

# Pleasanton Weekly

Donate to the Holiday Fund to help those in need » 12



VOL. XIII, NUMBER 50 • DECEMBER 28, 2012

WWW.PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM



# Goodbye to 2012

WHAT A YEAR IT WAS IN PLEASANTON 14



BUSINESS NEWS 8

TRI-VALLEY LIFE 11  
Arts & Entertainment

NEW SECTIONS



## INSIDE THIS WEEK

- NEWS: High density apartments planned 5
- NEWS: Two women attacked at mall 5
- NEWS: Weapons bill heads to Congress 6



# CAREMORE (HMO AND HMO SNP) MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE TRI-VALLEY AREA.

Now you can experience the CareMore difference firsthand.

We may be new to your neighborhood, but we've been providing innovative and focused healthcare for more than 15 years. At CareMore, you get much more than just a doctor — you get a team of medical professionals devoted to improving your health.



Get a FREE\* TOTE BAG as our gift to you just for attending a local meeting.

\*No obligation required. While supplies last.

We're committed to you and your changing health care needs and offer a variety of personalized plans, many with zero-dollar benefits such as:

- Low Premium
- \$0 Primary Care Doctor Office Visits
- \$0 Preferred Generic Drugs
- \$0 Lab Services
- \$0 Strength and Exercise Training
- \$0 Nutritional Consultation

**RSVP today** for one of our friendly, informational events to learn how one of our Medicare Advantage plans can be the perfect fit for you.

**Thurs. 12/27 • 10:00 AM**

Coco's  
7505 Dublin Blvd.  
Dublin

**Fri. 12/28 • 10:00 AM**

CareMore Care Center  
4270 Rosewood Dr.  
Pleasanton

**Mon. 12/31 • 1:00 PM**

CareMore Care Center  
4270 Rosewood Dr.  
Pleasanton

**Fri. 1/04 • 10:00 AM**

CareMore Care Center  
4270 Rosewood Dr.  
Pleasanton



**1-877-211-6614 (TTY users should call: 711)**

Reference Code: TPW\_1130

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Se habla Español.

CareMore (HMO & HMO SNP) is a coordinated care plan with a Medicare contract. The benefit information provided is a brief summary, not a complete description of benefits. Limitations, copayments, and restrictions may apply. Benefits, formulary, pharmacy network, premium and/or copayments/coinsurance may change on January 1, of each year. You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. This information is available for free in other languages. Please contact Member Services at 1-800-499-2793, TDD/TTY users should call 711. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week (October 1 - February 14) and Monday - Friday (February 15 - September 30). Esta información también está disponible de forma gratuita en otros idiomas. Por favor llame al departamento de servicios para miembros al 1-800-499-2793 (los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 711), de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m., 7 días a la semana de octubre 1 a febrero 14 y de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m. de lunes a viernes de febrero 15 a septiembre 30. For more information contact CareMore. A sales person will be present with information and applications. For accommodation of persons with special needs at sales meetings, call 1-800-499-2793; TTY users should call 711 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week (October 1 - February 14) and Monday - Friday (February 15 - September 30). \*Free with no obligation while supplies last.

Y0017\_111237A CHP Accepted (12012012)

# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Joan Buchanan: A legislator all our own

State Assemblywoman heads off to Sacramento Jan. 7 in her new role as Pleasanton's sole legislator because of newly-aligned political districts. For her first two terms in the Assembly, Buchanan represented only a sliver of the city with the 15th Assembly District comprising about 15% of the city's northeast side. Now she has it all in an alignment that puts Pleasanton in the same district as Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville. It's a change Pleasanton business, civic and political leaders have sought for years since earlier realignments, initiated by the State Legislature largely along party lines, split Pleasanton into three districts.



Assemblywoman  
Joan Buchanan

Some thought that was better because we had three representatives in Sacramento to hear our pleas, whether on school, land use or local appropriation issues. But that seldom made a difference since each of the three was beholden to much larger population areas, and constituencies, than the voters in Pleasanton represented. In other words, it didn't matter if all of the voters in their separate districts cast their ballots for the officeholders, it was the voter strengths in Hayward, San Leandro, Fremont, and, in the case of Buchanan, even Stockton and Elk Grove that put them in office and kept them there.

Buchanan, who lives in Alamo and served 18 years on the San Ramon Valley school district board, is well-known in Pleasanton even when she had just a sliver of the city. Now, she's already more active in speaking engagements at the Pleasanton Chamber, PTA organizations and at municipal forums. That's good because as chairwoman of the Assembly's Education Committee, her hand is on the pulse of school issues that affect Pleasanton directly. She's already looking at a facilities bond issue that could go to voters in November 2014, asking for their approval of what's likely to be a \$5 billion bond issue that will provide needed funds to rehabilitate older schools and build new ones.

If approved, those funds would be available about the time the Pleasanton school board completes its own facilities plan. That plan will likely call for at least one new elementary school in a city facing a 10,000 population growth because of newly-approved high-density housing. The current state school facilities bond will run out of money next year and should have been replaced last month, but Gov. Jerry Brown didn't want a bond measure on the ballot when he was seeking voter approval of Proposition 30, a tax issue that voters approved.

Speaking of taxes, Buchanan says that even with the Democrats' new super-majority status in the Legislature, she's confident there won't be a rush to increase taxes for now. That'll be a problem because more money will be needed to balance the state's budget, which she expects to face as much as a \$2 billion shortfall. That seems small because there was a \$26-billion shortfall when Brown took office two years ago, and last year it was still \$13 billion. But Buchanan points out that all of the politically "acceptable" cuts have been made to trim that deficit, so finding revenue to provide another \$2 billion will be difficult.

One area where Buchanan thought spending could have been curtailed was the Legislature's decision to fund transitional kindergartens in the public school system. Buchanan has long been a supporter of early childhood education, but she wanted to delay the new program and use those funds to pay for class size reductions. Transitional kindergarten, which is now free but optional for parents, also doesn't serve all children. Only children blocked from entering kindergarten this year because their birthdays fall in November are eligible. Next year, it will be for those with October birthdates, and finally with those born in September. That leaves children born in the other nine months left out of the transitional program, which was another reason for Buchanan's opposition.

Buchanan knows about children. Besides her school board service, she has five of her own: Jenny, Chris, Steven, and twins David and Lindsey, all ages 35 to 29 and long out of the house and on their own. She also had two grandchildren, which is one of the reasons she leaves Sacramento Thursday afternoons when the last Assembly session and committee meetings end and comes back to her district office in San Ramon. Then she spends as much of the weekend as a popular local politician can with family. ■

## About the Cover

Week in and week out, the Pleasanton Weekly reports on news and issues in town and the Tri-Valley. This week we offer a wrap-up of the big events we covered in 2012. Design by Kristin Herman.

Vol. XIII, Number 50

# Help those in need with the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund



On behalf of those who ultimately benefit from your donation, thank you for your generosity and help.

Visit [PleasantonWeekly.com/HolidayFund](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/HolidayFund) to donate.

In partnership with:



**99 RANCH MARKET**  
www.99ranch.com

**2013 Happy New Year**

Northern California Stores

Prices Effective: 12/28-01/03/2012

<p><b>20<sup>th</sup> Century Pear</b></p> <p><b>\$15.99</b> box</p>	<p><b>I Mei Egg Roll Gift Pack 600 gm</b></p> <p><b>\$12.49</b> ea</p>	<p><b>New Year Meal Combo</b></p> <p><b>138.88</b> SET + TAX 10-12 Persons</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <p><b>A Meal Combo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assorted BBQ &amp; Soy Marinated Items</li> <li>Fish Fillet with Sugar Peas</li> <li>Salt and Pepper Prawns</li> <li>Pork Chop in Fruit Sauce</li> <li>Dried Braised Green Beans</li> <li>Fried Rice with BBQ Pork</li> </ul> </td> <td> <p><b>B Meal Combo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roast Turkey (Whole)</li> <li>Beef Short Ribs in Chef's Special Sauce</li> <li>Fried Prawns with Fruit Sauce</li> <li>Dry Braised Sole Fish</li> <li>Stir-Fried Chinese Broccoli</li> <li>Fried Rice Noodle with Vegetables</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Each set of Meal Combo comes with vegetarian spring rolls (20 pieces) (Please place your order 2 days in advance) *ALL MEALS LIMITED TO SMALL SIZE TRAYS (11"x19"x3") ONLY</p>	<p><b>A Meal Combo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assorted BBQ &amp; Soy Marinated Items</li> <li>Fish Fillet with Sugar Peas</li> <li>Salt and Pepper Prawns</li> <li>Pork Chop in Fruit Sauce</li> <li>Dried Braised Green Beans</li> <li>Fried Rice with BBQ Pork</li> </ul>	<p><b>B Meal Combo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roast Turkey (Whole)</li> <li>Beef Short Ribs in Chef's Special Sauce</li> <li>Fried Prawns with Fruit Sauce</li> <li>Dry Braised Sole Fish</li> <li>Stir-Fried Chinese Broccoli</li> <li>Fried Rice Noodle with Vegetables</li> </ul>
<p><b>A Meal Combo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assorted BBQ &amp; Soy Marinated Items</li> <li>Fish Fillet with Sugar Peas</li> <li>Salt and Pepper Prawns</li> <li>Pork Chop in Fruit Sauce</li> <li>Dried Braised Green Beans</li> <li>Fried Rice with BBQ Pork</li> </ul>	<p><b>B Meal Combo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roast Turkey (Whole)</li> <li>Beef Short Ribs in Chef's Special Sauce</li> <li>Fried Prawns with Fruit Sauce</li> <li>Dry Braised Sole Fish</li> <li>Stir-Fried Chinese Broccoli</li> <li>Fried Rice Noodle with Vegetables</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Daikon</b></p> <p><b>3 LBS 99¢</b></p>	<p><b>Chiu-Fu Pineapple Cake 21 oz</b></p> <p><b>\$6.99</b> ea</p>	<p><b>Nong Shim Premium Black Shin Cup Noodle Soup 6/case</b></p> <p><b>\$9.99</b> case</p>		
<p><b>Black Tiger Shrimp (headless)</b></p> <p><b>Jumbo</b> <b>Previously Frozen</b></p> <p><b>\$6.99</b> lb</p>	<p><b>Ku Tao Green Tea (selected varieties) 2 liters + CRV</b></p> <p><b>\$1.99</b> ea</p>	<p><b>Mogami Panko Flakes 7 oz</b></p> <p><b>89¢</b> ea</p>		
<p><b>Chicken Thigh Meat (skinless &amp; boneless)</b></p> <p><b>Previously Frozen</b></p> <p><b>\$2.29</b> lb</p>	<p><b>Potato Snack (selected varieties) 33-40 gm</b></p> <p><b>89¢</b> ea</p>	<p><b>Kraft Cheddar Cheese 7.05 oz</b></p> <p><b>\$3.19</b> ea</p>		

**Visit Us!**

**PLEASANTON STORE**  
4299 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588  
Tel: 925.463.8899

**DUBLIN STORE**  
7333 Regional St., Dublin, CA 94568  
Tel: 925.833.3999

**NEW STORE Coming Soon**  
**CUPERTINO-DE ANZA STORE**  
10425 S. DE ANZA BL., CUPERTINO, CA 95014

**OPEN EVERYDAY 9 AM - 9 PM**

**WE FEATURE**

FREE fry fish service    Great varieties of groceries  
Dim sum & hot deli    Live seafood  
Spacious aisles    Fresh meat & produce

**Stores in Northern California**

CONCORD · CUPERTINO · DALY CITY  
DUBLIN · FOSTER CITY · FREMONT  
FREMONT (MISSION) · MILPITAS  
MOUNTAIN VIEW · NEWARK  
PLEASANTON · RICHMOND  
SACRAMENTO · SAN JOSE

Offer only good while supplies last. No sales to dealers, restaurants or institutions. Sales in retail quantities only. Plus Applicable Taxes. Not responsible for typographical or pictorial errors. We reserve the right to correct all errors. Not All Products, Offers, Retailers And Services Available At All Locations.

Time is running out to become a member. Sign up today!

# Our local news comes at a (very low) price.

The Pleasanton Weekly may seem free, but it's really not.

Supporting a staff of local journalists, publishing a weekly newspaper and operating a website with breaking news is an expensive undertaking ... too expensive in an economy where the local businesses we rely on for advertising are struggling.

So after giving you more than 10 years of free news about our town, and creating a website that has become Pleasanton's most popular local online destination, we're asking you

to share some of the costs of producing this journalism.

For as little as 17¢ a day (\$5 a month) you can become a subscribing member of the Pleasanton Weekly. We'll thank you in ads, invite you to special "members-only" events and send you a "Support Local Journalism" bumper sticker.

But most important, we'll be able to keep providing Pleasanton with the award-winning local reporting that any vibrant community needs.

To begin your membership, call us at 600-0840 or go to [SupportLocalJournalism.org/Pleasanton](http://SupportLocalJournalism.org/Pleasanton) and sign up online.

## SUPPORT LOCAL JOURNALISM

**Pleasanton Weekly**  
Print and Online

**Pleasanton Weekly**  
**express**  
Today's top stories & hot picks

5506 Sunol Boulevard, Suite 100, Pleasanton (925) 600-0840



# Streetwise

ASKED AT AMADOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## What are your New Year's resolutions?



**Shelby Fischer**  
*Student*

Eat one fruit a day. I set the goal low because it's easy to accomplish. Last year, my resolution was to go to the gym every day. I still go a few times every week, but I was unable to accomplish that.

**Isabella Welsh**  
*Student*

To get into college. In the past, I wanted to join a sports team and I did that.



**Samuel Peters**  
*Student*

To get to state finals for track — for hurdles. I'm going to train really hard.

**Lori Vella**  
*Assistant principal*

Lose the 20 pounds I put back on. I lost a significant amount of weight a couple of years ago.



**Barbara Montgomery**  
*School employee*

It's the same one every year, to remember how to spell receive. And to say 'May I?' instead of 'Can I?'

—Compiled by Glenn Wohltmann

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

The Pleasanton Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Media, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566; (925) 600-0840. Mailed at Periodicals Postage Rate, USPS 020407. The Weekly is mailed upon request to homes and apartments in Pleasanton. Print subscriptions for businesses or residents of other communities are \$60 per year or \$100 for two years. Go to [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com) to sign up and for more information. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566. © 2012 by Embarcadero Media. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

## DIGEST

### NYE on BART

BART will extend its service until 3 a.m. on New Year's Eve, running every 20 minutes during its usual evening hours, and run additional trains into and out of San Francisco.

The extra service is to ease crowding at Embarcadero and Montgomery Street stations because of the large number of people attending the fireworks show in downtown San Francisco.

In addition, starting at 8 p.m., trains on the Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont lines will stop at Embarcadero Station but not at Montgomery Street.

Trains on the Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond lines heading into San Francisco will not stop at Embarcadero Station. The San Francisco stop closest to the fireworks show for customers on the Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond lines will be Montgomery Street. Trains from Millbrae and Daly City will make all stops in San Francisco.

Additional event trains will be standing by to carry riders home during the busiest time, when the fireworks end. After the finale, passengers headed to Dublin, Pleasanton and Fremont must use Embarcadero Station. Trains will not stop at Montgomery Street Station.

Passengers boarding trains for Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond must use Montgomery Street Station. Trains on the Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond lines will not stop at Embarcadero Station on their way out of San Francisco. BART recommends passengers on Millbrae and Daly City trains use Montgomery Street Station.

BART will operate on a Holiday/Sunday timetable with service beginning at 8 a.m. on New Year's Day.

### Scouts receive honors

Seven Girl Scouts will be receiving the top Scouting honor, the Gold Award, on January 5th in a ceremony at the American Legion.

Gold Award recipients are: Derusha Baskaran, Sara Borchers, Morgan Ingram, Sunyoung Kye, Meghana Vijayraghavan, Claire Williams and Sarah Williams.

Troop leader Karen Rodriguez will be recognized for her work, having helped more than 100 young women earn their Gold Awards. She'll be retiring as troop leader next year.

Girl Scout uniforms from the last 100 years will be on display, along with information about the progression of the Gold Award over the past 100 years.

Girl Scouts celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2012.

## Upscale, high-density apartment project planned for Bernal-Stanley corner

Development would include four-story buildings with 350 units, small retail center

By JEB BING

A 16-acre site at the southeast corner of Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard where Home Depot once proposed to build a second Pleasanton store is now likely to be developed with 345 high-end apartment units and a 39,000-square-foot retail center.

E&S Ring Management presented its plans earlier this month to the Pleasanton Planning Commission in an informal review and won plaudits from the five commissioners. The proposal will go back for a vote by the commission next month and then will be considered by the City Council in February or early March.

If approved by both, construction could start in late 2013 for completion the following year.

The property, owned by Frank Auf der Maur

and Konrad Rickenbach, is across Bernal from the McDonald's restaurant and between Stanley and Congregation Beth Emek. PG&E's large electric distribution center is on the eastern border of the property.

The site is also one of nine sites the city rezoned last January for high-density, multifamily development in order to meet Pleasanton's share of the regional housing need as part of a settlement with both the state housing authority and the Alameda County Superior Court.

Although the development, to be called Vintage at Bernal Gateway, will feature mostly upscale two- and three-bedroom apartments, at least 15% of them must be made available at rents affordable for low-to-medium income tenants.

The buildings will range in height from two

stories fronting on Bernal to as high as four stories at the far end of the site. The main entrance into the development will be off Bernal although another driveway will be allowed on Stanley.

The high-density apartment buildings will occupy 11-1/2 acres on the site with another 4-1/2 acres for a retail center. Although the businesses at that site have not yet been chosen, John Pringle, who represents the development firm, said it's likely they will include a small grocery store, drug store, coffee shop and service-type retailers.

Particularly appealing to city planners were the large areas of open space that Pringle's group will include with some areas spacious enough to accommodate football and soccer games as well as

See **BERNAL** on Page 6



JEB BING

Cosmo Panetta, owner of Cosmo's Barber Shop.

### Remembering Newtown

Twenty youngsters received free haircuts Christmas Eve thanks to a good Samaritan who said he wanted to do something nice in memory of the 26 children and adults killed in the Newtown, Conn., school massacre earlier this month.

Cosmo Panetta, who owns Cosmo's Barber Shop on First Street, said an unidentified man walked into his shop last Friday and gave him two \$100 bills. He told Panetta that he wanted to give what he could so that 20 kids here would look their best at Christmastime.

"He wouldn't give me his name," Panetta said, "but I agreed to his request. One mother was in the shop with her four young children, so I cut their hair for free and then another 16 on Christmas Eve."

"All of the parents wish that they could thank the gentleman for his kindness, so maybe he'll see this story and know his generosity was appreciated," Panetta added.

## Two women beaten in mall attack

Victims struck 'repeatedly' with cell phone on Dec. 24

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A Christmas Eve dispute over manners apparently led to the beating of a mother and daughter by two other women at the Stoneridge Shopping Center.

The incident began when one of the victims, the daughter, heard one of the suspects cough, and told her to cover her mouth when she did so, according to a police report. That led to a brief, heated dispute.

The two victims then went into the Lane Bryant store in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road.

A few minutes later they were attacked from behind by one of the suspects, who used her cell phone to repeatedly strike both victims in

the head after knocking them to the ground.

The second suspect took a pair of black Ray-Ban sunglasses valued at \$200 and both fled. Neither victim was seriously injured, and both declined medical treatment.

The suspects are described as Hispanic females. The attacker is described as being in her 20s, about five feet four inches tall and about 120 pounds. The woman who stole the sunglasses is described as being in her 50s or 60s, about five feet two inches tall and 160 to 170 pounds.

The investigation into the incident is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call Pleasanton police at 931-5100. ■

## Council duties go well beyond Tuesday nights

Mayor, 3 others on council now have 31 other assignments

Future Pleasanton City Council candidates who think that serving on the council means two Tuesday nights a month on the Civic Center dais might want to look at the newly-published list of additional duties before throwing their hats in the ring.

The list has 31 different assignments at local, regional and state meetings of committees, commissions and agencies. It does not include twice-a-year meetings of the U.S. Mayors' Conference, which former Mayor Jennifer Hosterman enjoyed, but newly-elected Mayor Jerry Thorne has yet to add to his list of duties.

Thorne, though, has agreed to continue representing the council on the local Economic Vitality Committee. He also will be Pleasanton's representative at the Alameda County Mayors' Conference, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, East Bay Economic Development Alliance for Business, League of California Cities (East Bay division) and the TV30 board of directors.

Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who has been chosen vice mayor for 2013, will represent the city on the Tri-Valley Affordable Housing Committee. She and Thorne also will serve together on the City Manager and City Attorney evaluation committees and the Pleasanton School District Liaison Committee.

Cook-Kallio will partner with Councilman Jerry Pentin on the Alameda County Liaison Committee, Dublin Liaison Committee and Committee of Valley Water Retailers.

She also will partner with Councilwoman Karla Brown on the city's Audit Committee, Alameda County Fair Liaison Committee and Waste & Recycling Committee.

Brown will serve on the Altamont Landfill Community Monitor Committee and the Tri-Valley Regional Rail Policy Group. She also will serve with Thorne on Bernal Property Financing Committee.

Pentin and Brown will partner on the Dublin San Ramon Services District Liaison Committee, the East Bay Regional Park District Liaison Committee, the Livermore Liaison Committee and the Zone 7 Liaison Committee.

—Jeb Bing

## TAKE US ALONG



**Accidental tourist:** Pleasanton residents Lucy and Steve Oase, and Kathy and Lyle Perry, catch up on their hometown news while visiting historic El Tuito, a small 16th century village in the Sierra Madre Mountains on the outskirts of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Lucy fell and broke her ankle during the trip but kept up her spirit by reading the Weekly.

## Feinstein to introduce updated assault weapons bill in new Congress

Would stop sale of more than 100 assault weapons, yet protect gun owners

By JEB BING

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), author of the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban that expired in 2004, announced this week that she will introduce updated legislation early next year to stop the sale of assault weapons and ammunition.

Her move comes after 26 individuals, including 20 elementary school children, were killed by a lone gunman Dec. 14 in Newtown, Conn. Among his weapons, the gunman used an assault rifle.

"On the first day of the new Congress, I intend to introduce a bill stopping the sale, transfer, importation and manufacturing of assault weapons as well as large ammunition magazines, strips and drums that hold more than 10 rounds," Feinstein said. "I am in the process of gathering support for the bill in

the Senate and House."

"I have been working with my staff for over a year on this legislation," Feinstein added. "It will be carefully focused on the most dangerous guns that have killed so many people over the years while protecting the rights of gun owners by exempting hundreds of weapons that fall outside the bill's scope. We must take these dangerous weapons of war off our streets."

A Justice Department study found the Assault Weapons Ban contributed to a 6.7% decline in total gun murders. However, since the 2004 expiration of the bill, assault weapons have been used in at least 459 incidents, resulting in 385 deaths and 455 injuries.

Feinstein's bill would stop the sale, transfer, importation and manufacturing of more than 100

specifically-named firearms as well as certain semiautomatic rifles, handguns and shotguns that can accept a detachable magazine and semiautomatic rifles and handguns with a fixed magazine that can accept more than 10 rounds.

It would also stop the sale, transfer, importation and manufacturing of large-capacity ammunition feeding devices (magazines, strips and drums) capable of accepting more than 10 rounds.

Feinstein said the bill would protect legitimate hunters and the rights of existing gun owners by grandfathering weapons legally possessed on the date of enactment. Her bill would also exempt more than 900 specifically-named weapons used for hunting and sporting purposes, and exempt antique, manually-operated and permanently disabled weapons. ■

# Christmas Tree Lane 2012

Benefiting ValleyCare's Breast Cancer Program and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

## THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHRISTMAS TREE LANE A SUCCESS

### WHITE CHRISTMAS SPONSORS



### SILVER BELLS SPONSORS

Tony and Shirley Macchiano  
Valley Medical Oncology  
Consultants

### SLEIGH BELLS SPONSORS

Michael and Carol Faber Family  
Bob and Carol Molinaro

### CHRISTMAS JOY SPONSORS

Minuteman Press Dublin  
SF Police Credit Union  
Tim and Janeen Weaver  
Howard Yoshioka MD  
& Michelle Nguyen

### JINGLE BELLS SPONSORS

The Brogna Charitable Fund  
California Business Bureau, Inc.  
Medical Billing Services  
Lamar Bus Advertising  
M2 Promotions  
Northern California Spine Institute  
Oldham Engineering  
The Parkview Assisted Living  
Read and George Phillips  
Pleasanton Nursing & Rehab  
Robert T. Santos, MD  
Alcina and Joe Wegrzynowski  
Workflow One

### FAB FRIENDS

Anderson Carpet &  
Linoleum Sales Inc.  
Kirsten Barranti  
Don Boyd and Laurel Place  
Jan Brennan  
Gene Broadman  
Frank and Muriel Capilla  
Diana and Mike Champlin  
Debbie and David Clausen  
Greg and Carolyn Ennis  
David Greiner  
John Louie, MD  
Noble Hospice & Home Health Care

John W. Noonan,  
Attorney at Law  
Gary W. Peer, MD  
Tom and Patty Powers  
Lance and Kathy Ruckteschler  
Robert T. Santos, MD  
Summit Financial Group, LLC  
SupHerb Farms  
Tim and Janeen Weaver  
Evelyn L. Uibelhoer

For more information on the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, please call 925-373-4560.



## BERNAL

Continued from Page 5

outdoor barbecue and dining areas. Since many of the apartments will be large enough to accommodate families, the developer also is planning playgrounds and other children's parks in the development.

The proposed plan called for three clusters of apartment buildings with 21 "junior" one-bedroom units with roughly 650 square feet, 135 one-bedroom units with 755 square feet and another 20 one-bedroom units with separate den areas at 880 square feet.

The two bedroom units planned for the development include 53 with 1,075 square feet; 44 with split master units of roughly 1,115 square feet; 15 with dens at 1,230 square feet; eight carriage units at 1,205 square feet and 26 "town home" units with up to 1,390 square feet.

The development will also include 19 three-bedroom units with up to 1,510 square feet and four three bedroom apartments with dens at approximately 1,440 square feet.

A total of 612 parking spaces will be provided for tenants, including some carports and private garages.

"I'm thrilled with these plans that include open space for kids to play ball and a tot lot," Planning Commissioner Kathy Narum said.

Commissioner Arne Olson agreed. "This project has a lot of variety and that's terrific," he said.

E&S Ring Management is a privately-held Los Angeles-based real estate investment company with three other apartment communities in Pleasanton.

Two years ago, a commercial development firm representing Home Depot proposed building a second and more upscale Home Depot store on the Auf der Maur site. Although the City Council never voted on the proposal, it was clear in informal discussions that Home Depot lacked both the council's and the neighborhood's support, and never pursued the plan with a formal proposal. ■

## Museum on Main announces speakers for 2013

'An Evening with George Burns' kicks off the series

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum on Main has announced the performers and speakers who will take part in the 2013 Ed Kinney Series, "An Evening With..." at the Firehouse Arts Center beginning in January. During these interesting and informative presentations, audiences come face to face with people making history today as well as actors who look and sound as if they have stepped out from the pages of history books.

"There's something very special about getting up close with characters from the past," said the museum's Director of Education Jennifer Amiel, who coordinates the series.

"In this style of performance, also known as Chautauqua, the performer is in character from the moment they step onto the stage. They even answer questions in character. It's especially fun when the audience asks questions about events that happened after the character would no longer be alive."

The events are all held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. The 2013 schedule includes:

■ Jan. 8: An Evening with George Burns. At 100 years young, George Burns left a legacy of laughs as one of the few entertainers whose career spanned vaudeville, film, radio, and television. Join film and Broadway actor Duffy Hudson in this musically entertaining portrayal of the beloved cigar smoking comedian.

■ Feb. 12: An Evening from a Grandmother's Perspective: In recognition of Black History Month, Ann Collins takes the stage to examine the Civil War through World War II including perspectives of African American women during those trying years. With a degree in speech and theatre, Collins enjoys presenting to Bay Area audiences year-round.

■ March 12: An Evening with Lady Carolyn. Celebrate Women's History Month with Carolyn Runnells, as the lovely Lady Carolyn. Lady Carolyn weaves her way through the threads of history by wearing and displaying clothing that brings history to life. Runnells entertains as she shares stories about people who wore the clothing and the occasions and special circumstances in which they were worn.

■ April 2: An Evening with Titanic Expert Richard Shaw. From the depths of the Atlantic come stories of heartbreak and heroism. Join Titanic Expert Richard Shaw for stories of day-to-day activities on the Titanic as well as the famous and not-so-famous tales of passengers and crew.

■ May 14: An Evening with Dr. Yee. In honor of Asian-Pacific Islander Month, the museum welcomes Dr. Yee, a historical Chinese herbalist who immigrated to the United States during the Gold Rush in 1850. Yee is best known for his successful treatment of Leland Stanford's ill wife. Dr. Yee is

portrayed by Charlie Chin.

■ June 11: An Evening with Voices from the Civil War. Brother and sister performing team Ethan and Alyssa Foster return to represent opposing sides of the American Civil War. Ethan takes the stage as politician and political theorist for the south, John C. Calhoun. Alyssa will step into the spotlight as abolitionist and Yankee spy, Elizabeth Van Lew.

■ July 9: An Evening with Babe Ruth. Summertime wouldn't be the same without baseball, and baseball wouldn't be the same without Babe Ruth. The Bambino is portrayed by Frank Mullen, a journalism teacher at the University of Nevada and performer of historical characters to audiences nationwide.

■ Aug. 13: An Evening with Pleasanton Firefighters. From the all volunteer Pleasanton Fire Department of the 1880s to the Liver-

more-Pleasanton Fire Department of today, local firefighters continue to be heroes in the community. Join past and present firefighters as they share their experiences and memories through the years. Historic fires, such as Castlewood Country Club and Ruby Hill Winery, will be discussed along with various memorable, and sometimes humorous, emergency incidents from the past.

■ Sept. 10: An Evening with P. T. Barnum. Credited for coining the phrase, "There is a sucker born every minute," Phineas Taylor Barnum was an American showman, businessman, scam artist and entertainer, and he is credited for founding the circus that became the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Barnum is portrayed by Doug Mishler, author of "A History of the Ringling Brothers Circus," and a Ph.D. in American cultural history.



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

The 2012 Ed Kinney Lecture Series will include Charlie Chin as Dr. Yee in May, and Frank Mullen as Babe Ruth in July.

■ Oct. 8: An Evening with Flutist Annie Wu. Enjoy a dynamic evening of solo flute by Foothill High School student Annie Wu. Earning first-place awards in national competitions and playing to audiences across the world, Annie Wu had already played at Carnegie Hall twice by the age of 14. Annie has been a Junior Volunteer with Museum on Main since 2011.

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$5 members and seniors; and \$3 students/teachers. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., during regular operating hours. For more information, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone 462-2766. ■

# Smile. Your search for a new dentist is over.

You deserve thoughtful, state-of-the-art dental care. Call for an appointment today.

New Patient Special

**\$59**

Cleaning, Exam & Digital X-Rays\*

**\$50 off**

Any Dentistry<sup>†</sup>

925 461-3100

[PleasantonRidgeDentalGroup.com](http://PleasantonRidgeDentalGroup.com)



smile generation<sup>®</sup> approved



**PLEASANTON RIDGE**  
DENTAL GROUP AND ORTHODONTICS

Amardeep Gill DDS  
6766 Bernal Ave, Ste. 560  
Pleasanton

\*Regular value of at least \$290.00. In absence of periodontal (gum) disease. New patients only. Discounts may vary when combined with insurance and cannot be combined with other offers or discount plans. †Not valid on previous or ongoing treatment. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Coupon must be presented at appointment. Limit 1 per patient. Excludes cleaning, exam, digital x-rays, and perio maintenance. Not valid for appointments with My Kid's Dentist. Subject to insurance restrictions. Cannot be applied to insurance co-payment.

## PG&E's Alameda County property tax bill for last 6 months tops \$15 million

Total for 49 counties is \$157 million, up \$18 million from year ago

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) announced this week that it has made property tax payments totaling \$15.6 million to Alameda County, the first of two annual installments of property taxes due for the period from July 1 to Dec. 31.

The Alameda County payment is part of more than \$157 million PG&E is paying to the 49 California counties in which it operates. "Local governments are facing financial challenges and must address public safety, environmental protection, health care, education and other needs with limited resources," said Mark

Caron, PG&E's vice president of tax. "PG&E's timely and substantial payments to local governments for property taxes and other fees help them address those vital community services."

The company's tax payments to counties for tax year 2012/13 increased by more than \$18 million over the previous property tax year's payments as a result of an increase in assessments due to PG&E's infrastructure investments. This includes upgrades to improve electric and gas safety, reliability and capacity, as well as energy-generating-station development. ■

## Error on Your Credit Report? Here's Help

Watchdog agency advocates for consumers who have complaints

By JASON ALDERMAN

If you've ever tried to remove inaccurate or fraudulent information from your credit report and gotten the runaround, take heart: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is now on the case.

In July 2012, the watchdog agency, formed as a result of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, gained authority to supervise all of the major consumer reporting agencies.

The CFPB now advocates for consumers who have complaints regarding interactions with credit bureaus and identity theft protection services. This adds to the agency's consumer grievance oversight, which already included mortgages, bank accounts, consumer loans and private student loans.

"Credit reporting companies exert great influence over the lives of consumers," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray in announcing his agency's new responsibility. "They help determine eligibility for loans, housing, and sometimes jobs. Consumers need an avenue of recourse when they feel they have been wronged."

You can seek assistance from the CFPB if you have issues with:

- Incorrect information on your credit report;

- How a consumer reporting agency is handling its investigation of your complaint;

- The improper use of a credit report;

- Being unable to get a copy of a credit score or file; or

- Problems with credit monitoring or identity-protection services.

Here's how the new system works:

If you believe your credit report contains incorrect or fraudulent information, you should first file a dispute with and get a response directly from that credit reporting company before contacting the CFPB. The same goes if you have an issue with how the company is handling its investigation of your grievance, if they don't respond in writing within 30 days, for example.

If, after filing your grievance, you are dissatisfied with the resolution, you may file a complaint with the CFPB using any of the following methods:

- File online at [www.cfpb.gov/complaint](http://www.cfpb.gov/complaint)

- Call toll-free at 855-411-2372

- Fax it to 855-237-2392

- Mail to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 4503, Iowa City, Iowa, 52244.

Once your complaint has been logged, you'll be given a tracking number to check its status. Each complaint will be processed individually and sent to the credit bureau in question for response. The CFPB expects companies to respond within 15 days with information about the steps they

have taken or plan to take. You'll have the option to dispute the company's response to your complaint.

Credit reporting companies issue more than 3 billion consumer credit reports a year and maintain files on more than 200 million Americans. Among other things, they track the number and types of credit accounts you use, how long they've been open and whether you've paid your bills on time.

"The consequences of errors in a consumer report can be catastrophic for a consumer, shutting him or her out of credit markets, jeopardizing employment prospects, or significantly increasing the cost of housing," noted the CFPB's announcement.

You can order one free credit report per year from the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. (Order through [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com); otherwise you'll pay a small fee.) Proactively ordering your reports on a regular basis can help identify bad credit behavior and spot fraudulent activity or errors before they can damage your credit.

To learn more about credit reports and scores, visit the CFPB's website, [www.cfpb.gov](http://www.cfpb.gov). Another good resource is What's My Score ([www.whatsmyscore.org](http://www.whatsmyscore.org)), a financial literacy program run by Visa Inc.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney).



Jason Alderman

**SUPPORT LOCAL JOURNALISM**

To begin your membership, call us at 600-0840 or go to [SupportLocalJournalism.org/Pleasanton](http://SupportLocalJournalism.org/Pleasanton)

**Keep your eyesight holiday bright**

Happy Holidays from Dr. Winston and the Amador Valley Optometric team



**Amador Valley Optometric**

Complete eyecare for Men, Women, Teens, & Children

- Trend Styled Eyewear with excellent frame stylist to help your eyewear needs
- "No-Line" Lenses / Computer Lenses
- Specialty contact lens care, including CRT for nearsightedness reduction and scleral lenses for keratoconus and irregular corneas
- "Dry Eye" Treatment and Management
- Macular Degeneration Assessment
- Soft and Gas Permeable Bifocal Contact Lenses
- Laser Vision Care - LASIK
- Check your employer's flex benefit plans!

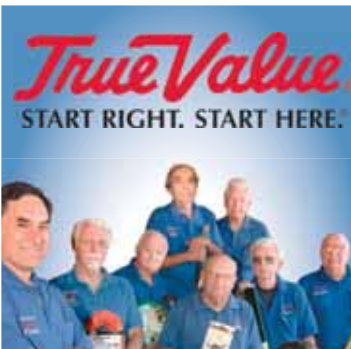


- Most Vision Plans Accepted
- Medicare Assignment Accepted
- Ask About AARP Discount

**Dr. Barry C. Winston**

Faculty, UC Berkeley School of Optometry  
Certified in the Treatment of Ocular Disease  
GO CAL BEARS!

**Black Avenue Professional Offices**  
4450-C Black Ave, Pleasanton  
925.462.2600  
off Santa Rita Road behind  
Lynnewood Methodist Church



**18 gal Storage Tote \$4.97**

Limit 6 per customer. While supplies last. Expires 1/27/13. sku=164716

**PROPANE TANK EXCHANGE \$19.99**

(Some Restrictions Apply)

**Ask Us About: Rescreening Or New Window Screens, Sharpening Knives, Scissors, Chainsaws, Mower Blades and Many Garden Tools.**

**WORKBENCH TRUE VALUE HARDWARE**

1807 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton  
Phone (925) 846-0660  
[www.truevalue.com/pleasanton](http://www.truevalue.com/pleasanton)

## Staying Healthy & Beautiful 2013

Our readers want to look, feel and be their very best.

Market your services in print and online to thousands of readers throughout the 680 corridor!

Print: 16,000  
Online: 75,000 average unique visitors  
300,000 average pageviews

January 25, 2013 publication  
Ad Copy Deadline: January 11, 2013

Call your sales representative today at 925-600-0840



## Pleasanton Weekly

### PUBLISHER

Gina Channell-Allen, Ext. 119

### EDITORIAL

#### Editor

Jeb Bing, Ext. 118

#### Managing Editor

Dolores Fox Ciardelli, Ext. 111

#### Online/Community Editor

Jessica Lipsky, Ext. 229

#### Reporter

Glenn Wohltmann, Ext. 121

#### Contributors

Jay Flachsbarth

Jerri Pantages Long

Kerry Nally

### ART & PRODUCTION

#### Lead Designer

Katrina Cannon, Ext. 130

#### Designers

Lili Cao, Ext. 120

Kristin Herman, Ext. 114

### ADVERTISING

#### Account Executives

Carol Cano, Ext. 226

Karen Klein, Ext. 122

#### Real Estate Sales

Dana Santos, Ext. 110

#### Ad Services

Cammie Clark, Ext. 116

### BUSINESS

#### Business Associate

Lisa Oefelein, Ext. 126

#### Circulation Director

Bob Lampkin, Ext. 141

#### Front Office Coordinator

Kathy Martin, Ext. 124

### HOW TO REACH THE WEEKLY

Phone: (925) 600-0840

Fax: (925) 600-9559

#### Editorial e-mail:

editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

calendar@PleasantonWeekly.com

#### Display Sales e-mail:

sales@PleasantonWeekly.com

#### Classifieds Sales e-mail:

ads@PleasantonWeekly.com

#### Circulation e-mail:

circulation@PleasantonWeekly.com

The Pleasanton Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Media, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566; (925) 600-0840.

Mailed at Periodicals Postage Rate, USPS 020407.

The Pleasanton Weekly is mailed upon request to homes and apartments in Pleasanton. Community support of the Pleasanton Weekly is welcomed and encouraged through memberships at levels of \$5, \$8 or \$10 per month through automatic credit card charges. Print subscriptions for businesses or residents of other communities are \$60 per year or \$100 for two years. Go to [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com) to sign up and for more information.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

© 2012 by Embarcadero Media. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### 2012: A good year for Pleasanton business with 2013 looking even better

The good news for Pleasanton as we wrap up 2012 is that there's likely to be more of the same in the year ahead. Workday, a software company headed by Dave Duffield, has made the decision to stay in Pleasanton despite heavy courting by San Ramon business and political leaders, buying instead the cluster of five office buildings comprising Stoneridge Corporate Plaza on Stoneridge Mall Road. Workday, which Duffield founded after selling PeopleSoft (which he also started) to Oracle, has run out of room for its rapidly expanding workforce. Although San Ramon offered more space and assistance, Pleasanton leaders prevailed. Workday will gradually move its workforce, now numbering 1,000 but expected to grow to 4,000 over time, into the new corporate plaza, giving tenants there now time to find other space.

Another good news story for Pleasanton this year was the move by Clorox to move its research center and other sales and marketing units from Oakland to the spacious campus on Johnson Drive that Washington Mutual had vacated. Clorox was planning to move these operations out of state when, again, Pleasanton's City Manager Nelson Fialho and Economic Development Manager Pamela Ott, along with support from business

leaders, convinced the Clorox leadership that the expansion space the company needed was here in the Bay area. By adding a sixth building, Clorox can continue offering its employees a hometown environment as a total workforce of 1,100 completes its move to the new corporate campus in 2013.

Also next year, projects that started in 2012, and a few even earlier, will be completed. Walmart now has all the permits it needs to start renovating the long-vacant Nob Hill supermarket on Santa Rita Road with a grand opening planned for its new Neighborhood Market next spring. Stoneridge Creek, which started construction this year of its retirement community on Staples Ranch, is expected to have the first of its 650 living units ready for purchasers next fall, about the same time that the extension of Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road and Livermore will be completed. Two lanes of the roadway's four-lane bridge over the arroyo are finished; the other two lanes will be built once the rainy season ends.

Two more business centers are flourishing, including Gateway Center at Bernal and Valley avenues, with Safeway's new Lifestyle supermarket as an anchor, and the Vintage Hills Shopping Center farther east on Bernal where the New Leaf supermarket out of Santa Cruz will open within the next few months. Work on a new CVS Pharmacy, Starbucks and a Safeway service station is under way with completion scheduled for early in 2013.

Vintage Hills is a real success story. Long nearly empty after the popular Romley's neighborhood grocery closed more than a decade ago, the center was headed for the wrecker's ball until the Pleasanton City Council said no. A new owner with marketing experience reversed the center's course and started bringing in tenants that the heavily-populated Vintage Hills and nearby communities liked. With New Leaf, the center has a new lease on life that bodes well for all commercial and retail businesses in Pleasanton. ■



Workday's current corporate offices are in this building off Stoneridge Mall Road. JEB BING

# Shop Local

Good for Business.  
Good for You.  
Good for the Community.



Support Local Business

## The online guide to Pleasanton businesses

Discover and enjoy the rich diversity of Pleasanton businesses at [ShopPleasanton.com](http://ShopPleasanton.com), the new online guide to all local businesses featuring listings, customer opinions, web links, photos, maps, coupons, special deals, gift certificates, promotional event listings and much more.

### When you shop locally, good things happen to make our community stronger:

- Sales tax dollars, which fund schools and local services, stay in the community.
- You help to sustain the unique and diverse businesses that make our shopping areas vibrant.
- You show how much you value the expertise of these businesses and the quality service they offer their customers.
- You reduce your carbon footprint by not driving outside the community to shop.
- And when you shop at locally owned businesses, you also support our friends and neighbors who are running these businesses, donating to community events and causes, hiring our kids and getting involved in making Pleasanton a better place.

Visit [ShopPleasanton.com](http://ShopPleasanton.com) today

# Community Pulse • Transitions

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG • OBITUARIES • BIRTHS & WEDDINGS

## YOUR ONLINE NEWS SOURCE AND COMMUNITY FORUM

Our website has become the place residents turn to for breaking local news, to post their own stories and photos, and to discuss news and events in the community.

- **NEWS** updated 5 days a week
- **MOVIES** reviews & local showtimes
- **FOGSTER** free online classifieds
- **TOWN SQUARE** voice your opinion
- **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** local events
- **RECENT ISSUES** digital copies of each edition

### Sign up for our daily email digest!

Top local news stories delivered to your inbox every weekday!



[www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com)

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Shoplifting arrest leads to multiple charges

A San Francisco woman was arrested for four felonies and one misdemeanor after a Dec. 19 shoplifting incident at Nordstrom, according to police reports.

Laura Ann Nickel, 32, was pegged by store security as a suspicious woman who was seen carrying a number of items along with a large black bag, reports said. She took several jackets into the fitting room, where a store security guard heard what sounded like clipping sounds. After she left the fitting room, the guard found a security tag stashed in another jacket.

Nickel was arrested for shoplifting a jacket valued at \$190. During a search, police turned up nine counterfeit bills — two \$20s, four \$10s and three \$5s — along with methamphetamine and a pipe.

That led to felony arrests to burglary, possession of burglary tools, forgery and methamphetamine possession, all felonies, and a misdemeanor count of paraphernalia possession. Nickel was arrested at 7:39 p.m.

in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road.

### In other police reports:

- Counterfeit \$50 and \$10 bills were discovered at the Childrens Place at Stoneridge Shopping Center. Two \$50 bills and one \$10 bill were found in the incident, reported at about 4:09 p.m. in the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; there are no suspects.

- Tools worth more than \$4,800 were reported stolen Dec. 18 in a burglary at 829 Clara Lane. Among the items taken were an industrial hammer valued at nearly \$1,500 and a laser level worth nearly \$1,200. A window was broken in that burglary, which occurred between 4:30 p.m. Dec. 14 and 8 a.m. Dec. 17.

- Four rims worth \$1,000 and four tires valued at \$600 were reported stolen overnight Dec. 18 from Specialty Service in the 3500 block of Nevada Street.

- A 42-inch flatscreen TV valued at \$511 was reported stolen at 9:03 a.m. Dec. 21 from the fitness center at Pleasanton Glen apartments in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue.

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Dec. 19

#### Theft

- 2:29 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

- 4:09 p.m. in the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud

- 5:13 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

#### Burglary

- 7:39 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Auto burglary

- 6:42 a.m. in the 3500 block of Nevada Street

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:11 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue; DUI

- 12:51 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive; possession of methamphetamine

- 9:55 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

### Dec. 20

#### Sex offenses

- 2:22 p.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

#### Theft

- 7:12 a.m. in the 760 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

- 10:55 a.m. in the 3300 block of Gulfstream Street

- 2:09 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; embezzlement

- 3:39 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 7:32 p.m. in the 6000 block of Acadia Court

#### Vandalism

- 10:08 a.m. in the 3300 block of Norton Way

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:03 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness

- 1:38 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI

- 2:19 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; paraphernalia possession

- 11:31 p.m. in the 100 block of Neal Street; DUI

### Dec. 21

#### Theft

- 5:31 a.m. in the 6000 block of Laurel Creek Drive; auto theft

- 9:13 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft

#### Burglary

- 9:03 a.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue; residential burglary

#### Auto burglary

- 5:31 a.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 5:51 a.m. in the 2800 block of Tudor Court

- 7:08 a.m. in the 500 block of Gerard Court

#### Battery

- 4:49 p.m. in the 1600 block of Via di Salerno

#### Drug violation

- 11:56 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; marijuana possession

### Dec. 22

#### Theft

- 6:33 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 10:08 p.m. in the 11300 block of Dublin Canyon Road; fraud

#### Auto burglary

- 1:38 p.m. in the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

#### Battery

- 1:36 a.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

### Dec. 23

#### Theft

- 4:45 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:40 a.m. in the 100 block of Ray Street; DUI

### Dec. 24

#### Robbery

- 3:34 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Theft

- 6:10 p.m. in the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Auto burglary

- 8:14 a.m. in the 7600 block of Driftwood Way

## OBITUARIES

PAID OBITUARIES

### Olga Brocchini Resident of Livermore

Olga Brocchini passed away on Dec. 9 at 100 years young. She said line dancing with her friends is what kept her going. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Dryer and Gail Vardanega and their husbands, Don

and Larry, three grandchildren, Danielle Wagner, Kimberly Kent and Scott Dryer, and two great granddaughters, Holly and Katie Wagner who loved time spent with their Nonnie. A mass celebrating her life will be held on Friday, Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

# TriValley Life

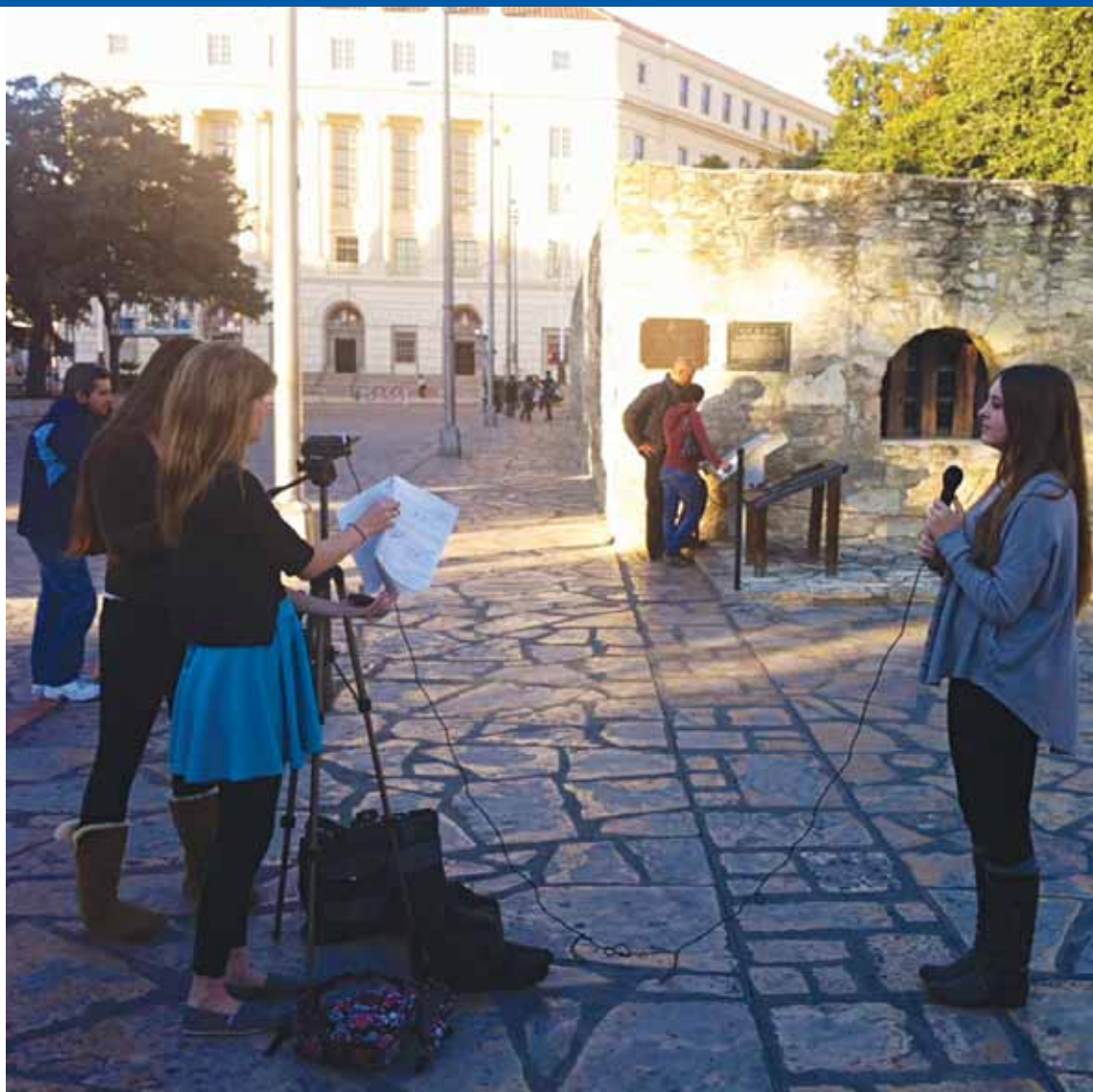
PEOPLE AND LIFESTYLES  
IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VALLEY — MUSIC, THEATER, ART, MOVIES AND MORE

## Finding stories *everywhere!*

Young journalist on a quick  
quest for ghosts of San Antonio

By JAMIE ALTMAN



It's profound what can happen when you get pooped on by a bird.

My friends laughed at me like anyone else would, and snapped pictures of my outraged face, but things were different because I was in the company of journalists. These pictures did not just pose the threat of being posted on Facebook or Instagram, but rather of being printed in a newspaper.

"Front page news of The Amador!" my journalism adviser Wendy Connelly joked, tapping away on her iPhone camera.

This incident drove me to embody the true mindset of a journalist: A story can be found in anything.

I traveled to San Antonio, Texas, with several students in my journalism class Nov. 14-17 to attend a national high school journalism convention, hosted by the Journalism Education Association (JEA). San Antonio, with its rich history and beautiful River Walk that snakes throughout town, was the perfect location for a group of aspiring reporters.

"You all are here for a reason," a teacher from one of my sessions said. "For most of you, it's because you love journalism. Why is that?"

I had been struggling with this question for a while. Why do I have a passion for journalism? I knew it was because I love to write, but journalism is much more than good writing — it's researching, interviewing and investigating. The writing is just the bun on a cheeseburger; it holds all the information together in an attractive, tasty package.

Suddenly, everything I witnessed became a story. There was a long line at the Dairy Queen — what does that say about America's obesity rate? The San Antonio River Walk



Students at the national high school journalism convention stayed right on San Antonio's River Walk.

seemed manmade. Did it have any interesting stories?

I took this approach with my friend, Erica Goldhawk, with whom I participated in a broadcast journalism contest at the convention. We were given a one-phrase prompt: "Taste of the Town." We wanted to feature the River Walk, but we knew it wouldn't be unique unless we had a good angle, so we talked to a man who drives a boat along the river. He suggested that San Antonio was haunted.

We performed some quick iPhone research and confirmed his notion: San Antonio is the most haunted city in Texas.

We spent about two and a half hours speed-walking throughout the city and in and out of hotels. We interviewed hotel staff members who claimed to have seen ghosts, we read stories about the ghost of Sallie

White — a maid at the Menger Hotel who died at the hands of her jealous husband — and even visited Room 4014, the most haunted room at the Menger.

Haunted San Antonio was not the angle we had anticipated to take for the competition, but stories and curiosity led us there. Maybe that's what I love about journalism.

As journalists, we have no control over the news, but we do have the power to dictate how the news is reported. We provide the depth and perspective that brings the news alive.

Brett Shipp, an investigative reporter for WFAA Dallas TV, gave some of the best advice from the convention. He emphasized the power of sticking with a story.

"Follow the pattern and tug on the thread until you get to the core," Shipp said. "Stories

Above, left: Journalism students Jamie Altman (center), Erica Goldhawk (left) and Patti Norcross pose on the River Walk in San Antonio. Above: Filming in front of the Alamo for their school news show, Amador Valley Television, Erica Goldhawk does the filming; Patti Norcross is anchor; and Jamie Altman provides the script.

usually lead to other stories."

Another thing I heard at the conference really rang true for me.

"Journalists do great work because they love the work," said Scott Winter, the adviser of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln newspaper.

Erica and I did not win the competition, but I wasn't disappointed. Running around San Antonio in a time crunch, meeting interesting people, learning about the city's history, and all the while being able to report the news in an interesting feature, made those four hours the highlight of the weekend. It was great work because we loved it.

I left San Antonio with a different mindset — I felt I could write an interesting article about paint drying.

As the plane took off for San Francisco, I received a call from my sister who was frantic about a plane crash she had witnessed in a dream; she had a "bad feeling" about my flight.

Right on cue, our advisor, Wendy Connelly, turned around in her seat. "You can write a story about that!"

Jamie Altman is a junior at Amador Valley High School. Last summer she was an intern at the Pleasanton Weekly.



# Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund needs your help

## 10 nonprofits will benefit from contributions to 2012 campaign

As the year comes to a close, what better time is there to consider turning your thoughts to supporting local nonprofit agencies and services that care for those in need not only during the holiday season, but year round.

The Pleasanton Weekly 2012 Holiday Fund offers that opportunity. The contributions you provide will go to Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Health System, as well as to Hope Hospice, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, REACH, Sandra J Wing Therapies and Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley.

This year we are partnering with Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), which will handle all finances related to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. That will allow donors to take advantage of a tax deduction for the dollars they contribute through the Foundation's 501(c)(3) status. SVCF and the Pleasanton Weekly will handle all costs of the campaign. That means that every dollar will go directly to the 10 nonprofits with no administrative expenses.

Each of these nonprofits desperately needs a financial boost. Despite a modest economic recovery in the Tri-Valley, these are still-troubling times with unemployment in Alameda County, alone, at more than 8%.

Needless to add, the so-called "fiscal cliff"



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Your generous contributions will help local nonprofit agencies like Valley Humane Society, ValleyCare Health System and Axis Community Health.

is adding to uncertainties for these nonprofits as well as for all of us. In addition, the agencies we have targeted for assistance have found that they now have many more to serve as well as fewer dollars from their own

regular donors who have found themselves at times facing financial, employment and health care challenges and uncertainties.

Last year, when the state of the economy was perhaps even more dire, Pleasanton



Weekly readers rallied to the call and contributed \$104,000 in direct donations to the Holiday Fund. Help us do it again. ■

## Holiday Fund donors

So far in the 2012 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund campaign, 277 donors have contributed \$50,361 to the fund.

### Individuals

Alan and Carol Cohen	500
Alan and Julia Casamajor	100
Alice Desrosiers	100
Andrew and Xiaopei Gelb	**
Andy and Valerie Poryes	100
Ann and Don Rathjen	**
Barbara W. Daniels	**
Bert and Dee Brook	200
Bill and Carolyn Lincoln	**
Bill and Dottie Berck	200
Bill and Fran Hirst	**
Bill and Maggie Foley	**
Bill and Pat Ruvalcaba	300
Bill and Peggy Paris	**
Blaise and Amy Lofland	250
Bob and Julia Murtagh	250
Bob and Kathy Russman	**
Bob and Orley Philcox	500
Bob Williams	500
Bobby Jensen	250
Bruce and Cindy Yamamoto	**
Bryan and Kim Baptist	250
Carl and Sharrell Michelotti	100
Carlo and Geraldine Vecchiarelli	100
Carol Guarnaccia	100
Carole Peterson and James Brice	**
Charles P. Barker	100
Charles Uhler	100
Chris and Debbie Scott	50
Chris and Linda Coleman	**
Chuck and Mary Shoemaker	500
Clint and Tina Onderbeke	**
Dave and Roz Gamble	**
Dave Cryer	**

David Hanford	100
Dean Buchenauer	100
Deborah Sweeley	**
Dee Haag	**
Dick and Peggy Karn	**
Don and Jean Kallenberg	**
Douglas and Mary Safreno	**
Drs. Steven and Harley Williams	**
Earl and Dorothy Maddox	100
Ed and Bernadette Dantzig	250
Frank and Sonia Geasa	200
Frank and Teresa Morgan	200
G. Gary and Nancy Harrington	100
Gary and Mary Lazarotti	**
Gene and Linda Johnson	100
Gladys I. Pearson	**
Glenda Beratlis	500
Glenn and Janet Wenig	100
Greg and Charla Hildebrand	75
Greg and Peg Meagher	**
Greg Landrum	500
Gretchen and John Clatworthy	200
Herbert and Stella Chang	**
Hermann Family	100
Howard G. and Emilie Seebach	100
Iqbal and Tasneem Omarali MD	**
Isabel Curry	**
Jan and Jeb Bing	200
Jeff and Jeri Oh	**
Jerry and Toni Ulrich	**
Joe and Sue Compton	200
Joe and Sue Silva	**
John and Kay Stewart	**
John and Roxanne Plotts	**
John and Sharon Piekarski	100
John and Sheila Sanches	**
John H. Marshall	100
Jonathan and Janet Allen	**
Julie and Miguel Castillo	**
Kathleen Glancy	50
Kathy and Jeff Narum	100
Kay and Charles Huff	**

Kay Fogarty	100
Kem and Renee Kantor	**
Ken and Barbara McDonald	**
Lance and Kathy Ruckteschler	150
Larry and Carol Shaw	**
Lonnie and Ronald Shaw	100
Lori and Mike Rice	**
Lou and Susan Astbury	50
Marc and Becky Randall	500
Margaret Mathias	500
Mark and Amy Arola	250
Marvin and Nancy Rensink	**
Merlyn Chestnut	**
Mike and Ilene Forman	250
Mike and Kris Harnett	150
Mike and Suzanne Dutra	100
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sapone and Gretta Speakman	100
Mr. Alan Purves	120
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Malatesta	100
Mr. and Mrs. John G. O'Neill	**
Mr. John P. Ferreri	100
Mrs. Terry Messick-Cass and Mr. Barry Cass	100
Ms. Betty Kirvan	100
Ms. Deborah MG Tomlin	**
Ms. Lilibeth Smith	200
Ms. Martha Mantei	50
Nancy Cowan	**
Nanda and Sangeeta Gottiparthi	**
Nicole, Ana, and Michael Fong	250
Olivia Sanwong	50
Pat and Ran Costello	**
Patrick Moore	50
Paul and Ann Hill	**
Paul and Lorraine Ebright	100
Pauline Coe	**
Pearce Family	100
Pentin Family in honor of Mike, Matt & Diane	100
Pete and Julie Mason	**
Randy and Emily Yim	100

Richard and Gloria Fredette	**
Richard and Judith Del Tredici	100
Rick and Dawn Marie Barraza	250
Rick and Susie Decker	100
Rita Rollar	150
Robert and Marianne Eisberg	**
Rodger, Laura, and Stephanie Miller	50
Ron and Kathy Anderson	350
Ron and Marlene Sandberg	**
Roseann Csencsits and Mike Kundmann	**
Rudy and Marge Johnson	100
Ryan Brown and Julie Harryman	100
Sonal & Ajay Shah	**
Srikant and Christina Mantha	30
Steve and Cris Annen	100
Stuart and Cheryl Craig	250
Susan Bovee	25
Susan Hayes	100
Suzanne Emberton	**
The Browning Family - Rod, Christina, Alyssa, Danielle	100
The Caldwell Family	**
The Pennisi Family	**
The Richwood Family	100
The Ristow Family	**
The Sborov Family	**
Thomas and Patrice Morrow	200
Thomas Rasmus	20
Tim and Belinda Schultz	100
Tim and Robin Neal	100
Tim and Teri Bush	**
Tom and Patty Powers	**
Vincent and Sarah Ciccarello	**
Violet T. Masini	50

### Businesses & Organizations

Beratlis Automotive	**
California Self-Defense Consultants	**
Chamberlin Associates	10000
DeBernardi Development Construction and Remodeling	**
Hacienda Bunco Group	75



E. Dennis Glafkides Medical Corporation .....25	Lee Montgomery, from Frank and Muriel Capilla.....**
Karen E. Morliengo MFT.....50	Mary Ann Butler and Juanita Haugen, from Sarah A. Warnick**
Mission Pipe Shop and Cigar Lounge.....100	Mary Ann Butler and Juanita Haugen, from Jerry T. Thorne....**
Pleasanton Fairways Ladies Golf Club.....200	Mary Ann Butler and Juanita Haugen, from Robert J. Lane.....**
Pleasanton Pet Sitting.....100	Mary L. Erickson.....**
Ponderosa Homes.....500	Mary May.....300
Randick, O'Dea & Tooliatos, LLP..**	Marilyn Bowe.....**
Sue Evans Photography.....100	Mike (Whitey) Whitener.....**
Time 4 Order-Professional Organizing.....100	Nicholas Daniel Lesser.....**
Tim McGuire - Alain Pinel Realtors.....1000	Norm Bottorff.....100
Walt Lupeika, CPA.....100	Our beloved dog, Georgia.....100
	Our Mom Lora Bulatova.....**
	Owen Saupe.....**
	Raymond Ulatoski, donated by Jeff Ulatoski.....150
	Richard and Cheri Stout.....100
	Richard Briery.....100
	Rick Aguiar.....**
	Robert C Bush.....500
	Robert D. Williams.....**
	Robert S. Kilpatrick.....**
	Ron Silva.....**
	Roselle Grimes, Verna Plummer, and Evelyn Schrick from Steve, Pam and Mitch Grimes.....**
	Roy, Eva, Archie and Adeline.....100
	Ruth DeFreece.....**
	Sarah Anne Lees.....100
	Sharon Carroll, from The Staff at Valley Humane Society.....100
	Sharon Dirkx.....100
	Sheldon Thorson.....50
	Steven Charles Irby.....**
	Thomas McCague, donated by Annie Sjodahl.....150
	Tricia Martin - Love You Always & Forever, Love, Mom.....**
	WM and Alice Marsh.....**
	Zelinsky.....250
<b>In Memory of</b>	<b>In Honor of</b>
Allan Hillman, Randy and Margie Warner, from David and Marian Hillman.....150	Conni, Landon, John, Katelyn, Kamryn, and Kristyn.....600
Barbara Burton.....100	Ernie Goble from Bob and Marilyn Grimes.....**
Betty Patrick.....**	Jana Grant.....100
Buddy Holliday by Sandra Holiday.....110	Jim and Holly Oswalt.....**
Bill Haraughty.....25	My Grandchildren.....25
Chris Beratlis by Coffee Shop Guys**	Our "3 R's".....**
Dody Guasco.....200	The Board, Staff and Volunteers of Hope Hospice.....100
Donald D. Reid.....100	
Doris Cink and Charles Glass.....**	<b>As a Gift for</b>
Doris T. Walberg.....100	Dan and Lou Lincoln.....**
Dick Waldron.....100	Those In Need.....**
Dr. E. John Ainsworth.....75	
Elizabeth Ng.....500	
Elizabeth Traille.....250	
Eugene Stanley.....**	
Gam and Papa Abbott.....**	
Gene Strom, Keith Strom, Donna Kolb-Miller, William Kolb.....400	
George Speliotopolous, Ed Kinney, Hank Gomez, from Roger Dabney, Dee Wilson, Ralph Romero.....**	
Hank Gomez from Dorothy, Frank and Debra Gomez.....150	
Harold, May, and Mike Consedine**	
Jacqueline Woodruff.....250	
James B. Kohnen.....150	
Janet Reichlin, From Mike, Lori, and Michael Reichlin.....100	
John A. Mavridis.....**	
John A. Silva.....100	
John Manzone from the Manzone/ Crabill Family.....**	
Judy Perko.....100	
June and Michael Carboni.....100	
Karen and Tom Elsnab from Hathi Winston and Jerry Prettyman...100	
Karl K Witze.....500	
Kathy Capitani.....100	

\*\*The asterisk designates that the donor did not want to publish the amount of the gift.

### The following agencies will be supported by the Holiday Fund.

**Scheduled to receive 75% are:**

- Axis Community Health
- Open Heart Kitchen
- Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation
- Valley Humane Society
- ValleyCare Health System
- Hope Hospice

**Receiving the other 25% are:**

- Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council
- REACH (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing) for special adults of the Tri-Valley
- Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation
- Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley



## Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund Donor Remittance Form

Enclosed is a donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Only required if business name is to be listed as donor in the paper)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card (MC, VISA, or AMEX): \_\_\_\_\_

Expires: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to designate my contribution as follows (select one):

- In my name as shown above
- In the name of business above

-OR-

- In honor of:
- In memory of:
- As a gift for:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person)

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund is a donor advised fund of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. A contribution to this fund allows your donation to be tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

All donors and their gift amounts will be published in the Pleasanton Weekly unless the boxes below are checked.

- I wish to contribute anonymously.
- Please withhold the amount of my contribution.

Make checks payable to Silicon Valley Community Foundation and send to:

Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund  
c/o Silicon Valley Community Foundation  
2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 300  
Mountain View, California 94040

Credit card gifts may be made at:  
[www.siliconvalleycf.org/pleasantonweeklyholidayfund](http://www.siliconvalleycf.org/pleasantonweeklyholidayfund)

### The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund was created to provide financial support from our readers for a select group of local non-profit organizations to help alleviate the needs that exist, despite our community's prosperity. This marks the ninth year of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. It provides an opportunity to aid local groups at a time when the numbers of those without jobs or with low-paying jobs and few if any health benefits have increased.

We are pleased to announce that this year we will partner with Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which will provide all the administrative support for the campaign at no cost. As before, the Pleasanton Weekly will donate marketing services, as well as advertising space. This means that all money raised can support the people in our community.

We appreciate your support of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund and these worthy nonprofits.



# Goodbye to 2012

## WHAT A YEAR IT WAS IN PLEASANTON

Another year, another 52 Pleasanton Weeklies. Looking back over the past year's issues we see how much has happened in our city during 2012.

Many projects began this year that will be completed in 2013. The Stoneridge Creek retirement community, which broke ground in April, is scheduled to see its first residents moving in next August. The nearby bridge that will extend Stoneridge Drive to Jack London Boulevard in Livermore will be completed in the late summer; so far one lane is finished.

Enjoy this review of 2012 and keep reading throughout 2013 to keep abreast of everything that is happening in Pleasanton.

—Pleasanton Weekly staff

### JANUARY

- The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) sponsor a regional planning meeting in Dublin, seeking comments on a blueprint-in-the-making for expanding transportation and housing throughout the nine counties in the Bay Area in a sustainable way over the next 25 years.
- Pleasanton City Council votes 4-0 to rezone 73 acres in various parts of the city to accommodate high-density housing that will be more affordable for those in the city's workforce and others who want to live here. This culminated one-and-a-half years of public discussion on how much land should be rezoned to meet orders by the Alameda County Superior Court and the state's Attorney General's Office to provide more housing.
- State Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi (D-18th), who represents much of Pleasanton, pleads no contest Jan. 6 to a misdemeanor charge of shoplifting at a Neiman Marcus store in San Francisco's Union Square and was sentenced to three years probation. She issued an apology, saying she had intended to pay for the items.
- The courts decides that Steven Carlson, 44, the man charged in the 1984 killing of Tina Faelz, would be tried as an adult although he was 16 at the time of her murder when she was a 14-year-old Foothill High freshman.
- A record high of \$150,000 was made in donations by readers to Weekly's Holiday Fund, which benefited local nonprofits, including Axis Community Health, Hope Hospice, Open Heart Kitchen, Valley Humane Society, ValleyCare Health System Foundation, REACH, Sandra J Wing Therapies and Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley.
- City installs electric charging stations at the Civic Center with free charges to vehicles through April.
- School board OKs drug-sniffing dogs at high schools.



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Protesters line the aisles of the Dublin City Council Chamber at the start of a meeting in January to solicit input about Plan Bay Area, an effort to anticipate needs during the next 25 years.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Occupy Oakland members join Castlewood workers and union members in February to march through downtown to the country club.

### FEBRUARY

- The plight of Amador Valley grad Janet Liang launches drives for bone marrow match in her fight against leukemia.
- Pleasanton City Council discusses Walmart Neighborhood Market planned on at the site of the long-vacant Nob Hill supermarket on Santa Rita Road; residents show up to oppose it.
- East Bay Regional Park District announces that waterslides at Shadow Cliffs Recreation Area will not be open this summer due to need for extensive repairs.
- Dozens of parents attend school board meeting to urge board members not to cut the Barton Reading Program as they make necessary adjustments to the budget.
- Pleasanton City Council votes 5-0 to ban free plastic or paper bags at checkout counters starting Jan. 1, 2013. Stores can provide bags if they charge 10 cents per bag, a fee that will rise to 25 cents on Jan. 1, 2015.
- Workers locked out of Castlewood Country Club "occupy" Pleasanton, beginning downtown and marching to the club on Castlewood Drive, to mark the two-year anniversary since they have worked for the club after a dispute over health care costs.

### MARCH

- A week after the Pleasanton school board voted to slash more than \$5.3 million in spending in anticipation of state cuts, the board made it real by eliminating 70 jobs.
- Steve Carlson, accused of murdering 14-year-old Tina Faelz in Pleasanton in 1984, pleads not guilty.
- Pleasanton Planning Commission votes 5-0 to allow a Walmart Neighborhood Market in the vacant former Nob Hill supermarket on Santa Rita Road. The decision was actually to



KAREN LOTOSZYNSKI

No. 24 Krista Williams and her teammates on the Amador Valley High girls softball team topped the East Bay Athletic League with an undefeated season.

deny an appeal by two residents who were contesting a decision that current zoning allows the store.

- Members of the Pleasanton Police Officers' Association begin contributing toward their pensions, due to a new contract between it and the city.
- Unions urge members and others at a Democratic Party rally to protest throughout the East Bay where operating permits for Walmart grocery stores are being considered.
- ValleyCare Health System opens new Urgent Care Center in Dublin's Gateway Medical Center, adding to that city's expanding health care focus along Dublin Boulevard and Tassajara Road.
- Pleasanton Downtown Association wants city to restrict the number of downtown banks so that more retailers can take the space, including seven corner locations that now have banks.
- East Bay Regional Park District decides to further study issue of waterslides at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area.

### APRIL

- Construction begins on Stoneridge Creek, a retirement community at Staples Ranch in northeast Pleasanton. It will include 635 independent living residences, 68 assisted living apartments with dedicated memory support areas and 73 skilled nursing beds.
- Tim Koopmann, a rancher in Sunol on the Pleasanton border, wins 2011 California Leopold Conservation Award for his effective land management practices.
- Ragin' Cajun annual fundraising event to benefit Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation raises \$105,000, enough to provide 1,500 treatments to cancer sufferers.
- Grace Eunhea Kim, a 2007 graduate of Foothill High School, is among victims of mass shooting at Oikos University in Oakland.
- City Council puts Club NEO on probation and cuts the number of patrons allowed, after a shooting at the nightclub in January and earlier parking lot fights.
- City Council votes 5-0 to approve a multi-million-dollar housing project in Hacienda Business Park to be built by BRE, a national affordable housing developer.
- Two teens are arrested in 31 tire slashings in the Sutter Gate and Birdland neighborhoods. These vandals were apparently unconnected to the slashed tires on 28 cars in March in the Valley Trails neighborhood.

### MAY

- Mother and daughter, Amy Burton-Freeman, 36, and Ainsley Freeman, 13, are found shot in their Stacey Court home; it was later ruled a murder-suicide.
- City Council votes 5-0 to place restrictions on banks, savings and loan associations and other financial institutions that want to open new facilities of Main Street.
- Pleasanton Unified School District names Amador Valley High School band director Jonathan Grantham as its teacher of the year.
- David Rice, the longtime president and director of the multimillion-dollar-funded Tri-Valley Community Foundation, is fired after an independent audit finds discrepancies in the organization's finances and reserves.

- After a three-hour meeting held May 7 at the Firehouse Arts Center to receive public feedback on Walmart opening Neighborhood Market on Santa Rita Road, Councilman Matt Sullivan blocks a final vote on a measure that would allow it.
- City Council gives final OK May 15 for Walmart Neighborhood Market, 4-1, after a half year of often rancorous discussions, because the new store fits the zoning code on the site.
- Deonna Zuffa, 43, is sentenced to one year in Santa Rita Jail for setting her home on fire in December 2008. She was also badly burned in the fire.
- City establishes 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.
- Woman's body is found inside a 45-gallon trash can that was left on the side of a road in northwest Pleasanton.
- Grassfire in the hills above Amanda Place across Bernal from St. Augustine Catholic Church is quickly extinguished but not before causing major concerns for nearby residents.
- Amador Valley High girls softball team tops the East Bay Athletic League with an undefeated season and goes on to vie for the North Coast Section championship, where it reaches the finals.

## JUNE

- Tri-Valley Community Foundation looks at bankruptcy after investigations show it may be \$3 million in debt.
- Pleasanton residents and officials pushed for the reopening of the waterslides at Shadow Cliffs in a joint meeting held midday Monday with city and East Bay Regional Park District representatives at the Vets Hall.
- Pleasanton ends fiscal year in strong financial shape; in a report to the City Council, Finance Director Emily Wagner says the city's revenues for FY 2011/12 should total \$89,693,904, slightly more than \$40,000 better than her projections showed.
- The Alameda County Fair opens June 20 with a new White Water ride that proves popular at opening day has record high temperatures.

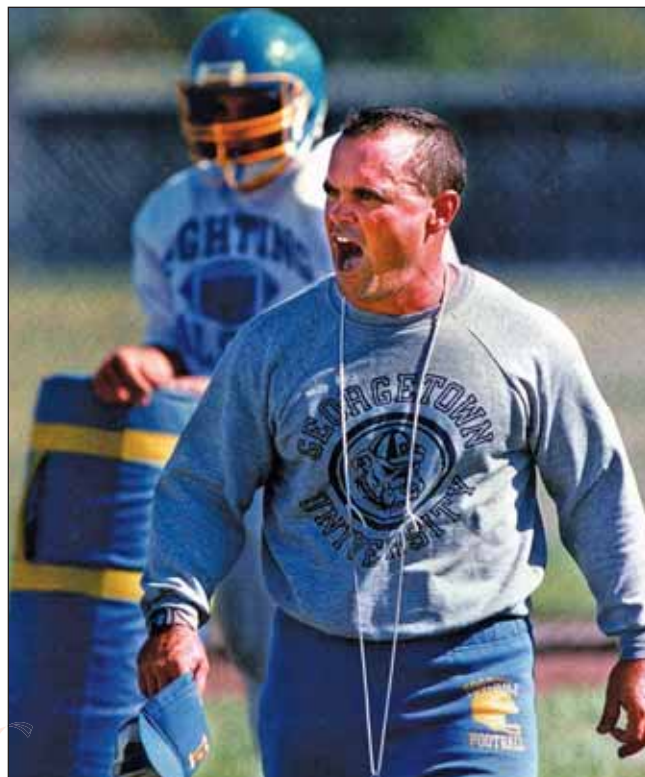


NICOLE DOI

The new White Water ride proves popular at the 2012 Alameda County Fair's opening day, which opened to record high temperatures.

## JULY

- Independence Day fireworks return to Livermore, taking place at Las Positas College.
- Pig assault in the livestock barn at the Alameda County Fair lands 22-year-old man in jail, charged with public drunkenness.
- Public meetings held to discuss traffic concerns near Vintage Hills Elementary; weekday traffic on Palomino, Touriga drives tops 2,000 vehicles per day.
- Pleasanton developer and wife, Peter and Mona Branagh, killed in single engine plan crash in southern Utah.
- Pleasanton makes the national news when comedian Eddie Griffin and an audience member at Tommy T's Comedy Club toss drinks at each other, beginning when a joke about homosexuals offended a woman, per TMZ; no arrests were made.
- Amador Valley High Marching Band is chosen to appear in the Fiesta Bowl at the University Of Phoenix Stadium from Dec. 26-Jan. 1. Fundraising efforts begin immediately.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Matt Sweeney, who has been varsity football coach at Foothill High for 25 years, shouts instructions at players during practice. He only yells at practices, he says, because that time is for preparation while games are supposed to be fun.

- Pleasanton resident Sarah Williams, 19, carries an Olympic Torch through the United Kingdom in advance of the Summer Games, an honor for her efforts to provide blankets for 15,000 foster children.

## AUGUST

- City's new East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force holds its first meeting to begin process of determining how best to develop a 1,000-acre tract of land east of Valley Avenue along Stanley Boulevard.
- Pleasanton Downtown Association begins Cash Mobs downtown, gatherings of folks pledging to invade a local business and spend \$20.
- Election filing period ends, with Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne running for mayor; Karla Brown, Erlene DeMarcus and Jerry Pentin running for City Council; and three incumbent school board members unopposed. A fourth council candidate, Michael Harris, files but drops his bid before the election.
- Pleasanton ratifies new contract with firefighters in the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department that calls for them to begin paying 9% of their benefit costs starting July 2013.
- Labor judge rules in favor of locked-out Castlewood workers although country club can appeal decision.
- Museum on Main highlights struggles in California for equal rights, from the 19th century to now.
- A federal project is completed to restore Pleasanton's Arroyo de la Laguna after its lower five miles were affected by rapid development upstream.

## SEPTEMBER

- Pleasanton gives OK to start construction on a self-serve gas station and a new Starbucks with drive-through service next to the Safeway supermarket at Valley and Bernal next I-680.
- Concerned residents of Black Avenue pack City Council chamber for a meeting held by Pleasanton to address their traffic problems.
- The Bookstore closes its doors on Hopyard Road at Valley after 26 years of selling used books.
- School district board backs two competing education funding bills, Proposition 30, backed by Gov. Jerry Brown, and Prop 38, proposed by Molly Munger.
- City Council OKs a \$15 million Bernal Community Park project to add more sports fields and created a wooded area to be called Oak Woodland on the 318-acre parcel near the lighted baseball field built two years ago.
- Amador Valley High's Matt Sweeney celebrates 25 years as head football coach.
- Tri-Valley Community Foundation files for Chapter 7 liquidation bankruptcy with more than \$153,000 in debts, leaving some charities without funds owed them.

## OCTOBER

- Castlewood workers return to their jobs at the country club under the terms of their old contract.
- Pleasanton City Council votes 4-1 to add a new Housing Element commitment to the city's General Plan, a move that ended seven years of debate, lawsuits and confrontation with state authorities and an affordable housing coalition.
- City decides to raze two aging, subsidized senior housing complexes — Pleasanton Gardens and Kottinger Place — to be replaced with larger, upgraded apartment buildings that will accommodate nearly twice as many.
- East Bay Regional Park District begins to accept bids for a company to renovate and then run the waterslides at Shadow Cliffs; bids are due Dec. 20.
- New Leaf Community Markets, an independently owned grocer known for carrying locally grown, organic foods, plans to open a store at the Vintage Hills Shopping Center in mid-2013.
- School district's email system crashes, resulting in use of personal emails for a week and then new gmail accounts for all.
- East Bay Regional Park District opens bidding process for someone to save the waterslides, an effort supported by Pleasanton residents who have appeared at public meetings for the last year and a half to urge officials to keep the facility open and include it in long-range plans.

## NOVEMBER

- November vote results in the election of Mayor Jerry Thorne, Councilwoman Karla Brown and Councilman Jerry Pentin.
- California passes Proposition 30, one of two dueling initiatives to benefit the schools, which will temporarily increase sales tax by one-fourth of a cent per dollar and raise income taxes for people who earn more than \$250,000 per year.
- Kevin Walthers, president of Las Positas College, gives notice just 16 months after Chabot-Las Positas College Board of Trustees hired him in the second of two cross-country searches.
- Alamo Canal Trail link under Interstate-580 opens for non-motorized traffic, to connect the Centennial Trail in Pleasanton with Dublin.
- The Pleasanton Weekly and its sister online publications — Dublin Tri-Valley Views, San Ramon Express and Danville Express — presents the first Heroes of the Tri-Valley awards to eight people and groups in various categories.
- Police identify body found in trash can in Pleasanton in May as a 25-year-old Stockton woman and arrest a 30-year-old Stockton man.
- Council OKs splitting downtown into two districts to promote more late-night entertainment in the Main Street area but curb noise and operating hours for businesses closer to downtown homes and apartments.
- City has firm, Network Ltd., conduct phone survey of residents to get input for the new comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Paragon Outlets open in Livermore, near the Pleasanton border, causing huge traffic jams on Interstate 580.



MIKE SEDLAK

The Pleasanton City Council, with its new members sworn in Dec. 4, will have four members until a special election in the spring, (l-r) Jerry Pentin, Karla Brown, Mayor Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

## DECEMBER

- The torrential storm that kicks off December pauses for a few hours for Pleasanton to hold its annual Hometown Holidays Celebration — a parade and tree-lighting.
- Garbage rates are increased by 5% to go into effect Jan. 1 to cover higher costs facing the Pleasanton Garbage Service company in handling commercial and residential refuses. ■



# Ring in 2013

## A new year brings opportunity for a new you

The new year is widely accepted as a time to start fresh, and every year people make resolutions to better themselves. For many, this means vowing to make lifestyle changes to improve how they look and feel.

However, sticking to restrictive diets and intense workout programs can be difficult and not sustainable for most people. Before you get hooked by the annual flood of diet tips and gym promotions, focus on a few key areas to commit to a healthier lifestyle for 2013.

### Consume whole foods

Adding more whole foods into your everyday diet is a natural way to obtain the nutrients your body craves without feeling like you're making a drastic change. One of the easiest ways to do this is by incorporating fresh juices into your daily routine.

Whole-food juicing is a quick and easy way to get several servings of

fruits and vegetables at once, making it a perfect on-the-go solution for those juggling hectic schedules. Simply toss whole fruits, vegetables, or a combination of both into a high-performance blender, then add ice. In seconds, you'll



have a delicious, nutrient-packed beverage, plus the fiber from the whole foods to keep you full longer. A variety of recipes to suit any taste are out there, making eating more whole foods something you'll actually enjoy.



# EAT SLEEP... GIVE BACK!

## January, 2013



For more information visit:

# EatTriValley.com

# Ring in 2013



## Add more exercise

It's not unusual for a person to drive from a desk job to the drive-through at a fast food restaurant, and then go directly to the couch to watch television. It isn't surprising that lack of exercise is an issue for many Americans, and a sedentary lifestyle can lead to a number of health concerns, regardless of weight.

Incorporating exercise into a daily routine is important and can have many health benefits. To begin living a more active lifestyle, experts recommend starting slowly and building up



length and intensity of physical activity.

You don't need to spend hours at the gym to reap the benefits of exercise; use the stairs, go for a walk, take a bike ride, or play with your dog or children to get moving and start looking and feeling better.

## Rest up

Although jam-packed schedules make it seem like there aren't enough hours in the day, it's extremely important to set aside enough time to rest and recharge. Getting the recommended seven to eight hours of sleep each night allows for optimal mental and physical performance, and making sleep a priority can have significant impact on overall well-being.

To enjoy the many benefits adequate sleep offers, adopt a bedtime routine at the same time each night. Avoid food and drink for 30 minutes prior to going to sleep and stay away from computers, televisions and other screens. Instead, enjoy a relaxing activity, such as reading or meditating, to help you fall asleep.

## De-stress daily

Stress can cause many mental, emotional and physical health issues, and long periods

of high stress can have debilitating effects. To avoid lasting health problems, learn to recognize stress and how to deal with it effectively.

Despite your busy schedule, making time for yourself each day is important and can help you avoid severe stress problems. Whether it is taking a walk, playing an instrument, practicing yoga or even calling an

old friend, do something you enjoy every day. It's also important to make sure you are getting enough exercise, sleep and proper nutrition to help your body deal with the physical effects of stress.

With a few adjustments to your daily activities, you can look forward to a happy, healthy new year and beyond.

—*Brandpoint*



## Serene Care

### ELDERLY BOARD & CARE HOMES

*Registered Nurse Owned & Administrated*

**Family owned since 1996**

- Scheduled activities
- 24-hour care and supervision
- Doctor home visits on request
- Three nutritious meals daily plus snacks
- Manage medication
- Special diet, when prescribed by physician
- Comfortable and secure living environment
- Hospice care
- Dementia care

**925.872.6056**

E-mail: [serenecare@comcast.net](mailto:serenecare@comcast.net)

**[WWW.SERENERESIDENTIALCARE.COM](http://WWW.SERENERESIDENTIALCARE.COM)**

CA LICENSE # 015600513, 015600514, 015600654

*Three lovely homes  
located in the  
Val Vista neighborhood*



4498 BACON CT.



4127 DORMAN RD.



6344 BENNER CT.

## New year means a fresh start

The flip of the calendar year is the perfect opportunity to make personal and lifestyle changes. One of the most popular resolutions that people make is to improve their health and exercise routine so they can make a fresh start and get into better shape. Now is the time to develop fitness goals for a new you this new year.

Despite your best intentions and resolutions to revamp your fitness routine each year, it's easy to slip back into your pre-New Year's resolution bad habits. The best way to avoid this tendency is to create an active lifestyle plan that works for you and will keep you motivated. Here are a few tips to get a fresh fitness start and make sure that you stay active this new year:

Establish fitness goals and write them down. Setting manageable goals and writing down an exercise plan that is realistic and works for your lifestyle will have a positive impact on your overall quality of life and motivate you to keep going. As you check back on your plan each day, it will hold you accountable and make sure that you're continuing to follow the road that you've mapped out for yourself.

Find an app that motivates you. No matter what your fitness interests are, there's an app for you: Pick your pleasure ... yoga, running, weights or cardio, and you can find apps that inspire and motivate you with workout ideas and tips. If you're also looking to watch your food intake, there are a myriad of apps that can help you keep track of what you're eating each day.

Freshen up your workout wardrobe. As you refresh your exercise routine, you'll go through workout gear more quickly than



before. Treat yourself by buying yourself some new exercise gear that will benefit your routine and make sure you maintain it. One way to provide amazing freshness for your used active wear is to wash it in Downy Unstopables, an in-wash scent booster. The scent lasts for up to 12 weeks in storage, which makes Downy Unstopables perfect for gym clothes and workout towels as it keeps them fresh no matter when they're pulled out of storage.

Join an exercise group or find a workout partner. Working out alone in a gym is not for everyone. Exercisers should choose an activity they enjoy doing, that keeps them excited and can be sustained over a long period of time. Additionally, having a support system to motivate you will help you stick with the program and see long-term results — find a group or buddy who has similar goals to you.

## Start a New Tradition

### CANDY CANE WONDERLAND™

Layers of Moist Devil's Food Cake and Candy Cane Ice Cream mixed with Chocolate Shavings wrapped in a rich Fudge Ganache and topped with Candy Canes.



# \$3 OFF

any Signature Cake  
(excludes Pies, Petite Cakes & Cupcakes)



Downtown Pleasanton • 349 Main Street  
925-600-9177

Limit one per customer per visit. Excludes pies, petite cake & cupcakes. Valid only at participating locations. No cash value. Not valid with other offers or fundraisers if copied, sold, auctioned, exchanged for payment or prohibited by law. 16.1678 © 2011 Kahala Franchising, L.L.C. COLD STONE CREAMERY is a registered trademark of Kahala Franchising, L.L.C. and/or its licensors. Expires 1/31/13. PLU#104



Downtown Pleasanton  
349 Main Street  
925-600-9177

CSF9854 © 2011 Kahala Franchising, L.L.C. COLD STONE CREAMERY is a registered trademark of Kahala Franchising, L.L.C. and/or its licensors.

# Preserve Club Membership

**\$199.00**

Join the "Preserve Club" and you receive all the benefits:

- Two free rounds of golf that you can use anytime. (Cart Included)
- \$10 off our "rack rate" on weekends.
- \$5 off our "rack rate" on weekdays.
- One hour early twilight rates, seven days a week.
- Five free large range buckets.
- 20% off non-sale merchandise items.
- 10% off restaurant purchases.

Now open to Ladies, Seniors & Callippe Club!

You can receive your discount of \$10 and \$5 during regular tournament play.

## A Great Christmas Gift

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE ON SALE STARTING NOV. 15TH, 2012 AND THE MEMBERSHIP WILL BE GOOD THROUGH DEC. 31, 2013. See any golf shop staff member for additional details and to sign up.

(925) 426-6666 • [www.playcallippe.com](http://www.playcallippe.com)

## January is pruning month.

Attend one of our pruning classes

### Fruit tree pruning

January 5 or 6.

Free class

### Rose pruning

January 12, 13, 26 or 27.

Free class

### Japanese maple pruning

January 19 or 20.

Local arborist Barry Hoffer the 'maple guy'

\$5.00 speaker fee.

### Citrus pruning and tasting

Saturday, February 12

Saturday classes start at 10 am. Sunday classes start at 1 pm.

Register by calling 925-462-1760

All Christmas Ornaments **60% off**



WESTERN GARDEN NURSERY

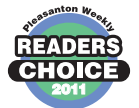
### Great Gardens Begin Here!

Quality • Service • Selection

2756 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton

Winter hours are Mon-Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5

925-462-1760



[www.WesternGardenNursery.com](http://www.WesternGardenNursery.com) | [facebook.com/WGNursery](https://www.facebook.com/WGNursery)

Must be state resident. See center for details.

TREAT YOURSELF TO A LITTLE EUROPEAN PAMPERING  
Complimentary wax for first time guests.

WAXING FOR ALL

EUROPEAN WAX CENTER®

facebook.com/europeanwax  
waxcenter.com

PLEASANTON / 925 484 2900

6770 Bernal Ave., Suite # 430 / Pleasanton, CA 94566

In the Safeway shopping center

## Author Visits

**'LOST DECENCY: THE UNTOLD AFGHAN STORY'** In his memoir, "Lost Decency," author Atta Afghandiwal shares his turbulent journey to escape his war-torn country. He wrote his story to increase awareness about his country's political upheaval and the innocent people caught in the chaos. He will share his story at a book-signing event at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Bernal Ave., at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24. Call 931-3400 for details.

## Concerts

**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELVIS PRESLEY!"** Jim Anderson and the Rebels return to the Firehouse Arts Center with the early (1954-1966) hits of Elvis Presley - "Heartbreak Hotel," "Hound Dog," "Don't Be Cruel," "Jailhouse Rock" and more. Performance will be held on Saturday, January 5 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, January 6 at 2 p.m. Jim's appearance last year at the Firehouse sold out in record-breaking time, so get your tickets early. Touted by LifeLong Elvis Fans as, "The Most Authentic Tribute to Early Elvis Presley to Date!" Tickets are \$12-25. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, by calling 931-4848 or visit <http://www.firehousearts.org/events/>.

**DODGE'S SUNDODGERS** The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., is the venue for Dodge's Sundodgers at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13, when they'll play string band-styled updates of music from the ragtime 1900s through the 1930s. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.; arrive early to find parking. This free concert is sponsored by the Friends of Pleasanton Library. For details, call Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

## Exhibits

**ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS AT MUSEUM ON MAIN** Animal lovers of the Tri-Valley are sharing their collections with the public in Museum on Main's exhibit, Animal Attractions, through Sunday, Jan. 20. The exhibit features selected treasures from nine local collectors. Museum on Main is at 603 Main St. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 1-4 p.m. No admission, but donations appreciated. Call 462-2766 or visit [curator@museumonmain.org](mailto:curator@museumonmain.org).

## Health

**DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT CLASSES** This seven-week series, from 10 a.m.-noon, beginning Friday, Jan. 11, will teach you how to manage your diabetes with exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer all your questions about living with diabetes. Held at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin. For details, call 1-510-383-5185 or visit [www.acphd.org/diabetes.aspx](http://www.acphd.org/diabetes.aspx). Free.

## Live Music

**CHRIS BRADLEY'S JAZZ BAND** Enjoy live jazz music from the 20s, 30s and 40s from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Sunol Jazz Cafe, 11986 Main St. Cover is \$5.

## Miscellaneous

**FREE SANDBAGS TO PLEASANTON RESIDENTS** With the rainy season upon us, the city of Pleasanton reminds its businesses and residents it has free sandbags to those who are concerned about flooding. Residents can pick them up at the city's Service Center, 3333 Busch Road, anytime; the bags are located in the parking lot under a brown tarp. For residents only, NOT contractors seeking sandbags for their work sites. If you see flooding, call the city's Operations Services Department at 931-5500 or the Police Department at 931-5100.

## On Stage

**AN EVENING FROM A GRANDMOTHER'S PERSPECTIVE** The Museum on Main's 2013 Ed Kinney Series, in recognition of Black History Month, will present "An Evening from a Grandmother's Perspective" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12. Ann Collins will take the stage to examine the perspectives of African American women during the trying years of the Civil War through World War II. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 members and seniors, \$3 students and teachers. For tickets and more information, call the museum at 462-2766 or visit [www.museumonmain.com](http://www.museumonmain.com). The lecture series takes place at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

**AN EVENING WITH GEORGE BURNS** The Museum on Main's 2013 Ed Kinney Series, "An Evening With..." kicks off at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, when Broadway actor Duffy Hudson portrays George Burns, the beloved cigar-smoking comedian whose life spanned 100 years. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 members and seniors, \$3 students and teachers. For tickets and more information, call the museum at 462-2766 or visit [www.museumonmain.com](http://www.museumonmain.com). The lecture series takes place at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

**MARDI GRAS DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA** The Livermore School of Dance Jazz Company will present "Mardi Gras" at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 1st St., Livermore. This family-friendly dance showcase is filled with the colorful and exciting dances of Mardi Gras and other festivities. A reception, with some fun surprises, will be held in the lobby after the performance. Tickets, \$15-\$26, are available at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

## Seniors

**BRAIN MATTERS** Enjoy a morning of fun while learning how to keep your brain active and your

memory sharp. The class is held from 10-11:30 a.m. the first and third Fridays of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Word games, puzzles, challenging activities, reminiscing and more, geared to help you age-proof your mind. Cost \$1.75 for resident and \$2.25 for non-resident. Call 931-5365 or visit [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS** Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

**SENIOR LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM** You have a history and a story to tell. Would you be willing to share your story with the local community in a casual setting like a high school, museum or senior center? For more information about this program, email [rficken@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:rficken@cityofpleasantonca.gov) or stop by the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

**WALKING SOLE MATES** Join the Pleasanton Senior Center as we kick off our new walking group. Get out and meet new people while walking the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail with them. Meet at the staging area or register to ride over on Paratransit. For more information please contact the Senior Center front desk at 931-5365. 8:45-11 a.m. Wednesdays Free. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-535. [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org)

## Spiritual

**BIBLE & BREW** St. Clare's Episcopal Church would like to invite anyone in the community who is interested to join them for heartfelt fellowship, Bible Study, and a good cup of coffee from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday at 3350 Hopyard Rd. You don't need to be a member of St. Clare's to attend. Their hope is you will find this time of day convenient. Call the church office at 462-4802 or visit [www.stclare-pleasanton.org](http://www.stclare-pleasanton.org).

**FALL WORSHIP TIMES** Sunday worship services resume their fall schedule at Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m. and childcare is at both services. Children's choirs meet every Sunday from 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m. Call 846-0221 or visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**WEEKLY LDS BIBLE STUDY** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosts a weekly bible study from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Refreshments served. For information, call 305-9468.

## Sports

**WINTER BREAK SPEED/ACCELERATION/JUMPING CAMP** Middle school and high school athletes are invited to the Foothill High School Track, 4375 Foothill Road, on Wednesday, Jan. 2 - Friday, Jan. 4, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. This camp will focus on running form/skills/technique work and proper stretching and warm-up. The third day will include a competition with electronic times you can use for recruiting information and goal setting. Cost is \$100. For details, call Jorge Quero at 209-7520 or visit [www.foothilltrack.com](http://www.foothilltrack.com).

## Support Groups

**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 at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

**GRIEF WORKSHOP** The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. The grief workshop is at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, from Dec. 13-March 24, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, call Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

**PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP** Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. 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.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org](http://www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org).

## Volunteering

**BECOME A LITERACY TUTOR** Pleasanton Library's Project Read (400 Old Bernal Ave.) needs volunteer tutors to help adults with English skills. Project Read supplies the workbooks and study guides; you supply the energy and creativity. Tutors should be 18 years or older, fluent in English but necessarily a native speaker, and be able to devote one to two hours each week to a student for a semester. For more information, contact Penny at [PennyJohnson@CityofPleasantonCa.gov](mailto:PennyJohnson@CityofPleasantonCa.gov) or call 931-3405.

ON THE TOWN



AMERICAN

### Eddie Papa's American Hangout

4889 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 469-6266. Winner of The Pleasanton Weekly's Reader Choice Awards for "Best American Food," "Best Meal under \$20" and "Best Kid Friendly Restaurant," Eddie Papa's American Hangout celebrates the regional food and beverage cultures of America. Bring the whole family to enjoy iconic dishes from across the United States, Old World Hospitality, and hand crafted artisan cocktails. [www.eddiepapas.com](http://www.eddiepapas.com).

To have your restaurant listed in this dining directory, please call the Pleasanton Weekly Advertising Department at (925) 600-0840

Browse classifieds online or place your ad at  fogster.com



Share your local sports news & photos

Email sports@PleasantonWeekly.com Remember to include caption information: who, what, when, where—and the score.

PLACE AN AD IN FOGSTER ONLINE - fogster.com E-MAIL - ads@fogster.com PHONE - (925) 600-0840

## PLACE AN AD

- ONLINE fogster.com
- E-MAIL ads@fogster.com
- PHONE (925) 600-0840

Fogster.com is a unique Web site offering postings from communities throughout the Bay Area and an opportunity for your ad to appear in the Pleasanton Weekly.

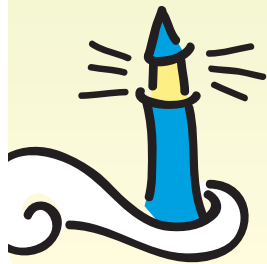
Now you can log on to fogster.com, day or night and get your ad started immediately online.

So, the next time you have an item to sell, barter, give away or buy, get the perfect combination: print ads in your local newspapers, reaching more than 35,000 readers, and unlimited Web postings reaching hundreds of thousands additional people!

## INDEX

- BULLETIN BOARD 100-155
- FOR SALE 200-270
- KIDS STUFF 330-355
- JOBS 510-585
- BUSINESS SERVICES 600-690
- HOME SERVICES 700-799
- FOR RENT/ FOR SALE REAL ESTATE 801-860
- PUBLIC/ LEGAL NOTICES 995-997

The publisher waives any and all claims or consequential damages due to errors. Embarcadero Publishing Co. cannot assume responsibility for the claims or performance of its advertisers. Embarcadero Publishing Co. reserves the right to refuse, edit or reclassify any ad solely at its discretion without prior notice.



### 115 Announcements

**Did You Know**  
that ten million adults tweeted in the past month, while 164 million read a newspaper in print or online in the past week? Advertise in 240 California newspapers for one low cost. Your 25 word classified ad will reach over 6 million+ Californians. For brochure call Elizabeth (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)

**REACH 5 MILLION**  
hip, forward-thinking consumers across the U.S. When you advertise in alternative newspapers, you become part of the local scene and gain access to an audience you won't reach anywhere else. <http://www.altweeklies.com/ads>



**New Years Eve San Ramon Marriott**  
Call 800-838-3006 [www.PGuild.com](http://www.PGuild.com)

### 130 Classes & Instruction

**AIRLINE CAREERS**  
Become an Aviation Maintenance Tech. FAA approved training. Financial aid if qualified Housing available. Job placement assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance 877-492-3059 (AAN CAN)

**ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE**  
from Home. \*Medical, \*Business, \*Criminal Justice, \*Hospitality. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV authorized. Call 800-481-9472 [www.CenturaOnline.com](http://www.CenturaOnline.com) (AAN CAN)

**Attend College Online 100%**  
\*Medical, \*Business, \*Criminal Justice, \*Hospitality, \*Web. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV authorized. Call 888-210-5162 [www.CenturaOnline.com](http://www.CenturaOnline.com) (Cal-SCAN)

**Aviation Maintenance Tech**  
Airline careers begin here. FAA approved training. Financial assistance available. Job placement assistance. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance 888-242-3382. (Cal-SCAN)

**EARN \$500 A DAY**  
Airbrush & Media Makeup Artists For: Ads - TV - Film - Fashion Train & Build Portfolio in 1 week. Lower Tuition for 2012. [AwardMakeupSchool.com](http://AwardMakeupSchool.com)

### 133 Music Lessons

**Music Lessons for All Ages!**  
Find a music teacher! TakeLessons offers affordable, safe, guaranteed music lessons with teachers in your area. Our prescreened teachers specialize in singing, guitar, piano, drums, violin and more. Call 1-866-974-5910! (Cal-SCAN)



### 202 Vehicles Wanted CASH FOR CARS

Any Car/Truck. Running or Not! Top Dollar Paid. We Come To You! Call For Instant Offer: 1-888-420-3808 [www.cash4car.com](http://www.cash4car.com) (AAN CAN)

**Donate Your Car, Truck, Boat**  
to Heritage for the Blind. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. 888-902-6851. (Cal-SCAN)

### 215 Collectibles & Antiques

**U.S. Proof Sets, State Quarters**  
99 Thru 08, 10 Years Total  
109 Coins, \$500.,  
Jim 925-484-2550

### 235 Wanted to Buy

**Diabetic Test Strips Wanted**  
Cash Paid. Unopened, Unexpired Boxes Only. All Brands Considered. Help others don't throw boxes away. For more information, CALL (888) 491-1168. (Cal-SCAN)

### 245 Miscellaneous

**AT&T U-verse**  
for just \$29/mo! Bundle and save with AT&T Internet+Phone+TV and get a FREE pre-paid Visa Card! (select plans). Hurry, call now! 800-319-3280. (Cal-SCAN)

**Cable TV-Internet-Phone**  
Save! Digital packages start at \$89.99/mo (for 12 months.) Options from all major service providers. Call Acceller today to learn more! Call 1-888-897-7650. (Cal-SCAN)

**Highspeed Internet**  
everywhere by satellite! Speeds up to 12Mbps! (200x faster than dialup.) Starting at \$49.95/mo. Call now and go fast! 1-888-718-6268. (Cal-SCAN)



### 425 Health Services

**Medical Alert for Seniors**  
24/7 monitoring. Free Equipment. Free Shipping. Nationwide Service. \$29.95/Month CALL Medical Guardian Today 866-944-5935. (Cal-SCAN)

**Sleep Apnea Sufferers**  
with Medicare. Get FREE CPAP Replacement Supplies at No Cost, plus FREE home delivery! Best of all, prevent red skin sores and bacterial infection! Call 888-699-7660. (Cal-SCAN)



### 550 Business Opportunities

**Start Now!**  
Open Red Hot Dollar, Dollar Plus, Mailbox, Discount Party, \$10 Clothing Store, Teen Store, Fitness Center from \$51,900 Worldwide! [www.DRSS25.com](http://www.DRSS25.com) 1-800-518-3064. (Cal-SCAN)

### 560 Employment Information

**\$\$\$HELP WANTED\$\$\$**  
Extra Income! Assembling CD cases from Home! No Experience Necessary! Call our Live Operators Now! 1-800-405-7619 EXT 2450 <http://www.easywork-greatpay.com> (AAN CAN)

**Driver: \$1000 Bonus**  
(1st 30 Hired) Up to 47 cpm New Equipment. Need CDL Class A Driving Exp. 877-258-8782 [www.ad-drivers.com](http://www.ad-drivers.com) (Cal-SCAN)

**Driver: Quarterly Bonus**  
\$0.03 enhanced quarterly bonus. Get paid for any portion you qualify for: safety, production, MPG. CDL-A, 3 months current OTR exp. 800-414-9569 [www.driveknight.com](http://www.driveknight.com) (Cal-SCAN)

**Drivers: Class A CDL**  
driver training. \$0 training. Cost with employment commitment if you enroll in the month of December! Central Refrigerated (877) 369-7126. [www.CentralTruckDrivingJobs.com](http://www.CentralTruckDrivingJobs.com) (Cal-SCAN)

No phone number in the ad?  
GO TO fogster.com for contact information

**HELP WANTED!!!**  
MAKE \$1000 A WEEK mailing brochures from home! FREE Supplies! Helping Home Workers since 2001! Genuine Opportunity! No Experience required. Start Immediately!  
[www.mailings-usa.com](http://www.mailings-usa.com) (AAN CAN)



### 605 Antiques & Art Restoration

**ANTIQU RESTORATION**  
"A Labor of Love"  
Impeccable Quality  
Integrity of Workmanship  
Consider the Gift of Restoration  
Gift Certificates Available  
Credit Cards Accepted  
925-462-0383 or 925-216-7976  
All inclusive License #042392

### 615 Computers

**My Computer Works**  
Computer problems? Viruses, spyware, email, printer issues, bad internet connections - FIX IT NOW! Professional, U.S.-based technicians. \$25 off service. Call for immediate help. 1-888-865-0271 (Cal-SCAN)

### 624 Financial

**Credit Card Debt?**  
Get free now! Cut payments by up to half. Stop creditors from calling. 888-416-2691. (Cal-SCAN)

**Reverse Mortgage?**  
At least 62 years old? Stay in your home & increase cash flow! Safe & Effective! Call Now for your free DVD! Call Now 888-698-3165. (Cal-SCAN)

### 645 Office/Home Business Services

**Classified Advertising**  
The business that considers itself immune to advertising, finds itself immune to business. Reach Californians with a Classified in almost every county! Over 270 newspapers! Combo-California Daily and Weekly Networks. Free Brochures. [elizabeth@cnpa.com](mailto:elizabeth@cnpa.com) or (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)

**Display Business Card Ad**  
Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising Mark Twain. Advertise your Business Card sized ad in 140 California newspapers for one low cost. Reach over 3 million+ Californians. Free brochure [elizabeth@cnpa.com](mailto:elizabeth@cnpa.com) (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)



### 751 General Contracting

**NOTICE TO READERS** >It is illegal for an unlicensed person to perform contracting work on any project valued at \$500.00 or more in labor and materials. State law also requires that contractors include their license numbers on all advertising. Check your contractor's status at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or 800-321-CSLB (2752). Unlicensed persons taking jobs that total less than \$500.00 must state in their advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board

**A NOTICE TO READERS:**  
It is illegal for an unlicensed person to perform contracting work on any project valued at \$500.00 or more in labor and materials. State law also requires that contractors include their license numbers on all advertising. Check your contractor's status at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or 800-321-CSLB (2752). Unlicensed persons taking jobs that total less than \$500.00 must state in their advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board.



### 809 Shared Housing/ Rooms

**ALL AREAS - ROOMMATES.COM**  
Browse hundreds of online listings with photos and maps. Find your roommate with a click of the mouse! Visit: <http://www.Roommates.com>. (AAN CAN)

### 850 Acreage/Lots/ Storage

**20 ACRES FREE**  
Buy 40-Get 60 acres. \$0-Down, \$168/month. Money back guarantee. NO CREDIT CHECKS. Beautiful views. Roads/surveyed. Near El Paso, Texas. 1-800-843-7537 [www.SunsetRanches.com](http://www.SunsetRanches.com) (AAN CAN)



### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

**IN CHARGE OFFICE SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 472759  
The following person(s) doing business as: In Charge Office Solutions, 1068 Glenn Common, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emma Calkins, 1068 Glenn Commons, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant(s): Emma Calkins. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 12, 2012.  
Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 21 & 28, 2012 and Jan. 4 and 11, 2013.

**Pleasanton express**  
Get daily local stories and hot picks sent to your email

**ShopPleasanton.com**  
Support Local Business  
The online guide to Pleasanton businesses  
Good for Business. Good for You.  
Good for the Community.  
Visit ShopPleasanton.com today

## PET OF THE WEEK

### Shallow

Meet Shallow, a 4-year-old Boxer who was recently surrendered to Valley Humane Society after his family could no longer care for him. Shallow knows all his simple commands such as sit, stay and shake. He loves to be with people and loves spending time with his sibling, Makita. If you're looking for a well-trained dog to be your best friend, look no further.



MELISSA BONNEL

For more information, call VHS at 426-8656, visit [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org) or visit VHS at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

# Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

## Builders see housing market gains across U.S.

'Important signal of stability amidst slowly emerging recovery,' association executive says

By JEB BING

The number of housing markets across the country that are considered "improving" has surged by 76 to a total of 201 urban areas so far in December, according to data compiled by National Association of Home Builders.

The NAHB/First American "Improving Markets Index" (IMI) also showed that the number of states represented on the list by at least one metropolitan area increased from 38 in November to in December.

The index identifies metropolitan areas that have shown improvement from their respective troughs in housing permits, employment and house prices for at least six consecutive months.

A total of 84 new metros were added to the list and eight were dropped from it this month. Newly added metros include such geographically diverse locations as Atlanta, Bloomington, Ill.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Seattle and Green Bay, Wis.

"The big gain in improving markets this December indicates that key measures of housing and economic strength have now been holding steady or improving in metros across the country for six months or more, which is an important signal of stability amidst the slowly emerging recovery," said NAHB Chairman Barry Rutenberg, a home builder from Gainesville, Fla.

"The main thing that's limiting the progress we're seeing right now is the difficulty that potential buyers continue to experience with regard to overly tight mortgage qualifying standards," he added.

"This fourth consecutive month of expansion in the IMI, coupled with the fact that well over half of all metro areas are now represented on the list, is in keeping with

the upward trends that we've been seeing all year in terms of housing starts and sales, builder confidence and other measures," noted NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe.

"In general, we expect the overall housing recovery to continue expanding in 2013," Crowe said. "However, that is absent a major policy change of the kind that some policy-makers have been discussing with regard to the mortgage interest deduction."

"The dramatic expansion of improving markets at the end of this year should help encourage consumers who may have been on the fence about a home purchase that a housing recovery is now firmly under way," added Kurt Pfothner, vice chairman of First American Title Insurance Company.

The IMI is designed to track housing markets throughout the country that are showing signs of improving economic health. The index measures three sets of independent monthly data to get a mark on the top improving Metropolitan statistical areas. The three indicators that are analyzed are employment growth from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, housing price appreciation from Freddie Mac and single-family housing permit growth from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The NAHB uses the latest available data from these sources to generate a list of improving markets. A metropolitan area must see improvement in all three measures for at least six consecutive months following those measures' respective troughs before being included on the improving markets list.

A complete list of all 201 metropolitan areas currently on the IMI, and separate breakouts of metros newly added to or dropped from the list in December, is available at [www.nahb.org/imi](http://www.nahb.org/imi). ■

JUST SOLD



1080 Sycamore Creek Way,  
Pleasanton, \$1,225,000  
5 Br 4 .5 baths  
approx 3900sqft



836 SunnyBrook Way  
Pleasanton, \$1,100,00  
5 br 3 baths  
approx 3600 sqft



MULTIPLE OFFERS

1194 Blanc Court  
Pleasanton, \$865,000  
4 br 3 baths  
with detached office



MULTIPLE OFFERS

5629 N. Dublin Ranch Rd,  
Dublin, \$832,000  
5 br. 4 baths  
apprx 3815sqft

For photos and virtual tours  
visit [www.deloresgragg.com](http://www.deloresgragg.com)

If you are thinking of selling or buying  
a home, call me for information on  
current market conditions and options  
available to you.

925.989.6500

Delores  
Gragg



KELLER WILLIAMS  
Tri-Valley Realty

REALTOR® Lic#01206964

KELLER WILLIAMS® Tri-Valley Realty is Independently Owned and Operated.

[WWW.DELORESGRAGG.COM](http://WWW.DELORESGRAGG.COM)

### OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Danville

3 BEDROOMS

404 Old Orchard Ct

\$430,000

Sun 2-4

Alain Pinel Realtors

314-1111

Find more open home listings at [pleasantonweekly.com/real\\_estate](http://pleasantonweekly.com/real_estate)

Let me help you  
sell your home in 2013

I do all the work — you relax

Wishing you Health, Happiness and Prosperity...

Happy New Year!

JAN PEGLER

925.519.1455

[WWW.BHGHOME.COM/JANPEGLER](http://WWW.BHGHOME.COM/JANPEGLER)



Happy New Year  
from Cindy Gee

Thank you so much for all your support throughout the year!  
Inventory is low and so are the rates! It is a great time to buy and sell.  
Call Cindy for all your real estate needs!



8009 Regency  
Drive

3881 Foothill  
Road

8113 Regency  
Drive

7943 Paragon  
Circle

337 Yearling  
Court

Thank you!!! Best wishes to all!

I have buyers between 1.1 million to 1.7 million. Call CINDY today!

#1 Top Producer in 2011 for  
Better Homes and Gardens  
Tri-Valley Real Estate

Caring • Professional  
Hard Working

Cindy can help with short sales!



Cindy Gee

Realtor, Notary  
GRI, CDPE

925.963.1984

925.218.1210

[cindy.gee@BHGHome.com](mailto:cindy.gee@BHGHome.com)

DRE# 1307919



**PLEASANTON**

**6111 JOHNSON Ct #110, PLEASANTON | 925-463-9500**



**ADAM  
GOLDEN**  
925-899-6103



**AL  
ZIELSKE**  
925-998-2201



**ALYCE  
ANDERSON**  
925-200-3351



**ANDREA  
ROZRAN**  
925-858-4198



**ANJU  
BHATIA**  
925-577-2658



**BARBARA  
JAMESON-  
BELLOW**  
510-459-3828



**BEVERLY  
HERRERA**  
925-640-7788



**BILL  
WELLS**  
925-484-0900



**BOBBIE  
CHARVET**  
925-353-0693



**CAROL  
BECK**  
925-735-6522



**CHRIS  
KAMALI**  
925-828-4433



**CINDY  
GEE**  
925-963-1984



**CINDY  
WHITEHAND**  
925-200-4102



**CLAUDIA  
COLWELL**  
925-323-5031



**CONNIE  
CANNELLA**  
925-323-5055



**DAN  
deGEUS**  
925-699-7955



**DAVID  
FRANK**  
925-241-7710



**DICK  
CLARK**  
925-463-6178



**FARI  
FALAKI**  
925-683-8122



**GENE  
GONZALEZ**  
925-323-2281



**GERALDINE  
CHIA**  
650-646-8081



**GINA  
PIPER**  
925-200-0202



**HARMY  
JOHAL**  
650-400-9599



**HARSHA  
GANDHI**  
925-887-9898



**HEATHER  
KELLY**  
925-323-2025



**HELEN  
LI**  
510-213-0544



**INES  
EIRAS**  
510-305-8128



**JAN  
PEGLER**  
925-519-1455



**JASON  
CASKIE**  
925-899-0825



**JENNIFER  
BRANCHINI**  
925-463-6113



**JENNIFER  
DeCOITE**  
925-437-1233



**JOE  
CHOU**  
510-388-1388



**JOHN  
MANOS**  
925-699-8649



**JORDAN  
MOSSA**  
925-588-9648



**JULIA  
KORPI**  
510-305-3913



**KATIE  
MOE**  
925-216-9083



**KATIE  
ROCCA**  
925-200-1945



**KELLY  
FRANCO**  
925-200-9979



**KEVIN  
CAMACHO**  
925-858-6007



**LAURA  
GLOVIN**  
925-518-4800



**LEON  
YUAN**  
925-487-8882



**LINDA  
NEWTON**  
925-463-6167



**LINDA  
SLAGLE**  
925-451-5555



**LIZ  
SULLIVAN**  
925-426-9094



**LOUISE  
D'ONOFRIO**  
925-788-5526



**MARLENE  
COELHO**  
925-960-5968



**MERAJ  
KHAN**  
925-922-3712



**MIA  
TEETSEL**  
925-640-7788



**MICHAEL  
SHAPOURIAN**  
925-949-9192



**MIKE  
D'ONOFRIO**  
925-463-6160



**NORM & GRACE  
NELSON**  
925-323-8204



**RAJEEV  
BHAVSAR**  
925-368-7936



**RAMON  
CONCEPCION**  
925-480-7183



**ROBERTA  
KEEN**  
925-551-1931

**PLEASANTON**

6111 JOHNSON CT #110, PLEASANTON | 925-463-9500



**ROSIE  
YANDELL**  
925-519-4729



**SACA  
DIZDAREVIC**  
510-289-8755



**SACHI  
CHURILO**  
925-998-8300



**SANDY  
PARKINS**  
925-336-0216



**SAPNA  
GOEL**  
408-393-6761



**SHAWN  
FARRELL**  
925-525-7612



**SUE  
CONDON**  
925-699-5399



**SUE  
FREDRICKSON**  
925-413-1208



**XIAOFANG  
LIU**  
925-980-7610

*Call today to join our team! 925-463-9500*



**JANET CRISTIANO**  
BROKER/OWNER  
925-989-1200

**EARL ROZRAN**  
BRANCH MANAGER  
925-463-6158



**RUBY HILL**

101 E. VINEYARD AVE #103, LIVERMORE | 925-417-2250



**AGATHA  
NOVOA**  
925-784-7080



**CYNTHIA  
DAKE**  
925-321-1588



**DEBBIE  
DAVIS**  
925-918-3093



**HELEN  
SMITH**  
925-998-9737



**HOLLY  
BRUCE**  
925-487-8389



**JAN  
SANCRANT**  
925-918-0905



**JEN  
MARTINEZ**  
925-339-2472



**JOE  
CRISTIANO**  
925-249-6818



**KIM  
ANNICCHERO**  
925-487-8516



**LEIGH ANNE  
HOFFMAN**  
925-918-2912



**MARIESSA  
CASTIGLIANO**  
323-401-2376



**MARJORIE  
WALLACE**  
925-699-1978



**MARYJANE  
BILLOWITCH**  
925-519-6435



**PERLA  
PEREZ**  
925-315-7343



**ROBERT  
GIBBONS**  
925-639-7847



**SABRINA  
BASCOM**  
925-337-0194



**SALLY  
IANNARELLI**  
925-264-9106



**SHANE  
BOHEN**  
925-858-0685



**SHAWNA  
JORAT**  
510-304-1156



**TEO  
ORTIZ**  
408-892-2615



**TRACEY  
ESLING**  
925-366-8275



**TRACIE  
ROHM**  
925-640-7806

*Call today to join our team! 925-417-2250*



**JANET CRISTIANO**  
BROKER/OWNER  
925-989-1200

**SOPHIE ARETTA**  
BRANCH MANAGER  
925-575-1839





**387 Ewing Drive, Pleasanton \$895,000**

This gorgeous home offers 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms with 2,859 SF on 7,100 SF lot. It is located close to downtown, and just around the corner from Valley View Elementary. Remodeled kitchen has granite countertops, cherry cabinets, and stainless steel appliances. Glowing hardwood floors throughout, a large master suite and an enormous downstairs bonus room that would make a great playroom, man cave, workout room, office...let your imagination soar! Call Sylvia for information! 925.413.1912



**Sylvia Desin**  
Direct: 925.621.4070  
Cell: 925.413.1912  
sdesin@apr.com  
DRE# 01280640



apr.com | PLEASANTON 900 Main Street 925.251.1111



**HOME SALES**

This week's data represents homes sold during November 2012

**Livermore**

- 2833 Alwick Avenue #9** H. & M. Mutz to J. Ocampo for \$389,000
- 5534 Berwind Avenue** E. Storm to W. Thyberg for \$275,000
- 237 Blackstone Common** Boultier Trust to L. & A. Auyang for \$400,000
- 4988 Candy Court** A. Laberge to R. & S. Davis for \$530,000
- 1143 Canton Avenue** US Bank to J. & E. Medrano for \$458,000
- 1262 Claret Road** B. & E. Fields to C. Leibengood for \$865,000
- 2426 Del Monte Street** Moyer-Olson Trust to M. O'Neill for \$375,000
- 4023 Emerson Drive** D. & V. Vales to S. & N. Ralston for \$585,000
- 2193 Gabriella Lane** Conley Trust to E. Pulido for \$781,000
- 1628 Genoa Street** K. & P. Menard to R. & A. Hurtado for \$505,000
- 663 Jensen Street** J. Casillas to R. Magdaleno for \$309,000
- 1247 Locust Street** L. & M. Phillips to J. Stine for \$250,000
- 2030 Mars Road** Hiltbold Trust to Genroy Trust for \$450,000
- 6000 Mines Road** Wilcox Trust to Holman Trust for \$835,000
- 10550 Patterson Pass Road** Conniff Trust to L. Edwards for \$1,050,000
- 176 Prato Way** Thompson Trust to C. Lin for \$850,000
- 1208 Rincon Avenue** Chandra Tariq Limited to D. & C. Schaefer for \$125,000
- 359 Robert Way** Safari Ventures to N. Chegondi for \$486,000

- 482 School Street** GMAC Mortgage to W. & M. Foulds for \$340,000
- 89 Terra Way** Williams Trust to J. Ye for \$885,000
- 1408 Vancouver Way** M. & B. Williamson to A. & J. Simpson for \$483,000
- 135 Vista Street** PADC Limited to A. Maharaj for \$440,000
- 2647 Wellingham Drive** Garrett Trust to P. Beck for \$410,000

**Pleasanton**

- 5284 Arrezzo Street** M. & M. Bonitz to M. & J. Nimbargi for \$590,000
- 3146 Boardwalk Street** Y. Wang to Y. Huang for \$723,500
- 803 Bonde Court** P. Kesselring to M. Kearns for \$745,000
- 1405 Calle Enrique** D. Faustina to J. Castro for \$406,500
- 7730 Canyon Meadow Circle #D** Graham Trust to F. & F. Yu for \$196,000
- 36 Colby Court** C. McCann to N. & A. Simmons for \$635,000
- 2468 Crestline Road** A. Rennels to H. & S. Riegels for \$860,000
- 4730 Del Valle Parkway** R. & D. Adamson to J. & P. Kulas for \$749,000
- 1731 Germano Way** JP Morgan Chase Bank to Nursia Properties for \$2,000,000
- 4876 Muirwood Drive** Sektnan Trust to K. Hwang for \$760,000
- 3160 Paseo Robles** E. & C. Kopecky to B. Schelander for \$722,500
- 1382 Royal Creek Court** M. & S. Gustafson to R. Pandhe for \$1,200,000
- 3039 Tonopah Circle** Corsaro Trust to S. Grandhi for \$385,000
- 3997 West Las Positas Boulevard** J. & A. Hasty to E. & I. Young for \$685,000

Source: California REsource



**Joyce Jones**

REALTOR® • DRE#01348970  
925.998.3398  
joycejones@apr.com

*Happy Holidays*



**AVAILABLE!**

**Located in Vineyard Estates - Built in 2006**

**3263 Vineyard Ave #29, Pleasanton**  
Must be 55 or older. Charming, located near pool, clubhouse & guest parking. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, gourmet kitchen with island & lots of cabinets for storage. Custom paint throughout, Wainscoting, newer carpet, gas fireplace w/ insert, skylights, high ceilings, ceiling fans, storage shed/MORE! Offered at \$179,950

**SOLD! MULTIPLE OFFERS!**

**3148 Weymouth Court, Pleasanton Meadows**  
4 bedrooms, 3 bath home on desirable cul-de-sac. Updated kitchen, community pool, green belt, playground, tennis courts, and MORE!  
Sold for \$725,000

**SOLD!**

**Desired Jensen Area — Jensen Street, Livermore**  
4 bedrooms, 2 baths and SO MUCH MORE!  
VERY HAPPY BUYERS!  
\$335,000

**SOLD!**

**Donohue Drive, Dublin**  
Cozy updated 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, close to shopping, schools and more.  
VERY HAPPY BUYERS!  
\$450,000

**SOLD!**

**Springtown Beauty — Bluebell Drive, Livermore**  
3 spacious bedrooms, 2 baths, large lot, close to playground and shopping!  
VERY HAPPY BUYER!  
\$360,000

apr.com | PLEASANTON 900 Main Street





*Julia Murtagh*  
2011 Top Producer

**925.997.2411**

Email: [jmurtagh@apr.com](mailto:jmurtagh@apr.com)

DRE #01751854

*"Bringing Integrity  
to Your Front Door"*



**ALAIN PINEL**  
REALTORS

Please see  
reviews of  
Julia on



## Helping Sellers and Buyers in the Tri-Valley



**2327 Woodthrush Way, Pleasanton**  
Great "Birdland" location. 4 bed/2 bath home. Over 1800 sq. ft. Multiple offers. Call for more information on this short sale.

**LISTED AT \$620,000**



**5204 Iris Way, Livermore**  
Wonderful single level home, with major upgrades. Sellers spent 40k, solar, new roof, new windows etc. Home is just under 1300 sq. ft., with a wonderful backyard.

**SOLD FOR \$380,000**



**3147 Catawba Court, Pleasanton**  
Charming Vintage Hills single story home with 1527 sq. ft. 4 bed/ 2 bath on a nice quiet court. Upgraded bathrooms.

**SOLD FOR \$690,000**



**5029 Forest Hill Dr., Pleasanton**  
Beautiful 5 bed/3 bath, 3440 sq. ft. home on .25 acre. Great layout for family living or entertaining.

**SOLD FOR \$1,075,000**



**4213 Payne Road, Pleasanton**  
Great single story in "Val Vista" Walking to schools and shops.

**SOLD FOR \$500,000**



**6221 Detjen Court, Pleasanton**  
Beautiful Home on 1/2 acre in Preserve, 5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms.

**SOLD FOR 1,510,000**

### BUYER NEEDS

- West side pre-approved buyers looking for a large family home on nice size lot, up to 2 million
- Single story home with a pool or room for a pool, over 1800 sq. ft.

### SELLER REVIEW

"Julia did an excellent job selling our house. She sold it in only 4 days! This was due to her helping us price it right and all her expertise in getting the house ready to sale. She is organized, informative, honest, knowledgeable and most importantly responsive! She was always available to help meet painters etc. while we were getting the house ready to sale. I would definitely recommend her to all my friends and plan to use her to find my next home." —C. Cohen, March 2012

### DISTRESSED SELLERS

**California has roughly 2 million properties underwater.**

If you would like to Sell your home and fall into this category, know there is a way out. I have helped many home owners navigate this process. Please email or call me for a confidential discussion.

You can also visit my dedicated website for further information.

[www.JuliaHelpsDistressedSellers.com](http://www.JuliaHelpsDistressedSellers.com)



Luxury Real Estate and Lifestyle in the East Bay

**weinermcdowell**

PHYLLIS WEINER, REALTOR®  
PWEINER@ROCKCLIFF.COM  
925.251.2585

PETER MCDOWELL, REALTOR®  
PMCDOWELL@ROCKCLIFF.COM  
925.251.2550

**J. Rockcliff**

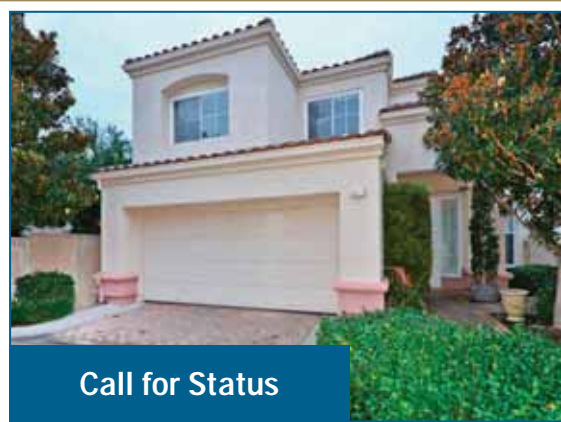


Real tors

Just Sold 180 Kottinger Dr



Sold 993 Summit Creek Ct.

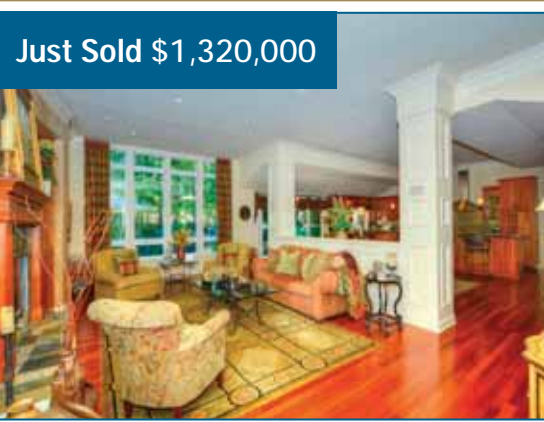


Call for Status

2917 Moreno Avenue Pleasanton, CA

Wonderfully upgraded home in Belvedere! Contemporary design with high ceilings, natural light, plantation shutters, remodeled kitchen with Lyp-tus cabinets, high end stainless appliances incl. refrig., granite. Backyard made for entertaining, firepit, bbq, lighting, beautifully landscaped!

Offered At \$724,950



Just Sold \$1,320,000

38 Castledown Road Pleasanton, CA

Located in the desirable and historic Castlewood Country Club, this gorgeous home overlooks the beautiful lower Castlewood golf course on a private .37 acre, gated lot. Featuring a 2,850 sq. ft. single level floor plan w/ 3 spacious bedrooms plus office, 3 full baths, separate Guest Suite.

Call for List Price



**Tim McGuire**  
**925-462-SOLD**  
**WWW.TIMMCGUIRE.NET**



*Beyond Full Service—A Concierge Approach to Real Estate*



**SOLD**

1138 Mills Court – 5bd/4.5ba,  
3,067+/- Sold for \$1,010,000



**SOLD**

485 Delores Court – 4bd/3ba  
2985 +/- sq.ft. sold for \$925,000



**SOLD**

4844 Merganser Court – 4bd/2.5ba,  
2,087+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$849,000



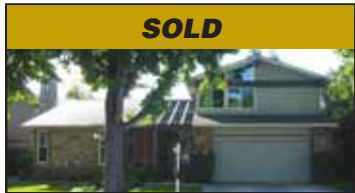
**SOLD**

1169 Autumn Court – 5bd/3ba  
2365 sq.ft. Sold for – \$865,000



**SOLD**

5010 Blackbird Way – 4bd/2.5ba  
2235 +/- sq.ft – Sold for \$810,000



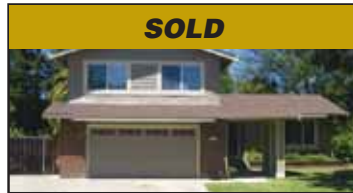
**SOLD**

4862 Woodthrush Road – 4bd/3ba,  
2,146+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$795,000



**PENDING**

4644 Cope Court – 4bd/2ba  
1808 +/- sq. ft. – Offered for \$789,000



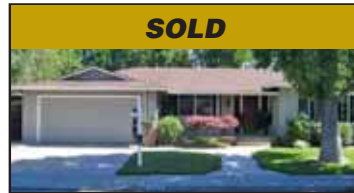
**SOLD**

2765 Corte Bandera – 4bd/2.5ba  
1,876+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$790,500



**SOLD**

4923 Blackbird Way – 4bd/2ba  
1748 +/- sq. ft. – Sold for \$834,000



**SOLD**

5204 Hummingbird – 4bd/2ba  
2167 +/-sq.ft. – Sold for \$750,000



**SOLD**

2449 Crestline Road – 4bd/2ba  
2112 sq.ft – Sold for \$750,000



**SOLD**

5286 Blackbird – 4bd/2.5ba  
2100 +/- sq.ft. – Sold for \$749,000



**SOLD**

5063 Blackbird Way – 4bd/2ba.  
2,167+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$755,000



**SOLD**

3847 Phoebe Court – 4bd/2ba,  
1,902+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$732,500



**SOLD**

4730 Del Valle Parkway – 3bd/2ba,  
1,722+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$749,000



**SOLD**

2490 Skylark Way – 3bd/2ba  
1722+/- sq.ft. – Sold for \$740,000



**PENDING**

1537 Fairview Court – 4bd/4ba  
1865 +/- sq. ft. – Offered for \$699,000



**SOLD**

3596 Chippendale Court – 3bd/2.5ba  
2600+/-sq.ft. – Sold for \$720,000



**SOLD**

4526 Tahoe Court – 4bd/2ba  
1554 +/-sq.ft. – Sold for \$700,000



**SOLD**

5329 Piazza Court – 4bd/2.5ba  
1929 +/-sq.ft. – Sold for \$650,000



**SOLD**

181 Wildflower Lane – 4bd/3ba  
1986 +/- sq.ft. – Sold for \$605,000



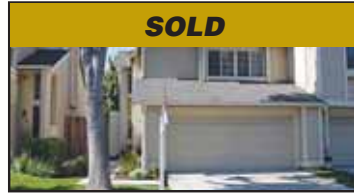
**SOLD**

1814 Sinclair Drive – 3bd/2.5ba  
1481 +/- sq.ft. – Sold for \$590,000



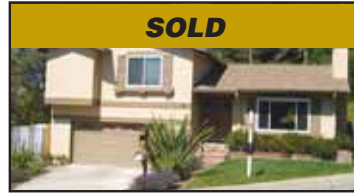
**SOLD**

4108 Drake Way – 3bd/2ba  
1790 +/- sq.ft. – Sold for \$450,000



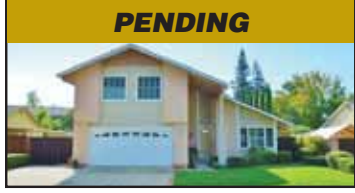
**SOLD**

1485 Trimmingham – 2bd/3ba  
1609 +/-sq.ft. – Sold for \$485,000



**SOLD**

3504 Skyline Drive – 3bd/2.5ba  
1808+/- sq.ft – Sold for \$485,000



**PENDING**

4270 Mairmont Drive – 4bd/2.5ba,  
1,802+/-sq.ft – Offered at \$729,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

3642 Pontina Court – 4bd/3ba,  
4,000+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$1,491,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

2101 Palmer Drive – 3bd/3.5ba,  
3,037+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$1,007,500



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

3042 Paseo Granada – 4bd/3ba,  
2,662+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$920,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

4862 Woodthrush Road – 4bd/3ba,  
2,146+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$795,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

1675 Paseo Del Cajon – 4bd/3ba,  
2,220+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$770,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

5063 Blackbird Way – 4bd/2ba,  
2,167+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$755,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

2449 Crestline Road – 4bd/2ba,  
2,112+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$750,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

3202 Royalton Court, – 3bd/2ba,  
1,924+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$688,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

4575 Gatetree Circle – 4bd/2ba,  
2,072+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$670,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

1292 Rebecca Lane, Livermore – 5bd/3.5ba  
149+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$669,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

6442 Ramblewood Place, Livermore  
4bd/3ba – 2200+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$591,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

1533 Vancouver Drive, Livermore – 4bd/2ba,  
2,128+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$560,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

1374 Hillcrest Ave, Livermore – 4bd/2ba,  
1,606+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$385,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

2008 Olivia Court, 2bd/2ba,  
944+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$336,339



apr.com | PLEASANTON | 900 Main Street 925.251.1111



**TIFFANY**  
*Merie-Rose*  
Let Your Dreams Bloom

**ALAIN PINEL**  
REALTORS  
tiffany@apr.com  
925.200.4723  
DRE# 01317868

www.TiffanyMerieRose.com



Just Sold

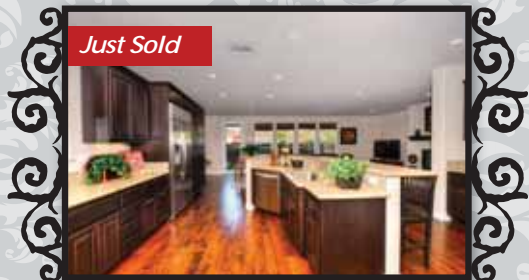
— \$1,375,000 —  
2431 Pomino Way, Pleasanton



Just Sold

— \$1,400,000 —  
4821 Livingston Place, Pleasanton

IF YOU HIRE PEOPLE JUST  
BECAUSE THEY CAN DO A JOB,  
they'll work for your  
**MONEY**  
BUT IF YOU HIRE PEOPLE  
WHO BELIEVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE,  
they'll work for you with  
**BLOOD &  
SWEAT & TEARS**  
SIMON SINEK



Just Sold

— \$1,060,000 —  
305 Kami Court, San Ramon

Hi Tiffany, You helped us find our first house. We felt you have our interest in mind, never felt pressured, and you actually told us to walk away from a couple of opportunities that were close, but not quite right for us. When we sell our house, you're sure to be our listing agent!

Rhonda and Paul McKeon

Pleasanton | 900 Main Street

9480 BLESSING DR, PLEASANTON  
LOCATED IN THE PRESERVE



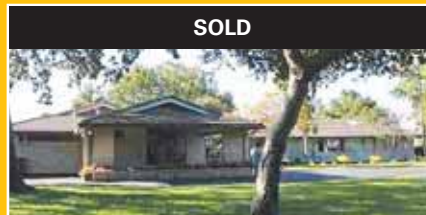
This 193+/- acre privately owned land, known as Blessing Ranch, offers privacy and amazing views. Close to 580/680 interchange. Options for development are possibly a handful of single family residence homes or a large estate. For more information contact the Moxley Team.  
\$4,000,000

7755 COUNTRY LANE  
LOCATED IN WEST PLEASANTON



4BD + 1 office, 4.5BA + .5 in Pool House, 4,496+/- sq. ft. on a 38,194+/- sq. ft. lot. This exquisite custom home sits on just under an acre of land. The home offers vaulted open beams ceilings, hardwood floors and sky lights. This one of a kind property backs to a peaceful creek and is privately graced with heritage oak trees. Call for private showing.  
\$1,950,000

2251 MARINA AVENUE  
MOXLEY TEAM REPRESENTED THE BUYER



SOLD

Gorgeous 3.5 acre lot. This property offers 4 bedrooms with 6 baths privately located yet still close to the city. This property also offers a separate office with bath, pool, pond and so much more!  
SOLD FOR \$1,435,000

1766 ORCHARD WAY, PLEASANTON  
LOCATED PLEASANTON VALLEY



PENDING IN 4 DAYS

4BD 2BA 1,882sf. on a 7,650sf. lot. Single level home in central Pleasanton. Open floor plan, wood floors throughout. Spacious kitchen with breakfast nook. New roof, updated kitchens and baths. Covered patio in rear yard for all weather entertaining.  
\$720,000

4057 CID WAY, PLEASANTON  
LOCATED IN AMADOR ESTATES



SOLD

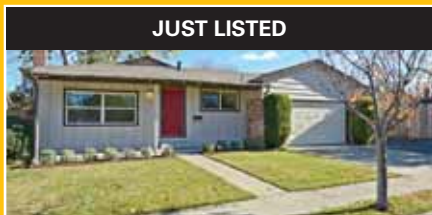
3BD 2BA 1,159sf. on a 6,500sf. lot. Charming single story with open floor plan. Updated kitchen offers granite counters, island, & French doors open to the rear yard. Newer roof & dual pane windows. The rear yard offers pool w/security gate.  
SOLD FOR \$586,200

4885 HARRISON ST, PLEASANTON  
LOCATED DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON



PENDING IN 2 DAYS

3BD 1BA 1,139sf. on a 5,040sf. lot. Remodeled 1940's bungalow with new kitchen offering granite counters & stainless steel appliances. Rear yard has new landscaping with patio and garden area. Walk to downtown and schools.  
\$449,000



JUST LISTED

118 ALBATROSS AVE  
LOCATED IN LIVERMORE

Charming single level updated throughout. Wood floors, new carpets, base boards, dual pane windows & a new roof. Kitchen offers stainless steel appliances, & recessed lighting. Master & hall bath are updated. Rear yard offers covered cement patio & grassy area.  
\$365,000

**MOXLEY**  
REAL ESTATE TEAM



**KRIS MOXLEY**  
**TYLER MOXLEY**

925.600.0990  
MOXLEYTEAM.COM

4 GENERATIONS OF  
REAL ESTATE  
SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

**ALAIN PINEL**  
REALTORS

DRE #00790463, 01412130





3 YEARS IN A ROW!



KELLER WILLIAMS  
TRI-VALLEY REALTY

#1 OFFICE  
IN PLEASANTON  
IN VOLUME  
AND SALES

**Pending**

This BMR Livermore home is available now for qualifying buyers (income/family size requirements - City of Livermore approval required). 3 bedroom, 3 bath detached two story family home approximately 1533 square feet built in 2002. A must see! Please call for more information.

**Dennis Gertl**  
Broker Associate DRE # 01317997  
925.426.5010  
www.buytrivalleyhomes.com

**Happy Holidays**

**Melissa Pederson**  
REALTOR® DRE # 01002251  
925.397.4326  
www.melissapederson.com

**Want to sell?**  
Great time to sell —  
inventory is low, multiple offers.  
Call me today!

**Danielle Peel**  
925.998.9692  
DRE #01293873  
salesbydani@gmail.com  
www.DaniellePeel.com

*I go the "extra" mile for you*

**7123 Cedar Mountain Dr**  
South Livermore Wine Country Living — the Vineyard Life You've always Dreamed of! Built in 2010, the property boasts +/-8,400sf of living space, 4 bedrooms/5.5 bathrooms, 9 car garage, located in a gated community at the end of a cul-de-sac with endless vineyard views. Total acreage of 16.84 acres includes 14+ acres of planted Chardonnay grapes. **\$3,899,000**

**Uwe Maercz**  
REALTOR® DRE # 01390383  
925.360.8758  
www.realestatebyuwe.com

**Coming Soon**

**Pleasanton Meadows**  
5 bed/3 bath, 2471 sq. ft. home on 7489 sq. ft. lot. This spacious home features gorgeous hardwood floors, bright kitchen, new paint and carpet, and a large backyard that backs to a green belt. Located in the NE corner of Pleasanton, this home has easy access to BART and 580/680 and is within walking distance to top-rated Fairlands Elementary School. Will be offered in the low \$700's.

**FABULOUS PROPERTIES**  
www.FabulousProperties.net CA Lic#s 01735040, 01713497

**Donna Garrison, REALTOR®**  
925-980-0273  
**Susan Schall, REALTOR®**  
925-519-8226

**PENDING!**

140 Olympic Court  
Nestled in the Hills of San Bruno on a huge 15,379 SqFt lot! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,440 SqFt. Offered at \$485,000

**Mike Chandler**  
DRE#01039712  
925-426-3858  
MikeChandler.kwrealty.com

**Jill Denton**  
DRE#01804876  
925-998-7747  
JillDenton.kwrealty.com

**SOLD!**

**6872 Heath Court, Pleasanton**  
Val Vista single story on cul de sac. 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. 1372+/- square feet. Updated Kitchen with breakfast bar and office nook. Family Room with fireplace. Covered, stamped concrete patio. Walking distance to park and elementary school. Easy freeway access. **Offered at \$499,000**

**DeAnna Armario**  
REALTOR® DRE #01363180  
925.260.2220  
www.armariohomes.com

**Listings Buyers SOLD**  
Thank you for yet another rewarding year in Real Estate. Please call me & use our experience & knowledge to ALSO help you select painters, door repair, carpet cleaners etc. I care about my clients, new prospective buyers, Sellers, investors. My team & I provide at no charge solid service that continues far beyond the sale. Hoping to hear from you soon.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR - Your Real Estate agent for life**  
"Follow the Yellow Brick Road... there's no place like YOUR HOME"

**Dorothy Broderson**  
REALTOR® DRE #01779623  
925.963.8800  
YellowBrickRoadHOMES.com

**Price Reduced**

**3127 Cassia Ct, Pleasanton**  
Highly desirable 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 1536 sq ft single family home. Walking distance to Mohr Elementary School. Sunny kitchen and breakfast combo. Large bedrooms and baths upstairs. 2 car tandem garage. This is a must see home!! Call for a private showing. **Offered at \$612,000**

**Cindy and Gene Williams**  
REALTORS®  
DRE # 01370076 and 00607511  
925.918.2045  
www.williamsteam.net

**MULTIPLE OFFERS AND SOLD IN ONE WEEKEND!**

**4571 Mohr Avenue**  
Gorgeous remodeled home! All the bells and whistles! Just move in! **Offered at \$699,000**

**Gail Boal**  
REALTOR® DRE # 01276455  
925.577.5787  
www.gailboal.com

Simply Elegant in Every Way! There are breathtaking views from this custom estate. 4 BR, 4.5 BA, two dens, a media rm and over 5000 sq. ft. Stunning marble entry, handsome hardwood floors, dramatic iron staircase and handcrafted woodwork throughout. Gourmet granite slab kitchen with two pantries. Master suite with stunning views, dual fireplace, pedestal tub, oversized shower and heated floors. Offered at \$1,690,000  
4 Grey Eagle Court, Pleasanton

**Dave & Sue Flashberger**  
925.463.0436  
www.SoldinaFlash.com

**Happy New Year**

May 2013 bring only the best.

**Ingrid Wetmore, Natalie Kruger & Lisa Sterling-Sanchez**  
Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty  
925.918.0986 | 925.847.5377 | 925.980.9265  
DRE 00923379, 01187582, 01012330

May 2013 fill your homes with the music of laughter, the warmth of friendship, and the love of family.

