 931-4848 or visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

Health

**'WALK WITH A DOC' IS BACK** "Walk with a Doc" is a unique walking program that allows you to spend time walking with a doctor, giving you the opportunity to ask questions answered by local physicians. Put on comfortable walking shoes and walk for your health. Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. Free Pleasanton Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Dr., Pleasanton. 225-0500. [www.walkwithadoc.org](http://www.walkwithadoc.org)

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND** Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., second Saturday, of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

Lectures/ Workshops

**CHILD SLEEP WORKSHOP** A workshop on children and sleeping will take place at the Pleasanton Public library on May 30. Topics to be discussed include sleep problems, how to avoid them and how to deal with them, and how to teach healthy habits from the beginning to avoid the stress of sleepless nights. 6-7 p.m. Free 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. (925) 998-3242.

**GNON (GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING) PRESENTS WIGS (WOMEN IN GNON SEMINARS) IT'S YOUR HEALTH, YOUR CHOICE!** Learn why so many women experience hormone problems, sleep disturbances, fibromyalgia and weight

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**HOW TO BE A WEALTHY VISIONARY** Marcia Wieder will share the essential keys of following your heart's deepest calling while making a good living doing it. Thursday, May 31 from 6-9 p.m. Preregistration, \$35; at the door, \$45. The Four Point Sheraton Hotel @ FAZ Banquet Room, 5121 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. 510-432-1866. [www.events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=54ccttcab&oeidk=a07e5wpi15i9f491069](http://www.events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=54ccttcab&oeidk=a07e5wpi15i9f491069)

Live Music

**"STIRRING & SOULFUL" GYPSY SOUL** Acoustic rock duo Gypsy Soul will bring its stirring and soulful sound at 8 p.m., Saturday, June 2 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Gypsy Soul has been chosen a "Top Pick/Critic's

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**A TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF PATSY CLINE** Vocalist Joni Morris and the After Midnight Band in a tribute to the music of country western legend Patsy Cline at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 3 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Joni Morris emulates Cline's sour-stirring voice and flamboyant nature, performing with the passion and personality that captivated Cline's fans. Morris has traveled nationally for the past fifteen years with her four piece band, After Midnight, and has appeared before enthusiastic audiences at colleges,

festivals, dinner theaters, conventions, casinos, and private parties. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Recreation

**20TH ANNUAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SPRING RV SHOW** At their RV shows, they bring together many dealers from all over the west to display their very latest models, accessories and services and put you in touch with all the places and people to make the RV lifestyle the best it can be! May 18 through May 27 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton. 931-1890. [www.rvshow.net/index.html](http://www.rvshow.net/index.html)

## Seniors

**CARE AFTER HOSPITALIZATION** What choices do I have as a senior following a hospital stay? A panel discussion on different skilled levels of care for seniors will be presented by Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation & VITAS Hospice. Bring questions you might have about what is covered by insurance. Tuesday, June 12 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-5365. [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org)

**NEW EXPRESSIVE WRITING GROUP** Register for a new writing group being offered at the Pleasanton Senior Center beginning Thursday, June 7. The class will focus on the

art of expression. You will learn by observing and critiquing each other's creations. No previous writing experience required. Six sessions will run June-August. 10-11:30 a.m. \$12R/\$15N Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-5365. [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org)

## Support Groups

**BEYOND TREATMENT BREAST CANCER** This group provides a safe place to express and share thoughts, concerns and experiences of living with the uncertainty after treatment for breast cancer, the physical effects and problems related to intimacy, marriage, reproduction and employment. The group meets from 6-8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite #270. Call 399-1177.

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit [www.valleycare.com](http://www.valleycare.com). 7:30-9 p.m. Free

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month, and from 7-9 p.m. at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

**CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP** Overwhelmed by clutter? Learn how to deal with it by attending this support group, which meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Rm. 7. Call 200-1943 or visit [www.clutterless.org](http://www.clutterless.org).

**EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP** If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd. For more information, view their blog at [www.eastbayet.com](http://www.eastbayet.com) or call 487-5706 or email [eastbayet@comcast.net](mailto:eastbayet@comcast.net).

**PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP** The group has monthly meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more at [www.pleasantonmilitary-families.org](http://www.pleasantonmilitary-families.org).

**STEPPING STONES ON YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY** Stepping Stones on your Grief Journey workshop is at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays, June 14-Aug. 23 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton, open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

**TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS** This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m., on the fourth Monday of every month, at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finian Way, Dublin. It hosts special speakers like doctors or specialists. For more information, call JoAnne at 875-0960.

**WIDOW/WIDOWERS GRIEF RECOVERY** Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a spouse recently or within the last few years? Sharing experiences during this 10-week class is extremely helpful to the healing process. Find hope, support and successful ways to process the significant life event. Classes are 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, June 27 through Sept. 5, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy., Pleasanton. Workbook is \$15. Call Linda at 833-9013 or email [lihusted@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lihusted@sbcglobal.net).

## Volunteering

**LIONESS SEEK NEW MEMBERS** The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. The Lioness are a service club which helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

**TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS & ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS** Tri Valley Support Group for Fibromyalgia, Lupus and all forms of Arthritis meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Tri Valley Support, 3115 Finian Way, Dublin. They are in need of volunteers to help. Call 875-0960.

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# Sports

## Foothill grad Kortnie Maxoutopoulos makes Big East Conference cut

Rutgers freshman Kortnie Maxoutopoulos, a 2011 graduate of Foothill High, has been named to the 2012 All-Big East Conference Women's Golf Team as chosen by the league's eight head coaches. The rookie made an immediate impact in 2011-12, posting seven top 10 finishes, including two victories, in her initial season "On the Banks."

"Kortnie is a very focused and hard-working student-athlete," said Head Women's Golf Coach Maura Ballard. "We are extremely proud of all of her accomplishments this year, and we are very excited about the bright future ahead."

Maxoutopoulos competed in all nine tournaments in 2011-12, playing 23 rounds. She had a 75.39 stroke average to earn a 154 regional Golfstat rank.

The California native wasted little time making her presence felt on the collegiate leaderboard. She shot a 214 (70-73-71) to win her first event, the 80-player Bucknell Invitational (Sept. 10-11). After a third-place finish with a 221 (76-71-74) at the 63-competitor Princeton Invitational, she proceeded to capture individual medalist honors once again at the 97-player



Rutgers Invitational (October 14-15) with a 150 (75-75).

Maxoutopoulos finished among the top five in four of five fall events, including a fifth-place showing at the Lehigh Invitational.

Her success extended into the spring. In four tournaments, Maxoutopoulos placed 13th or

better in all, including three top 10 performances. She concluded her rookie campaign by placing tied for eighth with a 229 (75-78-76) at the highly competitive BIG EAST Championship. Her team-best showing helped the Scarlet Knight to a fifth place finish, their best ever in the league championship. ■

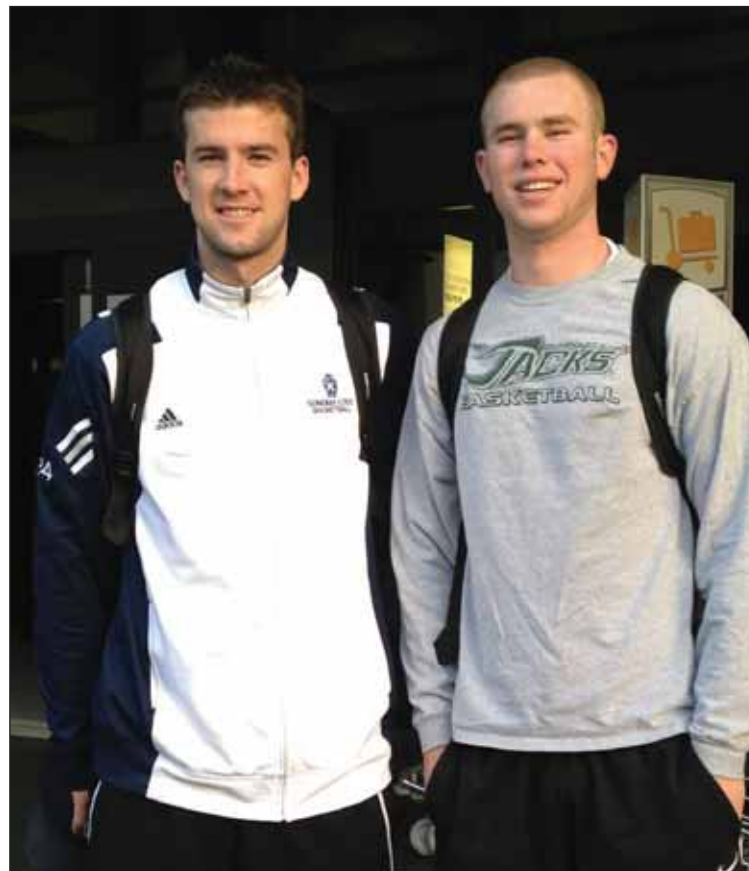


KRIS DAVID

## Amador player earns scholarship to Western Oregon Univ.

Gunnar David, a senior at Amador Valley High School, signed a national letter of intent to attend Western Oregon University this Fall on a baseball scholarship.

Western Oregon is currently ranked 11th in the nation in Division II baseball.



## Shooting hoops in China

Foothill High 2007 EBAL Championship teammates, and CCAA rivals, (left) Steven Pratt and Scott Clark have been invited to play on the United States Basketball Academy team in China from May 15-29. USBA is recognized internationally as the leader in providing innovative training and education to assist basketball players and coaches in reaching their fullest potential.

Pratt, class of 2007, is a recent Sonoma State graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was selected All CCAA first team 2009-10 and 2011-12, CCAA second team 2010-11, SSU Male Student Athlete of the Year 2012, and 2012 NABC Div II All-West District Second Team. Steven is the son of Jill Pratt of Pleasanton and James Pratt of Bakersfield.

Clark, class of 2008, played two years for Ohlone College and was voted CCCAA All Conference 2009-10. Then he was recruited by Humboldt State where he was selected to the 2012 CCAA All-Tournament Team. Scott will graduate from Humboldt in May 2013 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. He is the son of Jim and Debbie Clark of Pleasanton.

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## Vacation, investment home sales at highest level since 2005

Investors 'swooping in' to take advantage of bargain home prices

By JEB BING

Sales of investment and vacation homes jumped in 2011, with the combined market share rising to the highest level since 2005, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's 2012 Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey, covering existing- and new-home transactions in 2011, shows investment-home sales surged an extraordinary 64.5% to 1.23 million last year from 749,000 in 2010. Vacation-home sales rose 7.0% to 502,000 in 2011 from 469,000 in 2010. Owner-occupied purchases fell 15.5% to 2.78 million.

Vacation-home sales accounted for 11% of all transactions last year, up from 10% in 2010, while the portion of investment sales jumped to 27% in 2011 from 17% in 2010.

NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun said investors with cash took advantage of market conditions in 2011.

"During the past year investors have been swooping into the market to take advantage of bargain home prices," he said. "Rising rental income easily beat cash sitting in banks as an added inducement. In addition, 41% of investment buyers purchased more than one property."

Yun said the shift in investment buyer patterns in 2011 shows the market, for the large part, is able to absorb foreclosures hitting the market.

"Small-time investors are helping the market heal since REO (bank real estate owned) inventory is not lingering for an extended period," he said. "Any government program to sell REO inventory in bulk to large institu-

tional companies should be limited to small geographic areas."

"Even where alternatives are needed, it's best to rely on the expertise of local businesses, nonprofit organizations and government," he added.

All-cash purchases have become fairly common in the investment- and vacation-home market during recent years with 49% of investment buyers paying cash in 2011, as did 42% of vacation-home buyers. Half of all investment-home purchases in 2011 were distressed homes, as were 39% of vacation homes.

"Clearly we're looking at investors with financial resources who see real estate as a good investment and who aren't hesitant to use cash," Yun said.

Of buyers who financed their purchase with a mortgage, large down payments were typical. The median down payment for both investment- and vacation-home buyers in 2011 was 27%.

"Given the tight credit in recent years, many would-be normal home buyers for owner occupancy declined," Yun said.

The median investment-home price was \$100,000 in 2011, up 6.4% from \$94,000 in 2010, while the median vacation-home price was \$121,300, down 19.1% from \$150,000 in 2010.

Investment-home buyers in 2011 had a median age of 50, earned \$86,100 and bought a home that was relatively close to their primary residence — a median distance of 25 miles, although 30% were more than 100 miles away.

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**VACATION**

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"The share of investment buyers who flipped property remained low in 2011, and many of those homes likely were renovated before reselling," Yun said.

Some 5% of homes purchased by investment buyers last year have already been resold, up from 2% in 2010. The typical investment buyer plans to hold the property for a median of five years, down from 10 years for buyers in 2010.

According to the NAR, the typical vacation-home buyer was 50 years old, had a median household income of \$88,600 and purchased a property that was a median distance of 305 miles from the primary residence; 35% of vacation homes were within 100 miles and 37% were more than 500 miles.

NAE said buyers plan to own their recreational property for a median of 10 years.

Lifestyle factors have consistently been the primary motivation for vacation-home buyers, NAR added, while the desire for rental income drives investment purchases.

Vacation homes purchased last year were more likely to be in suburban or rural areas; investment homes were concentrated in suburban locations.

Eighty-two percent of vacation-home buyers said the primary reason for buying was to use the property themselves for vacations, or as a family retreat. Thirty percent plan to use the property as a primary residence in the future, and only 22% plan to rent to others.

Half of investment buyers said they purchased primarily to generate rental income, and 34% wanted to diversify their investments or saw a good investment opportunity.

Sixteen percent of vacation buyers and 14% of investment buyers purchased the property for a family member, friend or relative to use.

In many cases the home is intended for a son or daughter to use while attending school.

Forty-two percent of vacation homes purchased last year were in the South, 30% in the West, 15% in the Northeast and 12% in the Midwest; 1% were located outside of the U.S.

Forty-four percent of investment properties were in the South, 23% in the West, 17% in the Midwest and 15% in the Northeast.

Eight out of 10 second-home buyers said it was a good time to buy. Nearly half of investment buyers said they were likely to purchase another property within two years, as did one-third of vacation-home buyers.

Currently, 42.1 million people in the U.S. are ages 50-59, a group that has dominated second-home sales since the middle part of the past decade and established records. An additional 43.5 million people are 40-49 years old, while another 40.2 million are 30-39.

"Given that the number of people who are in their 40s is somewhat larger than the 50-somethings, the long-term demographic demand for purchasing vacation homes is favorable because these younger households are likely to enter the market as their desire for these kinds of properties grows, and individual circumstances allow," Yun said.

NAR's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data shows there are 8.0 million vacation homes and 42.8 million investment units in the U.S., compared with 75.3 million owner-occupied homes.

NAR's 2012 Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey, conducted in March 2012, includes answers from 2,241 usable responses about home purchases during 2011. The survey controlled for age and income, based on information from the larger 2011 NAR Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, to limit any biases in the characteristics of respondents. ■

**SALES AT A GLANCE**

**Dublin**

**Total sales reported:** 14  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$182,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$686,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$430,571

**Livermore**

**Total sales reported:** 16  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$172,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$606,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$351,437

**Pleasanton**

**Total sales reported:** 20  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$172,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,525,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$666,275

**San Ramon**

**Total sales reported:** 30  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$145,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,099,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$593,133

**HOME SALES**

This week's data represents homes sold during April 2012

**Dublin**

- 6593 Adare Lane** Dublin Tralee II to J. & I. Patterson for \$461,000
- 6597 Adare Lane** Dublin Tralee II to A. Budwal for \$446,000
- 3309 Araldi Lane** D R Horton to W. Woo for \$571,000
- 7607 Arbor Creek Circle** American Home Mortgage Trust to J. Hoyt-Martin for \$182,000
- 8545 Davona Drive** Rvest Limited to H. & P. Li for \$433,000
- 4420 Fitzwilliam Street** Z. Downing to R. Sridhar for \$325,000
- 4371 Foxford Way** K. Shanmugam to F. Kwan for \$686,000
- 7515 Ironwood Drive** S. & A. Saman to A. Ahmadzai for \$320,000
- 8140 Locust Place #S J** & R. Salamat to A. & J. Lam for \$330,000
- 10759 McKay Lane** J. Danyanovitch to R. & S. Camacho for \$385,000
- 7144 Prince Drive** R. & L. Leuver to A. Gee for \$400,000
- 11672 Regio Drive** Simpson Trust to B. & D. Barbero for \$399,000
- 4408 Roscommon Way** A. & Y. Cheng to D. & J. Tsai for \$680,000
- 7335 Sheffield Lane** D. Menter to S. Pal for \$410,000

**Livermore**

- 3170 Bridle Court** Patelco Credit Union to E. & I. Dobrin for \$460,000
- 403 Brighton Way** L. Powell to G. & C. Marx for \$310,000
- 6282 Carson Pass Way** S. & C. MacDonald to S. Nemethy for \$425,000
- 850 Crane Avenue** H. Bozorgzad to R. & C. Strobe for \$250,000
- 5828 Crestmont Avenue** US Bank to Nationwide Lending Partners for \$266,000
- 1444 El Padro Drive** Z. Liu to A. Crawford for \$351,000
- 5802 Felicia Avenue** Vandyke Trust to D. & L. Readler for \$606,000
- 5361 Lilac Avenue** US Bank to J. Ressler for \$300,500
- 1077 Marigold Road** Safari Ventures to C. & T. Pentecost for \$370,000
- 861 Mayview Way** Riordan Trust to S. Yost for \$400,000
- 641 Mojave Avenue** B. Paulsen to S. & J. Kelley for \$396,000
- 439 Mulqueoney Street** Sandia Laboratory Credit Union to D. Spence for \$350,000
- 640 North Livermore Avenue** D. Ahuero to T. Kim for \$180,000
- 663 Selby Lane #2** Shea Homes to S. Higgins for \$386,000
- 1334 Spring Valley Common** I. Galaviz to A. Martin for \$172,500
- 534 Tanager Road** Chandra Tariq to R. Eggleston for \$400,000

**Pleasanton**

- 8107 Arroyo Drive #2** D. Leduc to S. & B. Kutrowski for \$172,500
- 5128 Blackbird Drive** R. & J. Luther to T. & C. Holloway for \$750,000
- 1672 Calle Santiago** G. & M. McLaughlin to C. Guerson for \$352,500
- 3063 Casadero Court** Ing Bank to M. Hong for \$430,000
- 4338 Diavila Avenue** H. Sandha to G. & R. Lally for \$590,000
- 4358 Fairlands Drive** P. & D. Lau to A. Serbin for \$410,000
- 3167 Gulfstream Street** B. & M. Standish to M. Gorman for \$620,000
- 4025 Jackie Court** Goldsilverisland Capital to Y. Zhou for \$630,000
- 972 Laguna Creek Lane** Bal Trust to R. Eachampadi

- for \$1,395,000
- 665 Oak Circle** M. Madden to JV Properties for \$636,000
- 3471 Pickens Lane** K. & L. Holbrook to S. Sinharoy for \$450,000
- 1012 Riesling Drive** V. & N. Bhatnagar to M. & C. Small for \$712,500
- 7978 Riviera Court** Goldsilverisland Capital to W. Sha for \$801,000
- 7208 Rosecliff Court** D. Crane to H. & S. Nasiri for \$1,525,000
- 2228 Segundo Court #3** California Housing Finance to Z. Xie for \$195,000
- 900 Sunset Creek Lane** Gotelli Trust to J. & D. Mirr for \$1,300,000
- 4433 Valley Avenue** Dondiego Trust to A. & L. Santoro for \$392,000
- 3719 Vine Street** Maxwell Real Estate Investment to J. Leuchi for \$600,000
- 121 Wild Flower Lane** D. McCanna to O. & O. Rasizade for \$574,000
- 7901 Winged Foot Court** Mazza Trust to G. & T. Gianatasio for \$790,000

**San Ramon**

- 9085 Alcosta Boulevard #378** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to L. He for \$160,000
- 2795 Ascot Drive** T. & K. Walsh to A. & B. Huerta for \$852,500
- 236 Copper Ridge Road #95** HSBC Bank to M. Robinson for \$370,000
- 22 Copper Ridge** Legacy Copper Ridge to S. Martinez for \$335,000
- 9881 Del Mar Drive** D. & T. Diodati to L. & D. Montgomery for \$475,000
- 509 Deldrin Court** Polymathic Properties to Y. Srinivas for \$740,000
- 71 Foster Drive** L. Smith to S. & S. Kanwal for \$750,000
- 2161 Goldenrod Lane** T. & M. Cha to J. Balaka for \$637,000
- 1360 Halifax Way** A. Kim to T. Palle for \$749,000
- 414 Joree Lane** US Bank to P. Gunnam for \$322,000
- 6625 Kings Road** N. & V. Perreault to I. Thangasamy for \$950,000
- 2000 Maidenhair Way** Y. Wang to I. & R. Iqbal for \$580,000
- 2228 Maidenhair Way** H & R Block Bank to P. Nguyen for \$556,000
- 16 Playa Court** P. & L. Koszalka to A. & M. Avizenis for \$635,000
- 1090 Quartermaster Canyon Road** L. & T. Ehrlich to B. Livingston for \$822,500
- 105 Reflections Drive #16** N. Minoui to I. & N. Khurana for \$218,000
- 3546 Rosinress Drive** F. & C. Tivell to Y. Lin for \$1,099,000
- 3621 Sandalford Way** B. & R. Phillips to T. & A. Mane for \$780,000
- 35 Seneca Lane** R. & C. Flaharty to Y. Tsang for \$745,000
- 165 Shadowhill Circle** Haramoglis Trust to K. Katopodis for \$530,000
- 3567 Sleeping Meadow Way** Pai Trust to R. Rajani for \$785,000
- 2889 Sombrero Circle** R. & J. Farmer to L. Petrov for \$540,000
- 664 South Blackbrush Lane** M. & V. Burnard to R. Mesmer for \$540,000
- 3200 Spicewood Lane** S. Meramajal to A. & V. Ahuja for \$970,000
- 101 Sunnybrook Place** Roche Trust to T. & S. Anderson for \$550,000
- 4152 Terra Alta Drive** Y. Tey to S. & J. Hill for \$780,000
- 795 Watson Canyon Court #155** Federal National Mortgage to H. Nguyen for \$179,000
- 805 Watson Canyon Court #164** R. Mendez to G. & U. Sheth for \$145,000
- 735 Watson Canyon Court #221** M. Banks to N. Quijano for \$269,000
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**3217 Marilyn Drive Pleasanton**  
2158 sq. ft., single story totally upgraded home with beautiful back yard. Sold for 835,000



**6023 Sterling Green Cir Pleasanton**  
Beautiful home in the "Canyon Oaks" neighborhood. This 4 bed/2.5 bath upgraded home is just under 2900 sq. ft. Sold for \$815,000



**7983 Applewood Ct Pleasanton**  
4 bed/2 bath 1593 sq. ft. .39 acre. Outstanding area/neighborhood. Prime cul-de-sac location, no thru traffic. Enormous park like yard. Sold for \$605,000 in 4 days.



**1012 Riesling Drive Pleasanton**  
Beautiful Ranch Style home with upgraded kitchen. Great location in Vintage Hills, 4/2, 2048 sq. ft. Sold for \$712,500



**1111 Tiffany Lane Pleasanton**  
Charming Duet, close to downtown, 1705 sq. ft. upgraded throughout, built in 1985. Walk to school, shops, parks. Sold for \$484,000



**2217 Camino Brazos Pleasanton**  
Stunning remodeled 5 bedroom home, on quiet street in Del Prado. This home is 2378 sq. ft. Sold over the asking price. Sold for \$773,000



**6432 Inglewood Dr Pleasanton**  
3/2, 1555 sq. ft. Cute Val Vista home with upgraded kitchen, park like backyard, walk to schools, shops and freeway. Sold for \$535,000

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Family of five looking for large home, around 3000 sq. ft., late summer, up to 1 million

Family looking for a newer construction, up to 625k

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