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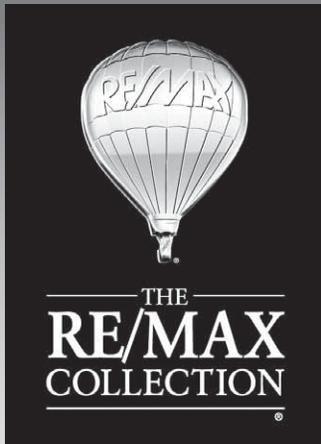
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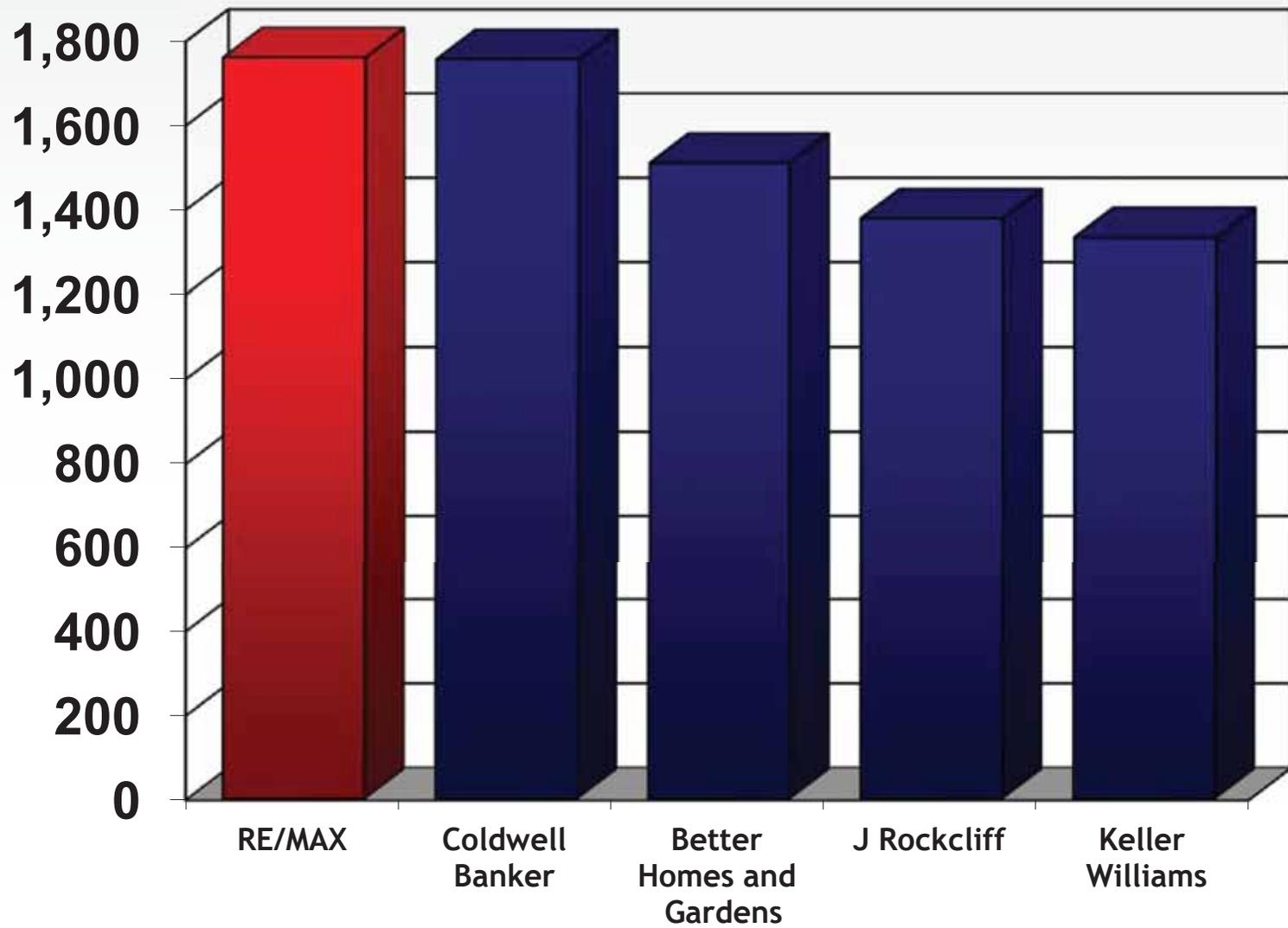
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

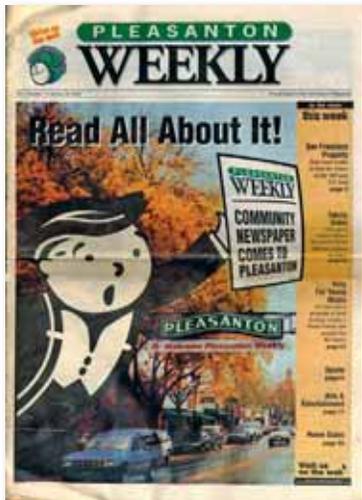
## 677 columns and counting as Weekly turns 14

Next Tuesday marks the 14th anniversary of the Pleasanton Weekly. From local, state and Congressional elections to our non-stop reporting on the decisions and activities of municipal government, education, health care, business, sports and just about every other aspect of community news, we have filled tens of thousands of pages of news and locally-focused advertising columns for our Pleasanton readers and many more who subscribe to our paper in other cities and on college campuses.

I remember back in late 1999 when we were preparing the first edition for launch, the late Bob Thomas, our paper's first president, and I paid a visit to the City Hall office of then-Mayor Ben Tarver, who has since died. We showed the mayor a prototype of that first edition (pictured above) that was scheduled to print on Jan. 28, 2000, and talked about the Weekly's plans to cover Pleasanton. Tarver congratulated us, but then shook his head, saying it would be a short-lived business venture since there was so little news to report in this small suburban city of 50,000 that we would have nothing left to write about within six months.

Today, Pleasanton's population is nearing 72,000, our weekly press run totals more than 14,000 newspapers, delivered every Friday to homes and apartments as well as to newsstands around town, at the BART station and in neighboring cities that quickly empty out every weekend. Contrary to Tarver's prediction, we have more news, sports, business and feature stories to fill our paper each week than space to accommodate them and growing columns of advertising that keep our skilled management team and advertising representatives busy 60 hours a week and sometimes longer. We're also publishing special sections regularly on a wide range of issue-focused topics, from Staying Healthy, Home & Garden, Buying and Selling, Pleasanton Life, gift guides, and more.

Also growing in popularity is our lively and interactive Web site at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com) and its popular Town Square interactive site for readers. Almost anytime, day or night, you can sign on to Town Square to read someone's comments on current topics. Although there have been some indiscretions which we have to manage and sometimes



delete, the vast majority of postings are thoughtful, knowledgeable and sometimes even exclusive news reports that our reporters learn about for the first time along with our readers. When a police SWAT team surrounded a house where its occupant had barricaded himself, it was a neighbor, not the police department, that told us that the man inside was a cop. Check out all of the current comments on Town Square about our former Mayor Ken Mercer, who died Jan. 14, or the frequent postings about the beleaguered former principal at Walnut Grove Elementary School. Regular bloggers on our Web site also provide outside commentary about local and even global issues.

Just as we cover the news, the Pleasanton Weekly and our staff also give back to the community we serve. We're a sponsor of key downtown events, including the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Friday night summertime concerts in the park. Our annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund has raised nearly \$1 million for Pleasanton and Tri-Valley nonprofits since 2002. We're active with veterans' organizations, service clubs, realty groups and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

Our goal as we start our 15th year as your community newspaper hasn't changed from the start. We are committed to providing the most accurate and consistently reliable news coverage and commentaries of interest to all of us who live and work here. We strive to report that news in an objective, unbiased manner. On our Web site, where we will increasingly be including video reports, as well as in our Friday print editions, we will provide local news not available elsewhere in a year that promises to be one of the most exciting Pleasanton has ever seen. Thanks for reading — and watching — us for these 14 wonderful years. Stay tuned. ■

### About the Cover

With the Pleasanton Weekly celebrating its 14-year mark of covering state, regional and Tri-Valley news of interest to our Pleasanton readers, we thought you'd like to see a sampling of our covers over the years. You can see all of these and more by clicking "Previous editions" below the current cover that appears at the bottom of our online edition at [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com). Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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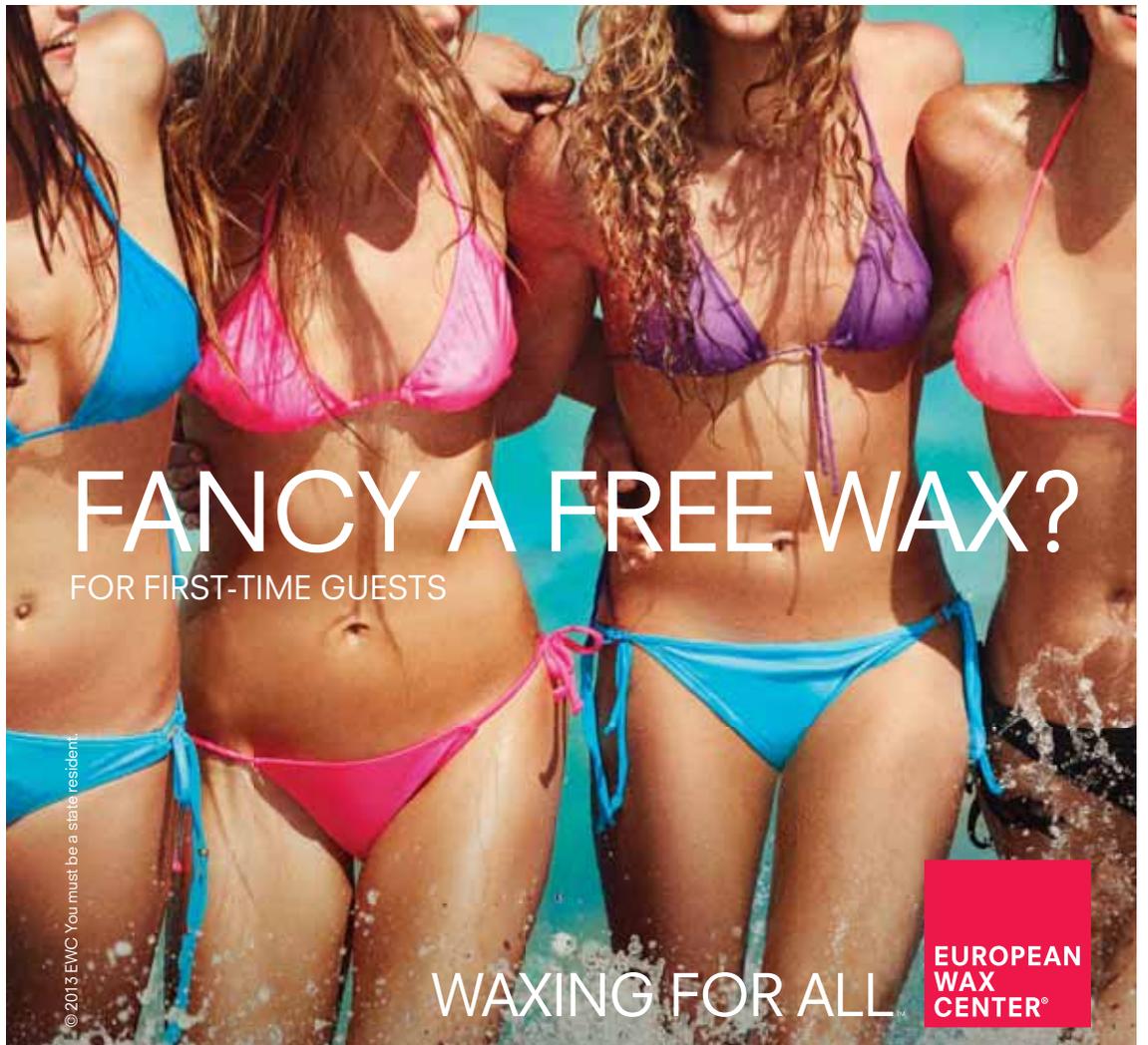
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# Streetwise

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## Why do you enjoy going to the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Saturday mornings?



**Britany Aguilar**  
Elementary school student

I absolutely love the fresh strawberries, and spending the morning with my family. It just gets the weekend off to a really great start.

**Doug Murray**  
IT executive

Nicole and I enjoy walking into town from home to the Farmers Market. Our dogs love the walk, too. It's great exercise for all of us and it feels really terrific to then walk home with all sorts of fresh fruits and vegetables.



**Ben Aguilar**  
VP, healthcare industry

I really enjoy being out and about and bumping into people I know. The atmosphere at the Farmers Market is just so positive and lively, and of course all of the fresh produce is great, too.

**Gay Maestas**  
Retired

There is a Mexican food stand at the Farmers Market that sells wonderful items. I buy things from there almost every week, both for myself and to give as gifts. In fact, I go so often that the people there know me, and give me exactly what I want before I even have to ask.



**Bridgett Aguilar**  
Middle school student

I love being able to see and play with all of the TVAR dogs, cats, kittens and puppies available for adoption at the corner of First Street and East Angela after we've made our way through the Farmers Market.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

**Have a Streetwise question?** Email [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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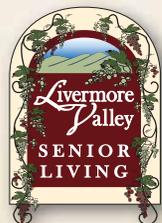
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## DIGEST

### Neighbor busted for burglary

Pleasanton police have arrested a local woman for burglarizing her neighbor's home after the victims spotted her wearing their clothes.

Sormeh Angela Zupan, 39, was arrested for burglary and possession of stolen property Wednesday after police executed a search at her home. The arrest stems from a Dec. 13 residential burglary in the 7750 block of Canyon Meadows Circle in which electronics, tools, clothing and other items were taken.

After the burglary, the residents installed video surveillance equipment outside their home. While reviewing footage on Dec. 31, the residents noticed Zupan walking in front of their residence wearing the stolen pajama pants and slippers from the burglary.

Nearly all of the victims' property was recovered, including home furnishings that Zupan had used to decorate her own home.

### Memorials for Ken Mercer, Karin Mohr

A celebration of life for former Mayor Ken Mercer, who died last week, will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Pleasanton Senior Center. Services for former Councilwoman Karin Mohr, who died Nov. 11, will be held at 2 p.m. the following day, Sunday, also in the Senior Center.

### Time to go native

Registration is open for the annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, taking place this year from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 4. Organizers expect the tour to fill and suggest registering now to reserve a place.

The free tour will include a variety of bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens in Alameda and Contra Costa counties that contain 60% or more native plants. More than 40 garden talks will be scheduled, as well as plant sales and workshops. To celebrate the tour's 10th anniversary, a Music in the Gardens feature has been added with Appalachian dulcimer, lutes, flutes, banjos, guitars, Renaissance and folk music, and the a cappella Berkeley Community Chamber singers.

Register at [www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net). Volunteers are also needed to greet tour participants and answer questions.

### Corrections

The Weekly desires to correct all significant errors. To request a correction, call the editor at (925) 600-0840 or email: [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

## Historic preservation rules get Council's OK

Pleasanton homes built before 1942 are now 'historic'

JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council wrapped up more than two years of public debate Tuesday night by approving a series of changes in policies and regulations to preserve the looks of historic homes in the city's downtown district.

The council accepted most of the recommendations of the seven-member Historic Preservation Task Force that it formed in December 2011. Key among these is deciding that homes in the district built before 1942 will now be considered historic and subject to the new regulations. That date was chosen because architectural styles and home sizes changed significantly during and after World War II, with few homes built in Pleasanton during the war years.

The council also approved hiring a consulting firm to determine which homes in

the district are pre-war homes. Those will be listed in a register that homeowners, prospective buyers, architects and contractors and city staff can use to determine if the homes fall in the "historic" category.

Up to now, owners and buyers who wanted to make significant changes to their homes that would affect their outside appearance had to hire consultants on their own and at considerable expense. The new register will save everyone time and expense, said Brian Dolan, director of Community Development.

The council also accepted the task force's new definition of "demolition," which will require property owners to save the front facade up to a 10-foot depth before rebuilding an historic home. Wooden win-

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JEB BING

Bonnie and Fred Krichbaum's elegant and historic home on Neal Street is one of Pleasanton's prize Victorians. Photo caption for this home in last week's cover story said it belongs to Linda Garbarino, who lives in a nearby, but different Victorian.



JEB BING

### Rotarians raise \$4,400 for wheelchairs for Tulancingo's needy

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton raised \$4,400 last Saturday at its city-wide "yard sale" held in the parking lot at Amador Valley High School. Several hundred turned out for the event, buying most of the items for sale that included housewares, clothing, baby furniture and accessories, a living room sofa, dolls, water skis and even an old camp stove. The funds raised will be used by the Rotary Club to purchase and distribute wheelchairs to people with disabilities in Latin America, including Tulancingo, Pleasanton's sister city.

## Tri-Valley's water outlook better than most, for now

Officials urge conservation; public water meetings set for coming week

BY JEREMY WALSH

With drought concerns at the forefront statewide after the governor's emergency proclamation last week, current water availability doesn't appear as dire locally as in other parts of California, according to Tri-Valley water providers.

"Our supply is in fair condition," said Abby Figueroa, spokeswoman for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which serves Danville and San Ramon. "Despite 2013

being the driest year on record, we started this winter with good storage levels in our reservoirs thanks to heavy rains at the end of 2012."

"We're not at a critical situation like many other water districts are around the state. We have a lot of water in storage, both locally and remotely," said Bert Michalczyk, general manager for the Dublin San Ramon Services District, which serves

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## Officer shot by colleague was 23-year BART veteran

Tom Smith accidentally killed in Dublin probation search

A BART police officer accidentally shot and killed by a fellow officer while conducting a probation search in Dublin Tuesday afternoon was a 23-year veteran of the department.

Officer Tom Smith died at Eden Medical Center shortly after he was shot, leaving behind his wife, who also works in the BART Police Department, and his 6-year-old daughter, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page, a website dedicated to fallen officers.

The shooting occurred just before 2 p.m. at the Park Sierra Apartments at 6450 Dougherty Road, Alameda County sheriff's Sgt. J.D. Nelson said.

Nelson said several officers went there to search an apartment belonging to a suspect in a series of recent robberies on BART property.

The two officers entered the apparently empty apartment and one officer accidentally fired a shot that wounded the other officer, Nelson said.

Nelson said he assumes that the officers had their guns drawn as they entered the apartment but that the details of how or why the officer's gun went off remain unclear.

The suspect was not at home at the time of the shooting.

Smith's Facebook page contains a number of photos of him with his young daughter, including a 2011 photo of the two of them with his K-9 partner "Boris."

"Last picture of Boris, my beautiful daughter and me. He was a great dog and even better partner," Smith wrote in the caption.

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Tom Smith

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## Hundreds turn out for Make a Difference Day

Theme was 'Get Connected, Stay Connected'

By JEB BING

More than 600 turned out last Saturday for the city's annual "Make a Difference Day" at the Pleasanton Library.

Sponsored by the Community of Character Coalition and Accusplit, the focus was on community service and volunteerism.

Exhibitors showed how their organizations give service and how others may also participate in giving back. The theme was "Get Connected, Stay Connected through Community Involvement."

Comments made to event coordinator Ken Mano included:

"In comparison with the last one at the Pleasanton Senior Center where we seemed to have more space, we didn't get the library 'traffic' then that we did this time, so that was a plus." - Carolyn Ainsworth of the Assistance League of Amador Valley.

"We met many wonderful people who showed interest in the Garden Club and our various projects." - Nancy Harrington of the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club.

"It was a fantastic event. So many people attended and came through. It was positive and very rewarding." — Heather Rizzoli, Community of Character.

"It was a wonderful day and

a great way to gain exposure for our Foundation since most of the people we spoke with did not know about us or what we do. It was also timely in that we were able to promote our largest fundraiser of the year, Ragin Cajun to those who stopped by." Tina Onderbeke, Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation.

"Thank you so much for an excellently run event." - Anne Sanderson, EF Foundation for Foreign Study.

"This was Relay for Life's first time attending the event. We are very happy with the turnout, agree it was very crowded but we do not feel this hindered in any way our ability to speak to people. Can't wait for next year!" - Lisa Brown, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

"What a great group of folks you all are, working toward the benefit of your community. You are quite a model for others to follow." - Joanne Remillard, executive vice president, eScrip.

"The Alviso Adobe Community Park table was busy the entire time with very interested and engaged community members. Thank you for helping us to make these connections." - Maureen Morley, Alviso Adobe Community Park.

"This event was a 'home run!' We made many connections and signed up 23 volunteers including some potential Axis Foundation Board members." - Kitty Harvey, Axis Community Health.

Over 30 of the leading non-profit groups in the city participated, including Accusplit, Alameda County CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates), AV Athletic Boosters, Amador Valley Quilters, Alviso Adobe Community Park, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, American Red Cross and the Assistance League of Amador Valley.

Also participating with representatives and information booths at the event were Blankets for Kids, Boy Scouts of America, Bundles of Joy, City Serve of the Tri-Valley, eScrip, Hope Hospice, JustServe.org, Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club, Museum on Main, National Charity League, Open Heart Kitchen and the Pleasanton Library.

Other participants were the Community of Character organization, Lions Club, Pleasanton Military Families, Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Rotary Club of Pleasanton North, Pleasanton Police Department, Senior Support of the Tri-Valley, Special Olympics, Tri-Valley Youth Court, Valley Humane Society and the Tri-Valley YMCA. ■



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## Pleasanton man killed by commuter train

One of 2 men struck by Caltrain express in Santa Clara

By JEREMY WALSH

A Pleasanton man was killed after being struck by a train at the Santa Clara Caltrain station Monday evening.

Philip Scholz, 35, was described by a Pleasanton friend as "a really nice, fun, upbeat, lively guy with lots of friends and family, including his wife Emily."

Scholz was one of two men hit by a northbound express train

around 5:45 p.m. Monday, according to Caltrain officials. The second man was injured, but authorities have not released an update on his condition.

Investigators are still working to determine why the men were on the tracks when the train approached, according to a Santa Clara County Coroner's Office spokesperson. ■

## COUNCIL

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dows and cedar shake roofs, common on many pre-war homes, can be replaced with contemporary materials, including double-pane glass, just so the finished appearance is almost the same. Even solar panels and metallic materials can be used on roofs, again just so they do not change the street appearance of an historic home.

"We're not building 100-year-old homes anymore and it's important that the ones that we have should be saved," said City Manager Nelson Fialho.

The ordinance would affect only residential areas in the Downtown

Specific Plan, not businesses or commercially-zoned properties. That area extends from Third Street on the east to the Alameda County Fairgrounds on the west, and from Bernal Avenue on the south to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and Old Stanley Boulevard to the north. ■

## OFFICER

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Friends commented on the photo, offering condolences for the dog's passing.

In several photos, Smith is wearing New York Yankees or Oakland Athletics baseball caps, and his profile picture is of his daughter hugging Oakland A's mascot Stomper.

A number of Smith's Facebook friends have changed their profile pictures to a blue line across a black background to symbolize the loss.

Dublin police are investigating the shooting. The city of Dublin contracts with the sheriff's office for police services.

BART Police Chief Kenton Rainey and General Manager Grace Crunican said in a statement, "The entire BART organization is deeply saddened by this tragic event and we ask the public to keep the officer's family in its thoughts and prayers."

Rainey said that he and Crunican visited with the officer's family after the shooting to offer condolences and support.

The shooting marks the first death of a BART police officer in the agency's history. ■

—Melissa McRobbie, Jeff Shuttworth, Sasha Lekach, Bay City News.

## July 4 fireworks could be returning to Tri-Valley

San Ramon considering new site to resume pyrotechnical display

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Are fireworks coming back to the Tri-Valley? It's too soon to say for sure, but the city of San Ramon is taking the first steps toward restoring the show.

The pyrotechnics were canceled two years ago after concerns about costs and safety. Scott Holder, police chief at the time, estimated it would cost \$318,000 to do the show right, with adequate staffing that would include everything from improved traffic control to better trash collection.

Holder told the San Ramon City Council last week that the Independence Day celebration in 2011 left the city in gridlock from 8-11 p.m., with emergency vehicles unable to respond to calls. Central Park on Bollinger Canyon Road at Alcosta Boulevard, the previous location of the show, was left in a sea of debris, with trash cans overflowing and litter everywhere.

Since the problems in 2011, San

Ramon has held a scaled-down July 4 event dubbed Celebrate America that featured a band and the city's all-volunteer symphonic band performing patriotic music. The event has drawn about 2,000 people, a far cry from the 30,000 that turned out for the last fireworks show.

Now, after two years and multiple public input sessions, the San Ramon Parks & Community Services Commission scheduled two public meetings on potential new locations for the fireworks. An evening meeting was held Jan. 15, and a daytime meeting will be at 10 a.m. Feb. 1, at Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road.

A team of police, San Ramon Valley firefighters and workers from the city's Engineering Services, Public Services, Parks and Community Services was formed to research alternate locations, with help from a pyrotechnics expert.

The team was asked to evaluate potential new sites, looking at safe-

ty, public access, traffic control and road closures, emergency access and crowd control. It was also asked to consider property rights and regulatory restrictions, how well fireworks could be seen from different locations, and the maximum height, shell sizes and drop areas.

A current proposal is to use Old Ranch Park in San Ramon as a place to shoot off the fireworks, but not as a place to watch them. The park would be secured, allowing access only to the technicians, police and firefighters.

The team concluded that would be the place where the aerial displays could be best seen from both sides of the city; it also noted that Old Ranch Road can be closed from the east and west during the fireworks, which would minimize its impact on traffic.

San Ramon city officials have said in the past that they'd favor bringing back the shows if they could be done safely and inexpensively. ■

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### Lovely heritage home

The annual Pleasanton Architectural Heritage Award went last month to Gerry and Kathy Machi for the renovation of their folk Queen Anne Victorian at 1015 Rose Ave., near the Alameda County Fairgrounds and racetrack. The Machi family purchased the home in March 2012 and completed the restoration, which included re-situating the 1890 house on the lot, last June. Above, PHA board members George Garbarino (left) and Brian Bourg place the Heritage Award plaque onto the Machi home.

### WATER

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Dublin and Dougherty Valley.

The DSRSD — like the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore — purchases drinking water wholesale from the Zone 7 Water Agency, a California State Water Project contractor.

Zone 7 officials said it appears likely that water allocated from the state to the Livermore-Amador Valley will be “severely limited,” so supplies saved from previous years will be key in 2014.

“Due to decades of local investments in local infrastructure, Zone 7 has been able to bank water in wet years underground. However, this is the third dry year and those supplies are not limitless,” Zone 7 reps said in a statement.

Pleasanton’s water department receives about 80 percent of its water supply from Zone 7, with the remainder coming from groundwater wells in the city.

“The next six to eight weeks are important and will shape what happens later this summer if we

do not receive more snow and rain in California,” said Daniel Smith, the city’s director of operations services.

State water officials report California rivers and reservoirs are lower than any other time on record, and recent measurements indicate snowpack levels are about 20 percent of the normal average.

Those data, in part, prompted Gov. Jerry Brown to proclaim a drought state of emergency last Friday.

“We can’t make it rain, but we can be much better prepared for the terrible consequences that California’s drought now threatens, including dramatically less water for our farms and communities and increased fires in both urban and rural areas,” the governor said.

With the move, Brown ordered state agencies to use less water, called for the hiring of more firefighters and directed state officials to help farmers and communities facing serious water shortages.

He also urged all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent. And Pleasanton is reaffirming the governor’s call.

“We are asking all residents and businesses, including government facilities, to voluntarily reduce water by a minimum of 20 percent, and more if possible. That will help us later this summer if it continues to be this dry,” Smith said.

All Tri-Valley water-service providers are advocating water conservation — something they preach year-round regardless of weather, but even more so during dry spells.

“A drop of water saved in the wintertime helps keep that water in storage in the summertime,” Michalczyk said.

He also pointed out that the wet season could “turn around on a dime” if several significant storms arrive. “I continue to watch the winter skies,” he added, later joking, “And I keep Googling looking for a good rain dance out there, but I haven’t found one yet.”

Two upcoming public meetings will address local water-supply issues.

The Zone 7 Board of Directors is holding a special meeting to discuss drought implications on Wednesday (Jan. 29) at 7 p.m. at 100 N. Canyons Pkwy. in Livermore. The directors are set to talk about current water conditions and strategies for handling limited water imports.

The following night, California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird is scheduled to present at a public workshop in Dublin on the draft California Water Action Plan — a 20-page document developed by three state agencies to guide short-term state actions related to California’s water resources.

The event is set to begin Thursday (Jan. 30) at 6 p.m. inside Dublin City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Plaza. The draft plan can be accessed online at [www.resources.ca.gov/california\\_water\\_action\\_plan/](http://www.resources.ca.gov/california_water_action_plan/). ■



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## Tributes to former Mayor Ken Mercer

*A memorial service for former Mayor Ken Mercer will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Mr. Mercer died Jan. 14 at the age of 71. Scores of messages have been sent to the Pleasanton Weekly in praise of the former mayor, who served our community as a City Councilman and Mayor for 16 years. We printed many last week; here are more:*

### Deborah Acosta McKeehan, City Manager 1990-2005:

If you are like me, you love Pleasanton. It is a community with beautiful friendly neighborhoods, Fortune 500 companies and a quaint downtown. There are many people who have contributed over decades to Pleasanton's success as a premier place to live and work. Some of those individuals were elected and some were city employees, but Ken Mercer stands tall among the group.

Ken Mercer was elected to the City Council and to the position of Mayor but he was not a politician. He did not make decisions by considering how many people would vote for him if he supported an idea. He instead considered the facts and always did what he thought was best for the community and the region regardless of what the personal impact might be to him. He did however, encourage debate and even appointed those who did not share his views to committees and task forces. He always told the truth and got his points across with details and humor.

In an era when others would have shied away from hiring the city's first woman City Manager Ken took it on with grace and conviction once he and the City Council believed they had found the best candidate. I'm glad I had the opportunity to work for and with him. For that I will be forever grateful. He provided me the opportunity to serve this community for fifteen years and it is one of the highlights of my life. He let me lead without interference but only provided his input when he thought it appropriate. I personally will miss Ken deeply. He will remain forever one of the icons in Pleasanton history.

### Robert W. Byrd:

I'm truly saddened by the passing of former Pleasanton Mayor Ken Mercer. Most Pleasanton citizens today didn't even live in Pleasanton during Ken's 16 years of public service (1976-1992), but those who did know that Ken's accomplishments are the major reasons why we all live in and love Pleasanton today. Many politicians use words like visionary to describe themselves only to have those words ring hollow once elected. Ken used deeds rather than words and will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

### Scott Raty, President/CEO, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce:

Ken Mercer is atop my list of city leaders who have had the most profound positive impact on Pleas-

anton as we know it today. He embraced the responsibility of leadership, loved a challenge, always did his homework, and in a fair and balanced manner acted in the best interest of the total community. He knew firsthand how important a vibrant business community and strong local economy were to our quality of life.

As a young Council member in the late 70s Ken participated in very tough decisions to cut city staff and turn off street lights to prevent the city from going broke; hard to imagine today, but true. In the years that followed, Ken was instrumental with development of Stoneridge Mall, Hacienda and other business parks, helping to create jobs and a healthy, diverse tax base. In fact, Ken was at the helm when Pleasanton voters were asked to plow surplus tax revenue back into the community rather than take refunds. With overwhelming support from the community, Pleasanton Middle School, its double gymnasium, the one just like it at Harvest Park Middle School, the Pleasanton Library and the Valley Avenue undercrossing were built with those surplus tax dollars.

Ken's business savvy, passion for Pleasanton and tireless work ethic throughout the 80s and early 90s helped transform Pleasanton into one of the most desirable places in the country in which to live, work and raise a family. After stepping away from elected office in 1992 he continued to serve in volunteer leadership capacities for the Chamber of Commerce, Tulancingo Sister City Association, GASIT, and countless fundraisers, especially those that gave him the chance to flip burgers or steaks on the Lickety Spit BBQ. It's hard to imagine Pleasanton without Ken, I will forever be grateful for his friendship and profound positive impact.

### Former Mayor Tom Pico:

Ken and I disagreed on a number of issues regarding the growth that Pleasanton was experiencing in the 1990s. I ran against him twice for public office and he beat me both times. He was the major power in Pleasanton politics for the 16 years that he held elected office, with the city undergoing a major metamorphosis from a sleepy small town to a major retail, employment and housing center. We can thank him for helping create the strong economic base that allows us to have and maintain the quality of life that we enjoy today. One of his qualities I most admired was his willingness to appoint political opponents to committees and commissions, with his appointment of Ben Tarver to the Planning Commission and myself to the Redevelopment Committee being the most notable. Among his major accomplishments was the building of the Senior Center and the new Library building that will serve us well into the future.

### Former Mayor Bob Philcox:

I was Mayor when Ken was elect-

ed to City Council and he quickly became a significant asset to the group. As a young man he had cut his teeth in politics as an aide to Assemblyman Carlos Bee and he approached his work as a Councilman with great passion. We worked together on Stoneridge Mall and Hacienda Business Park and his efforts in bringing those projects to fruition were exemplary. He had many attributes that made him successful. He was determined, tenacious and dedicated. He became an energetic force in bringing business to Pleasanton while representing the people as well.

He cared about everyone and all the neighborhoods and became Mr. Pleasanton. He was well respected in our Tri-Valley by the other elected officials and always put Pleasanton first on any negotiations, of which there were many. In his 16 years of leadership, he helped make Pleasanton the Star in the Bay Area's crown. It was indeed a pleasure to work with him and to become a close friend. He approached his personal life in the same manner and was a valuable employee to whomever he worked for.

**Brad Hirst, Equity Enterprises:** Ken was a True ALL-STAR. He made Pleasanton a better place to

live, work and do business. More importantly, he made everyone around him a better person. He was obviously a very skilled and competent leader of people. Ken was the most organized person I ever met. He was a master delegator. He knew change was inevitable. He embraced it and made it work well for the entire community. Of all his accomplishments he most cherished was the Youth Sports Park.

Ken was truly a caring and generous person to everyone. No matter if you were a state official, CEO, food service worker, or floor assistant at ClubSport, he was Ken and all were treated with respect. Obviously he will be greatly missed. The challenge to all of us is to continue his legacy of generosity, consideration and vision. Most important to Ken was his love of family, especially his grandchildren.

### Chris Miller, Pleasanton Military Families:

I knew recently that he had cancer in many places in his body and when I talked with him he was hopeful that the radiation treatment that he was going to go through would be successful, but that was not to be. He was perhaps the greatest Mayor that Pleasanton has ever had. ■



### Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee

Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd

- P13-2059 and PUD-01-16M, Proposed Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Amendment and Planned Unit Development Major Modification to PUD-01
- Arroyo Mocho Trail Wayfinding Signage at Stoneridge Drive Bridge at Trevor Parkway
- Draft 2014 Bikeways & Trails Map
- Trails Project Status Report

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### Commission Vacancies Recruitment

The City Council is accepting applications for the following Commission Vacancies:

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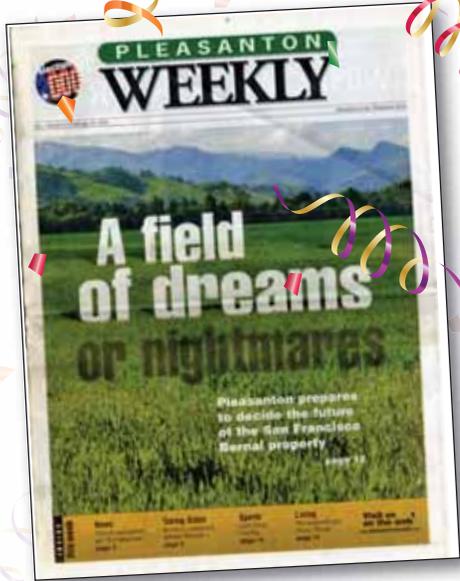
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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, please visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar)

# Happy Birthday!

## Pleasanton Weekly turns 14

By JEB BING

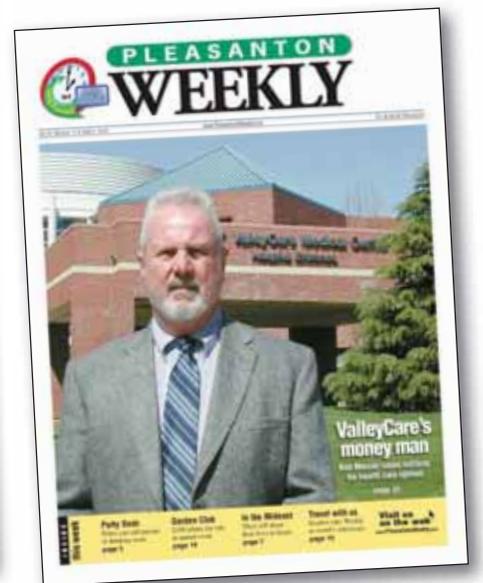


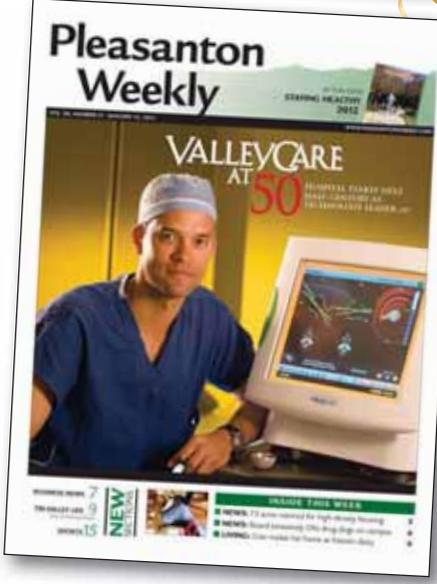
Next Tuesday the Pleasanton Weekly celebrates the 14-year mark of covering state, regional and Tri-Valley news of interest to our Pleasanton readers as well as thorough, on-the-scene reporting of our town's politics, city government, schools, businesses, nonprofits and community organizations.

From Eagle Scout awards, to military homecomings, to long City Council, school board and planning commission meetings, to controversial development projects, to mayoral elections and ballot measures, to local athletes making headlines on the national scale, we've immersed ourselves in everything that makes this city tick.

At its core, the newspaper hasn't changed dramatically over the past 14 years, offering in tabloid style the best in regional and local advertising along with the Around Pleasanton column, Newsfront, Streetwise, Opinion, Community Pulse, Transitions, Living, Sports, Business, Calendar, Fogster Classifieds and Real Estate.

We thought you'd enjoy seeing a sampling of some of our covers over the past 14 years. ■





# POLICE BULLETIN

## Macy's reports embezzlements of more than \$30k

Three separate embezzlements totaling nearly \$32,000 were reported in recent days at Macy's Women's in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, according to police reports.

In one, reported at about 5:26 p.m. Jan. 18, an employee wrote nine bad checks worth \$33,740 and applied them to her prepaid Macy's credit card, then made 17 transactions for a total of about \$29,000 in charges. The woman was fired without arrest, although the case has been sent to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for possible felony forgery and embezzlement charges.

In another case reported at about 7:36 p.m. the same day, Macy's Women's reported a \$463 embezzlement though fraudulent returns in which merchandise was credited to an account without a purchase.

Police are also investigating an embezzlement reported at the same location at about 1:19 p.m. Jan. 16. There, an employee stole seven sunglasses worth about \$1,500 and made false returns for a credit of about \$700.

A misdemeanor arrest for the embezzlement of about \$400 from Home Depot in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive took place at about 6:45 p.m. Jan. 14.

### In other police reports:

- A traffic stop led to a count of prostitution for Brandi Michelle Edge, 31, of Sacramento. Edge was stopped near the Hyatt House after police watched her speed through the parking lot near pedestrians. The officer smelled marijuana and searched the car, where they found notes and a cellphone with messages, information and terminology commonly as-

sociated with prostitution.

- Suzanna Orozco, 32, of Bakersfield was arrested at about 2:41 a.m. Jan. 20 for auto theft after a traffic stop for a broken tail light. A check turned up the vehicle, a GMC Yukon, had been stolen from Fresno County. Jose Antonio Garza, 42, of Pixley, a passenger, was arrested at the same time for paraphernalia possession.

- Kay Jewelers in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road reported a fraud in which six pieces of jewelry — bracelets, a necklace and a watch — worth a total of about \$7,290 were taken in December through an account opened under a fraudulent account made after the identity theft of an Oakland resident. The fraud was reported at about 11:10 a.m. Jan. 16.

- An unknown amount of copper wire was reported stolen in a commercial burglary from Neuron Enterprises, the owner of the former Clorox Building in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive. The building is being demolished and there was no sign of forced entry, although contractors may have left the site unlocked.

- A MacBook Pro valued at \$2,050 was reported stolen in a residential burglary at a home in the 600 block of St. John Street. The report was filed at about 7:32 p.m. Jan. 14, although the computer was missing since November. There was no sign of forced entry.

- iPads were the hot commodity for thieves across Pleasanton recently, with four stolen from businesses in less than a week.

City Golf in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road reported an \$800 iPad stolen from the store sometime around 4:45 p.m. Jan. 16. On Jan. 17, Oracle, in the 5800 block of Owens Drive, reported a iPad with an unlisted value had been stolen from its offices between 9 and 11 a.m., and on Jan. 20 at about 2:24 p.m., T-Mobile in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road reported at theft of two iPads worth \$600.

- Two \$400 iPads were also stolen, along with two laptops worth \$1,000 apiece and miscellaneous other items, in an auto burglary in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road sometime between 6 p.m. and 8:20 p.m. Jan. 16. A window on the vehicle was broken to gain access.

- A resident of the 5200 block of Crestline Way reported a loss of \$1,271 after receiving a letter from a bank notifying him of a late payment, although he had no account at the bank. The fraud was reported at about 11:11 a.m. Jan. 16.

- Anthony Scott Brown, 34, a transient, was arrested for felony burglary at about 4:11 p.m. Jan. 15 near the intersection of Hacienda and Owens drives in connection with a bicycle theft at 3:35 p.m. at Walmart in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive. Brown was also arrested for probation violation.

- Nicholas Sebastian Rodriguez, 21, of Redwood City was arrested for felony burglary at about 4 p.m. Jan. 17 at Nordstrom, in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road. The stores security staff recovered a shirt and jeans worth about \$200.

- A garage door was pried open and a \$500 bicycle was taken in a residential burglary at a home in the 1400 block of East Gate Way between 6 p.m. Jan. 17 and 10 a.m. Jan. 18.

- A \$200 snowboard and \$100 snowboard boots were reported stolen from a storage closet in the carport of a home in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive. There was no evidence of forced entry in the theft, reported at about 7:32 a.m. Jan. 21.

- A resident of the 2700 block of Camino Segura reported at about 9:33 a.m. Jan. 18 that someone had opened a Target card in Sacramento using his information. There was no loss.

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Jan. 14

#### Theft

- 4:20 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Auto burglary

- 9:05 a.m. in the 4500 block of Denker Drive
- 7:24 p.m. in the 5500 block of San Antonio St

### Jan. 15

#### Auto burglary

- 11:35 p.m. in the 5600 block of Gibraltar Dr

#### Possession of marijuana while driving

- 1:28 a.m. at the intersection of Menlo Court and Holland Drive

### Jan. 16

#### Drug violation

- 8:18 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; possession of methamphetamine, paraphernalia

### Jan. 17

#### Drug/alcohol violation

- 9:25 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; undisclosed drug arrest

### Jan. 19

#### Auto burglary

- 10:54 a.m. in the 1400 block of Oak Vista Way
- 11:35 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- 1:50 p.m. in the 1400 block of Oak Vista Way

### Jan. 20

#### Auto burglary

- 2:51 p.m. in the 5400 block of San Juan Way

#### Vehicle tampering

- 9:29 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive



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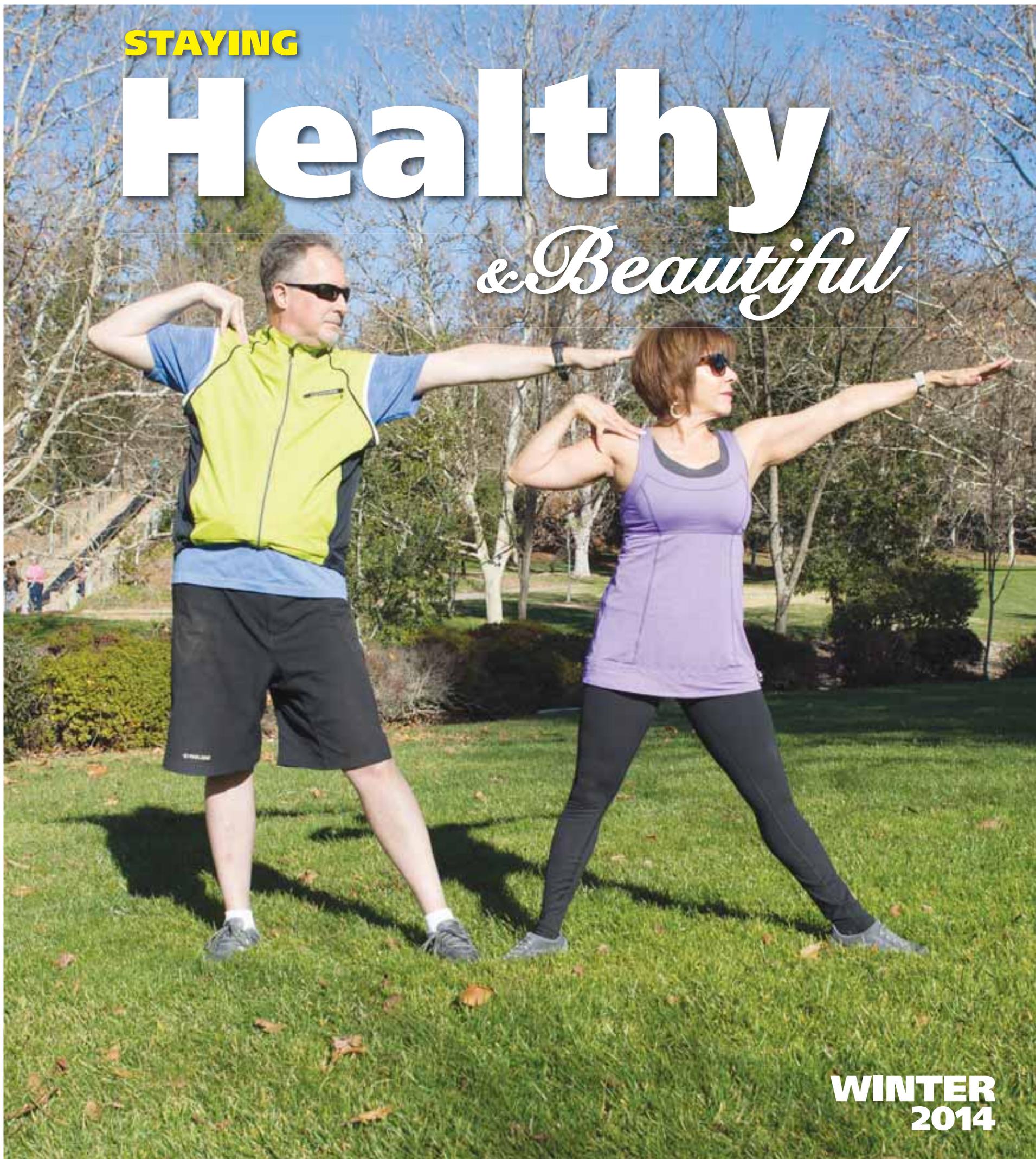
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## Five tips for healthy weight loss

*Right food plus exercise make for a healthy lifestyle*

**BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

We are well into the new year — how is that resolution coming along to get fit?

The best way to shed pounds is with exercise and a diet that includes key power foods. Studies show that milk can help dieters get leaner, according to the California Milk Processor Board (CMPB), the creator of the 'got milk?' campaign.

The milk board has teamed up with fitness blogger Carmen Melgoza, a trainer and social media guru, to provide free online fitness and nutrition tips to help Californians meet their New Year's health resolutions.

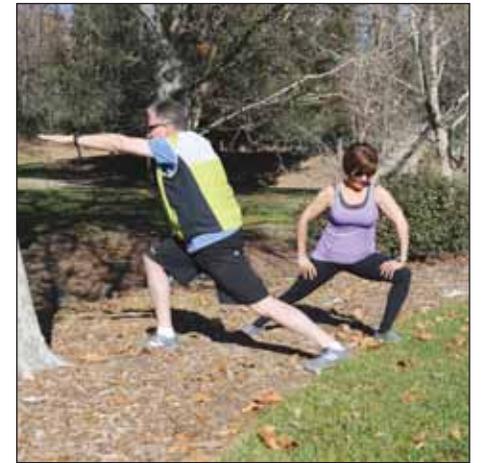
"It's about lifestyle change that begins with the right foods and exercises," said Melgoza.

"Milk is a key part of my day," she added. "It helps me stay full longer when controlling my portion sizes and it gives me all the protein I need for a good workout."

Nonfat milk is Melgoza's favorite drink after her daily workout, she said, noting that at just 90 calories per glass, it contains nine essential nutrients, protein, calcium and vitamin D.

Melgoza outlined these five tips for a healthy new year:

1. Start small. Kick off your day with a well-balanced breakfast. Skipping meals slows down your metabolism while a 15-minute workout three times a week can boost your results. Some little steps are to take the



MIKE SEDLAK

Tom and Shala Napier are following two fitness tips at Mission Park: exercising with a buddy and going outdoors for their workout.

stairs at work or park your car further away at the mall.

2. Include — not exclude. The more variety you include on your plate, the more likely you are to get the vitamins and nutrients your body needs. Try incorporating more fruits, vegetables, low-fat milk and dairy products, lean proteins such as salmon and chicken breast and whole grains like brown



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rice in your meals as much as possible.

3. Break it up. Eat smaller portions three times a day and incorporate snacks to curb hunger. Add a glass of low or nonfat milk to keep you feeling full longer when cutting back on portion sizes.

4. Buddy up. Whether exercising or dieting, a support system will ensure you pass on the dessert and keep you from canceling your exercise plans. Keep a journal and have your buddy check it.

5. Take your gym outdoors. You can exercise anywhere, like the park. It's an ideal place for a run, a bike ride or a brisk walk. For those who prefer exercising at home, try an online yoga class.

A recent study in the International Journal of Obesity showed that people who were dieting and consumed more dairy, like nonfat milk, lost more weight as compared to dieters who didn't. Increased milk and dairy consumption in dieters also led to increased lean muscle, reduced body fat and more inches lost around their waistline.

For more info on nutrition and fitness or to access free recipes and Melgoza's healthy lifestyle tips, visit [www.gotmilk.com](http://www.gotmilk.com). Tweet about your experience using #gotmilkfitclub and follow on Twitter @GotMilk. ■

## Healthy recipes

### Banana Breakfast Shake (serves two)

- 1 medium banana, sliced
- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 3/4 C fat-free vanilla yogurt
- 1/4 C pineapple juice
- 1/2 T honey

Combine milk, bananas, vanilla yogurt, pineapple juice and honey in a blender until smooth. Serve in a tall glass.

### Silky Rich Flan

- 2 C milk
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 C sugar

Place sugar in a heavy saucepan over medium heat and constantly stir until melted and turned a golden amber color, about 8-10 minutes. Carefully pour the melted sugar into a baking mold. Let caramel cool.

In a blender mix the milk with the eggs. Pour this mixture into the baking dish with the cooled caramel and cover with foil.

Place baking dish in a larger pan and add boiling water to the larger pan. Bake for 45 minutes at 375 degrees. Let flan cool completely before unmolding.



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# Decoding nutrition labels

*Be an informed consumer at the supermarket*

Take a trip to the grocery store and you'll encounter miles of aisles stocked with thousands of food products. Every product has a story to tell or better yet, sell. Information printed on packages is helpful but it's often confusing and even a bit misleading.

While lists of ingredients and the Nutrition Facts panel are there to help shoppers choose foods to fit their nutritional needs, it's not always easy to interpret. Learning how to decode the jumble of numbers and percentages is the first step in shopping for healthier foods.

"The best guide for making decisions affecting your diet is the Nutrition Facts panel, which is regulated by the FDA and for meats and poultry by the USDA," said Carolyn O'Neil, registered dietitian and nutrition advisor for BestFoodFacts.org. "The Nutrition Facts panel lists all of the important specs, such as calories, fats, sodium, fiber, sugar and several key vitamins and minerals."

**Nutrition label 101:**

Here are some of O'Neil's tips on understanding nutrition labels, so you can be a more informed consumer and make healthier decisions for your family.

- Trust health claims: The FDA closely monitors the use of health claims on food packaging. So, if you see wording such as "heart healthy," you can be confident the company had to meet nutrition criteria set by the FDA.
- Always note serving sizes. While a food or beverage may seem like a good nutritional fit, the first thing to notice should always be the serving size. Watch out because if you



read that a serving contains 100 calories, for instance, that may be for 8 ounces of a juice beverage and the container may hold 16 ounces.

- Be aware of unhealthy contents. If looking to limit fat, sodium and sugar, pay close attention to these call outs on the label. Some foods might deliver more than your daily limit for sodium. Remember that trans fat should be avoided completely.
- Look for the good stuff. A healthy diet

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# Pregnant? Eat peanuts to avoid allergy in child

*Nuts are good for you — and probably the baby*

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

These days we are all aware that some people, including children, have allergic reactions to peanuts and tree nuts. The reactions can be mild but they also can be life-threatening. That's why peanut packets come with warnings.

Typically peanut allergies are noted first in childhood, when a boy or girl first eats a peanut or peanut product. A new study states that 1.4% of children in the United States currently have a peanut allergy, and that peanut allergies have tripled in American children between 1997 and 2010.

The study, published in JAMA Pediatrics, suggests pregnant women who eat more nuts and legumes during their pregnancies lower the chance that their children will develop an allergy to them.

"Our study supports the hypothesis that early allergen exposure increases tolerance and lowers risk of childhood food allergy," it concluded.

The study, led by Dr. A. Lindsay Frazier, analyzed children born to mothers who had reported details of their diet during, before or after their pregnancy. There were 8,205 children in the study, 308 of whom had



food allergies, with 140 cases of peanut/tree nut allergies.

Those whose mothers consumed the highest amount of peanuts or tree nuts — five times a week or more — had the lowest risk of developing an allergy to them. This goes along with the theory that exposure to allergens makes a person more tolerant of them.

The study leads to the conclusion that pregnant women should not avoid nuts, unless they are allergic to them; they are a good source of protein and also provide folic acid. ■

## LABELS

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consists of vitamins and nutrients, which nutrition labels also spell out. Go for foods that are good sources of the good guys — dietary fiber, vitamins A and C, calcium, iron and potassium.

• Don't be fooled by healthy looks: While package design may illustrate people engag-

ing in healthful activities, pretty farm scenes and adorned with "healthy" words, note that the FDA does not regulate the use of creative brand names. As always, it is the Nutrition Facts label where a consumer can see what's really inside.

Prepared with nutrition label know-how, shoppers can put this valuable information to work to make food shopping easier on the next trip to supermarket.

— Family Features

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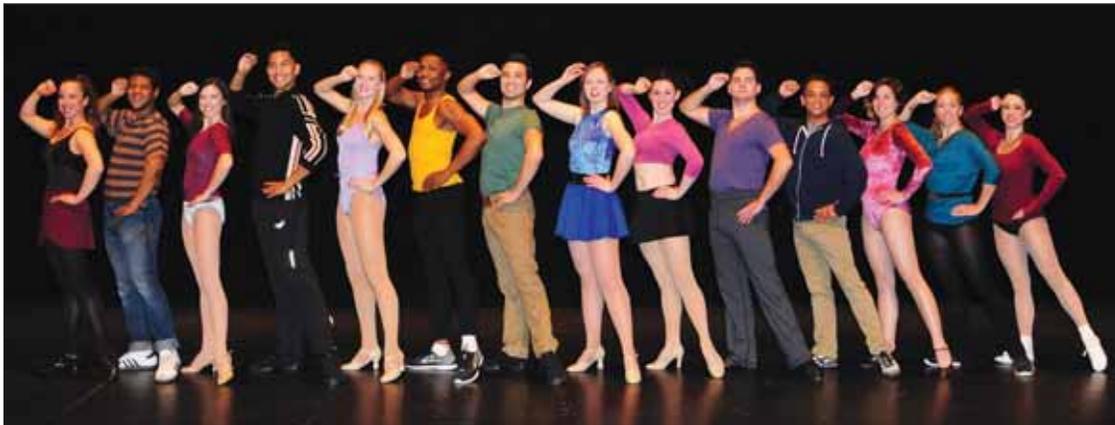
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VALLEY — MUSIC, THEATER, ART, MOVIES AND MORE



TRI-VALLEY REPERTORY THEATRE

"A Chorus Line" is a musical about 17 dancers auditioning for a Broadway show.

## Broadway star to shine in 'A Chorus Line'

Production opens tonight at Firehouse Arts Center

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A five-six-seven-eight! Pacific Repertory Theatre opens its production of "A Chorus Line" tonight at the Firehouse Arts Center, the musical centered around 17 dancers as they audition for a Broadway show. Their poignant tales unfold, one being that of Cassie, an aging star returning to New York after pursuing an acting career in California.

Cassie is being played by Broadway and television actress Meredith Patterson, who grew up in Pleasant Hill. She was a dance protégé of Lois Grandi, the director and choreographer of this and other Pacific Repertory productions, including "Chicago."

"She taught me ballet from the time I was 7 years old," Patterson recalled last week. "I had many other dance teachers but she was the reason I got to New York and was ready and disciplined and able to dance on Broadway."

Patterson credits Grandi with changing her focus from classic ballet to Broadway when she cast her in a Concord City Arts production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella."

"I had taken tap class and jazz but was on a ballet focus," Patterson said. "I didn't know that much about Broadway except watching the Tony awards. She cast me in 'Cinderella' and everything solidified — this is what I wanted to do."

After graduating from College Park High, Patterson traveled to the Big Apple where she'd been accepted into the American Musical and Dramatic Academy.

"I went to school for 15 months. It wasn't a true college," Patterson remembered. "I was 'ignorance on fire!' I just wanted to go to New York and dance. My parents said, 'Wait — you can't just get off the bus with a suitcase.' But I didn't want to waste time in college."

Patterson also auditioned at Steps Dance Studio, which is known for

its rigorous training and its access to people in the industry.

"I was insane," she said with a laugh. "I would go to school all day, then go to Steps and dance all night. I graduated and five days later got my first job."

"I went on two national tours," she continued. "It took me about seven years to get to my first Broadway show. But I was 24, still pretty young."

"I was very lucky early on but I worked extremely hard. And Lois mentored me. She worked with me on my audition. I ended up doing a couple of shows with her at Concord City Arts but haven't done anything since."

Patterson just finished a national tour of "White Christmas" and made sure to work her schedule so she could perform in "A Chorus Line."

"It's such a great show, and it's such a great role," she said, noting that although she'd auditioned to play Cassie years before, she was too young. Now, at 38, it's a perfect fit.

Last year Patterson moved from New York to Los Angeles, where she was doing more acting, leaving the aggressive dancing to the younger generation.

"I wanted to move back to my home state. I'd just had a baby (Maxwell, who will be 2 in June) and I wanted more of a suburban life," she said.

"I'm staying with my parents while doing the show," she added. "It's very nostalgic."

The cast includes other professionals from the Bay Area. Lauren Bratton-Kearns, who grew up in Pleasanton, is returning from New York to play Val, the sassy gal who belts out "Dance 10, Looks 3."

Patterson raved about the Firehouse Arts Center venue, particularly for "A Chorus Line."

"I love the fact that the theater is very intimate," Patterson said.

On her Christmas tour she

played in a variety of theaters and was able to compare cozy ones, such as the Firehouse, with more impersonal venues.

"When people are close to the stage, I don't know if they realize they are a part of the show — we can see them as well as they can see us," Patterson said. "I love when the audience has a reaction, clapping and being audible, not sitting as if they are sitting watching television. The more fun they have, the more fun we have."

"That's what's so great about live theater: You share the space, you feel each other's energy," she added.

She also likes the fact that the show has simple sets, and everyone is wearing audition attire from the 1970s, when the musical debuted. It's like stepping back in time, she said, in terms of the dance clothes, references to people such as Steve McQueen, and the lack of cell phones, now omnipresent.

"When the show opens, it is with an audition and everyone is dancing their hearts out," she said. "That is what it's like in New York. It's a very personal show, and it's a rite of passage to be in the show as a dancer." ■

### SINGULAR SENSATION

What: "A Chorus Line"  
Who: Pacific Repertory Theatre  
When: Jan. 24-Feb. 9  
Where: Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.  
Tickets: \$17-\$38; call 931-4848 or visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)

### MATINEE SPECIALS

The matinee at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26, offers special perks. From noon to 1 p.m., guests may attend an Open House and learn part of the opening dance combination and song from the musical. Then after the musical, the audience is invited to stay seated for an Inside the Show discussion with the actors and director. Both of these extras are included in the price of a ticket.



ROBERT SHOLTY

Meghan Ihle as Kitty and Jeff Seaberg as Feldzieg.

## 'The Drowsy Chaperone' playing through Feb. 1

Family-friendly production won five Tony Awards

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre opened its latest production, "The Drowsy Chaperone," last weekend and it will continue through Feb. 1 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

This most celebrated musical of the 2006 Broadway season tells the story of a modern day musical theater addict known simply as "Man in Chair." To chase his blues away he drops the needle on his favorite LP — the 1928 musical comedy, "The Drowsy Chaperone."

From the crackle of his hi-fi, the musical magically bursts to life onstage telling the tale of a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married, her producer who sets out to sabotage the nuptials, her chaperone, the debonair groom, the dizzy chorine, the Latin lover and a pair of gangsters who double as pastry chefs. Man in Chair's speaks to anyone who has ever

been transported by the theater. "The Drowsy Chaperone" addresses a great unspoken desire in everyone's heart: to be entertained. This is the show for anyone who has ever sat in a dark theater and thought, "Dear Lord in heaven, please let it be good." ■

### BE ENTERTAINED!

Who: Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre  
What: "The Drowsy Chaperone"  
When: Now through Feb. 1  
Where: Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore  
Tickets: Call 373-6800 or visit [www.mylvpac.com](http://www.mylvpac.com)

ROBERT SHOLTY/JAMES MUILLE  
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**GNON AT PANS ON FIRE** Join Girls Night Out Networking for a fabulous evening of networking and fun, from 5-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at Pans on Fire. Check out their great kitchenware! Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Prepay and RSVP by Feb. 3 at <http://gnon.org/rsvp.html>.

**LIVE MUSIC BY BOBBY** Enjoy a special program of Music by Bobby and lunch from 12:15-1:45 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Lunch is \$3.50. Contact 931-5370 or [drlions2012@aol.com](mailto:drlions2012@aol.com).

**TR-VALLEY HAVEN PRESENTS 'THE GOOD BODY'** Tri-Valley Haven presents "The Good Body," a play by Eve Ensler, at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9 Las Positas' Mertes Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for students. Proceeds benefit TVH. Call 667-2707 or go to <http://thegoodbody.brownpapertickets.com>.

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**Film**

**UNDER TROUBLED WATERS** "Under Troubled Waters" documents how water diversions are killing our precious Delta and why the conveyance is not good for farmers, fisheries, or water quality here in Northern California. Starting at

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**Fundraisers**

**BINGO NIGHT** Dublin High School Music Boosters Presents Bingo from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday at Dublin High School, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin. Must be 21 and over to play. Cost is 3 cards for \$3, 6 cards for \$6, 10 cards for \$9. Join the fun!

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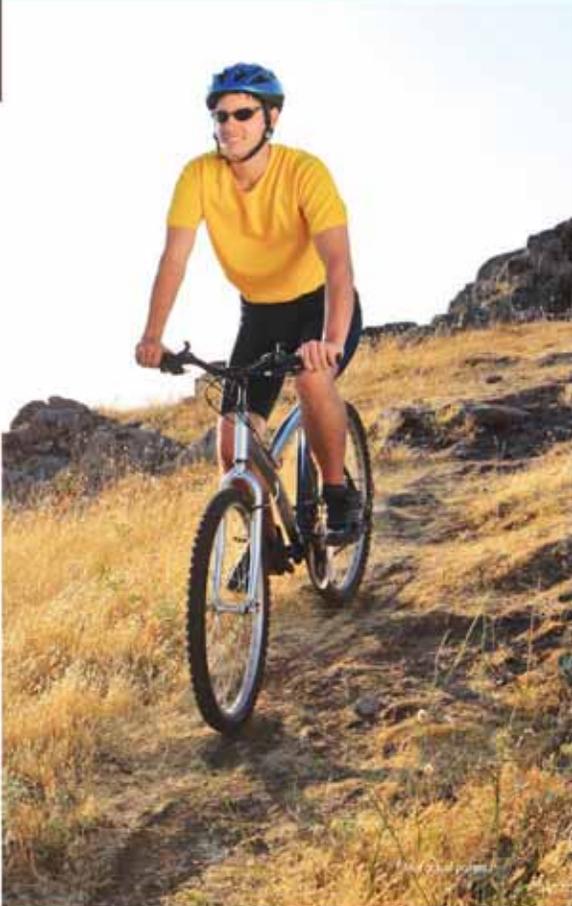
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## Remodeling market continues upward trend

Contractors end 2013 with plenty of work ahead

By JEB BING

The home remodeling business showed continued growth in the last quarter of 2013 with more work in the pipeline for this year, too, a trade association reported this week.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry's (NARI) fourth-quarter Remodeling Business Pulse (RBP) data of current and future conditions shows many remodelers starting the year with more work than they've had in several years.

"That backlog has given remodelers confidence that the overall business conditions will remain positive," said Tom O'Grady, chairman of NARI's Strategic Planning & Research Committee and president of O'Grady Builders in Drexel Hill, Pa.

NARI's growth indicators rate prospective business from a low of 1 to a high of 9, concluding that 2014 should start at 6.41 when compared to last year.

However, conversion of bids to jobs continues to be the weakest measure when compared to the same time last year, coming in at a flat rating of 6.03 from last year.

Yet, the projected strength of sales in the last three months of 2013 had a significant increase to 6.41 from the 6.12 recorded in September.

"The fourth quarter of this year was very strong for many remodelers," O'Grady said. "Average sale prices continue to rise, and consumers are more comfortable spending



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money on projects that will increase the value of their homes."

Other significant contributors to better expected activity this year, according to O'Grady:

- People needing to do projects that had been postponed was selected by 75% (down from 85% last quarter);
- Improving home prices came in second, at 60% of respondents (down from 72% in

September); and

- Improved economic growth continued at the No. 3 spot, at 52% (an increase of 6% from last quarter).

"The outlook forecasts that favorable business conditions will remain strong across all regions of the U.S.," O'Grady said. "Consumer confidence is up, which translates into more homeowners feeling safe investing in their homes." ■

### SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin (Dec. 16-19)

**Total sales reported:** 11

**Lowest sale reported:** \$236,500

**Highest sale reported:** \$1,183,000

**Average sales reported:** \$727,818

Livermore (Dec. 16-19)

**Total sales reported:** 10

**Lowest sale reported:** \$465,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$1,517,000

**Average sales reported:** \$763,900

Pleasanton (Dec. 16-19)

**Total sales reported:** 12

**Lowest sale reported:** \$275,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$1,349,000

**Average sales reported:** \$694,292

San Ramon (Dec. 27-31)

**Total sales reported:** 11

**Lowest sale reported:** \$330,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$932,000

**Average sales reported:** \$623,864

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PENDING

**2792 Spotorno Court, Ruby Hill**  
Gorgeous, custom Ruby Hill home featuring 4 BR and 3.5 BA among 4388 +/- sq. ft. of living space. Situated on a huge lot with private backyard. Beautifully remodeled kitchen and family room, main floor master suite, executive office, bonus room, and hardwood floors. **Offered at \$1,900,000**



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COMING SOON

**1288 Concord Street, Vintage Hills, Pleasanton**  
2785 SF with 4 bedrooms and a pool. Great location!  
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**871 Gray Fox Circle, Pleasanton**  
Fabulous Foxbrough Estates! Rare 1/2 acre lot with a sparkling pool, open beamed pergola & fire pit. This amazing home has 4 bdrms, 4 baths & is 3765 sq. ft. Gourmet granite kitchen. **Offered at \$1,498,000**



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**5728 Westbury Way, Dublin**  
Dublin Tassajara Creek Home! Built in 2003. 3BD, 2.5BA, 1884 sq. ft. 1 dog okay  
**Rent \$3200**



**6334 Shorewood Ct, Pleasanton**  
Val Vista Location! 3BD, 2BA, + Sunroom 1372 sq. ft. RV/Boat Parking  
**Rent \$2900**



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Open Sunday 1-4

**7 Twelve Oaks Drive, Pleasanton**  
Prestigious, gated community, dedicated open space. Dazzling contemporary architecture with 270 degree views on Oak studded lot. 3 fireplaces, over sized family room/library, pool house/casita, RV garage. Secluded back yard designed for entertaining, large pool, gazebo. Must See.

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## COMING SOON

### Coming Soon in Pleasanton

This home is a charming 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom single story home with 1549 square feet of living space. There is a nice open floor plan, with an upgraded kitchen. Enjoy a beautiful backyard with pool.

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## PENDING

### 417 Silver Chief Way, Danville

#### Represented Buyers

Fabulous location in the Danville Station neighborhood. This 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is situated on .30 acres, with a separate 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom granny unit. This is a short sale. **OFFERED AT \$820,000**



## RECENTLY SOLD



**4349 2nd Street, Pleasanton**  
Charming 2 bed, 1 bath with charming upgrades. 1300 sq. ft. home on a 5000 sq. ft. lot. **Represented buyers. SOLD FOR \$750,000**



**4990 Monaco Dr, Pleasanton**  
This 4 bed, 3 bath, 3180 sq. ft. home sits on a 9426 sq. ft. lot with a large pool, spa, and views of the Ridge. **SOLD FOR \$1,225,000**



**4920 Treewood Ct, Pleasanton**  
Stunning 4 bed, 2.5 bath home has been remodeled from top to bottom. Situated at the end of a court. **SOLD FOR \$862,000**

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### BUYERS NEEDS

Family looking for a larger home, on the west side of Pleasanton, with detached in-law unit, up to \$2 million.

Relocating from SF, must have a pool, 4 bedroom minimum, with functional layout. Open to Pleasanton, Livermore & Danville, up to \$1.4 million.

Large family (currently renting) looking for 1800 sq. ft. or more. Prefer the west side of Pleasanton, open to San Ramon as well, up to \$850,000.

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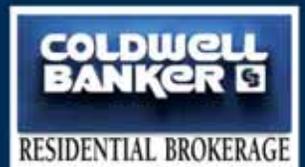
Julia can only be described as exceptional. She has good follow-through, returns calls promptly and is experienced. Julia helped us sell our Bonde Ranch home in Pleasanton and we would not hesitate to use Julia again. Professionalism, accountability and responsiveness are the most important criteria in a Realtor and Julia is all of it.

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Open SUN 1 - 4  
**LAKE VIEW HOME!!**  
5368 GOLD CREEK CIR  
\$399,000  
4 BR 3.5 BA Huge Beautiful home w/ wonderful views, Large Loft, Office Alcove, Gated community, 3085 sq ft  
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**DUBLIN**  
4255 ONATE CT  
**COMING SOON!**  
\$829,500  
4 BR 3 BA Full BD & BTH downstairs, 2127 sq ft living space, huge lot- 5742 sq ft, move in condition  
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**FREMONT**  
41727 MURPHY PL  
**MISSION SAN JOSE HOME!**  
\$1,688,888  
4 BR 2.5 BA Stunning architectural design, very RARE, close to schools, Large private lot  
510-701-7616



**LIVERMORE**  
2823 BRESSO CT  
**UPGRADES & ELEGANT FINISH**  
\$1,025,000  
5 BR 3 BA 5 Bed, 3 Bath, 4 car garage. Beautiful backyard, swim-spa, large patio, roses, fruit trees  
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215 ABIGAIL CIR  
**BEAUTIFUL HOME!**  
\$825,000  
4 BR 2.5 BA Handscraped hrdwd flrs-LR,DR,FR & Kitchen. Stainless steel appl. Close to Blackhawk Plaza  
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### DUBLIN

7709 PEPPERTREE RD  
**CHARMING WEST DUBLIN HOME**  
\$549,900  
3 BR 2 BA 1 Story home w/remodeled kit & updated baths. Dual pane windows throughout. Spacious bcklyrd. 925-699-3884

3275 DUBLIN BLVD #402  
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\$475,000  
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### FREMONT

9 GAZANIA TERR  
**CENTRAL LOCATION!**  
\$525,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA Beautiful Townhome. Niles Crest. bright/open flr plan, vaulted ceilings freplce lrg patio.  
925-784-3068

### HAYWARD

1133 TIEGEN DR.  
**NEWLY UPDATED!**  
\$349,900  
3 BD, 1 BA, New Carpeting, Granite Counters, & New Linoleum in Bathroom. 925-784-6815

23723 FAIRLANDS RD  
**REMODELED SINGLE STORY HOME**  
\$599,000  
3 BR 2 BA Bright and open floor plan. Upgraded kit w/Granite countertops. Custom paint & crown molding. 510-299-6844

### PLEASANTON

12 DEER OAKS DR  
**GATED COMMUNITY!**  
\$1,753,000  
5 BR 3.5 BA 2 Mstr Suites. Plus bonus rm & office downstairs. Upg Kit. Granite Counters w/SS Appl.  
925-367-7414

4058 FRANCISCO ST  
**ELEGANT SINGLE STORY**  
\$839,000  
3 BR 2 BA Remodeled & Upgraded! Gourmet Kit w/ Jen-Air SS Appl. Hrdwd Flrs. Rear Yrd w/Covered Patio.  
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### SANTA CLARA COUNTY

11000 DEL PUERTO CANYON RD  
**PRICE REDUCED GOT HORSES, DIRT BIKES, ATV'S**  
\$1,249,950  
4 BR 2 BA Lots of trees. 2 bass ponds. Well & Spring water systems. Has separate artist/craft cottage.  
925-575-1735

### OAKLAND

Open SUN 1-4  
3051 REVER AVE  
**REMODELED TO PERFECTION!**  
\$439,000  
2 BD, 1 BA, 2 Car garage, dual paned windows, Recessed lighting, Sheffield Village home. 510-851-3551

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 16-31

Dublin

- 5311 Aspen Street** G. Chang to M. Liao for \$750,000
  - 3473 Capoterra Way** C. Roberts to A. Gordon for \$580,000
  - 4104 Doak Court** M. & V. Das to Z. Mohammed for \$725,000
  - 4585 Grafton Street** D R Horton to F. & C. Davi for \$720,000
  - 4593 Grafton Street** D R Horton to A. Chen for \$730,000
  - 6001 Hillbrook Place** J. & J. Ambrocio to S. Ambrocio for \$246,500
  - 4381 Lee Thompson Street** Taylor Morrison of California to J. Wang for \$880,000
  - 3285 Monaghan Street** D. Chae to R. Wong for \$530,000
  - 1688 North Terracina Drive** D R Horton to J. Liu for \$1,161,500
  - 1750 North Terracina Drive** D R Horton to A. & A. Srivastava for \$1,183,000
  - 7642 Tuscany Drive** S. McCallum to B. Chen for \$500,000
- Livermore
- 5402 Felicia Avenue** J. Torres to R. Halder for \$615,000
  - 4331 Findlay Way** Cigliuti Trust to M. Zocca for \$645,000
  - 1219 Locust Street** K. & M. McDowell

- to B. Westbroek for \$465,000
- 4827 Maureen Circle** Patrick Lyman & Associates to L. & T. Rollins for \$730,000
- 5524 Oakmont Circle** D. Aloise to J. Borja for \$540,000
- 1171 Pesaro Way** Jarrell Trust to D. & W. Wolf for \$980,000
- 2885 Quarry Hill Avenue #3** Shea Homes to J. & T. Medina for \$657,000
- 35 Raccolio Way** Emerson Trust to J. & G. Sandhu for \$970,000
- 5721 Victoria Lane** Alamo Associates Real Estate Investment to J. & M. Potter for \$1,517,000
- 769 Wall Street** C. Chou to J. Loobey for \$520,000

Pleasanton

- 843 Concord Street** Brancato Trust to P. Boinapalli for \$863,000
- 3218 Denton Court** Ponderosa Homes to J. & G. Harrell for \$958,000
- 355 East Angela Street** G. & C. Nelson to D. & M. Garman for \$600,000
- 4127 Francisco Street** Jackson Trust to J. & C. Mitooka for \$685,000
- 1082 Harvest Circle** J. & D. Loney to T. & J. Luevano for \$1,349,000
- 8150 Mountain View Drive #C** G. Landrum to C. Medina for \$300,000
- 3405 Norton Way #3** P. Bancroft to J. Cardenas for \$275,000
- 1528 Oxsen Street** C. Herold to C. Jang for \$676,000
- 245 Rachael Place** G. & A. Cleary to C. Ortt for \$393,000
- 5284 Ridgevale Way** Smiley Trust to Cheney Trust for \$999,500
- 4759 Sutter Gate Avenue** Gong Trust to G. & K. Yadav for \$799,000
- 3057 Yuma Way** Wendschlag Trust to H. Yang for \$434,000

San Ramon

- 8985 Alcosta Boulevard #186** L. Herendeen to Gonda-Costa Trust for \$330,000
- 2310 Canyon Lakes Drive** R. & V. Efremsky to Morf Trust for \$815,000
- 96 Carousel Place** W. & L. Cooke to M. Bies for \$800,000
- 3340 Chartwell Street** B. Gu to V. Sadineni for \$740,000
- 448 Constantine Court** Responsible Asset Management to R. Stearns for \$796,000
- 122 Copper Ridge Road #12** P. Nguyen to J. Pfister for \$407,500
- 2512 Fountainhead Drive** Federal National Mortgage to A. & J. Mahlstedt for \$338,000
- 410 Joree Lane** E. Pirela to K. Szutu for \$515,000
- 5012 Lakeview Drive #101** Tacha Trust to G. Solok for \$499,000
- 2801 St. Denis Drive** Hacking Trust to R. Pothireddy for \$690,000
- 401 Sunnyside Place** RWW Properties to Toy Trust for \$932,000

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Alamo

**8 BEDROOMS**  
**3083 Sandstone Road \$2,795,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Gail Boal 577-5787

Livermore

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**5578 Oakmont Circle \$639,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Leslie Faught 784-7979

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**509 East Vineyard Ave. \$4,599,000**  
 Sun 1-6 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200  
**1247 De Paul Way \$695,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Linda Futral 980-3561

Pleasanton

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**7 Twelve Oaks Drive \$1,750,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Louise Davis 200-2457  
**4379 Diavila Ave. \$749,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Kat Gaskins 963-7940

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**871 Gray Fox Circle \$1,498,000**  
 Sat 1-3 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

San Ramon

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**3101 Lakemont Drive \$570,000**  
 Sun 2-4 Joyce Jones 998-3398

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**Twin Creeks**  
 Remodeled 5 BR, 2 1/2 BTH with granite kitchen, 1/4 Acre lot, 3 car garage, & more!  
 \$959,000



**Oak Tree Farms**  
 Custom one story with 4 BR plus office, 4 BTHS, 3/4 Acre lot, and more!  
 \$1,610,000



**Laguna Oaks**  
 Fabulous 5 BR, 3 1/2 BTH, granite kitchen, pool, 1/2 Acre cul-de-sac lot, 4 car garage  
 \$1,562,000

Recent Sales:

9079 Rockford Pl	Pending \$1,595,000
Sprucemoor Lane	Sold for \$1,317,000
Sunset Creek Lane	Sold for \$1,575,000
Avocado Ct	Sold for \$625,000
Athenour Ct	Sold for \$888,000
Zenato Plance	Sold for \$2,250,000
Oak Vista Way	Sold for \$1,036,000
Regency Dr	Sold for \$1,468,000

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"He is a compassionate and insightful coach to his clients, totally focused on their interests."

—Jay B.

Burying a St. Joseph Statue - Does it work?

By now, everyone has heard the theory that if you are having a hard time selling your home, you should bury a statue of St Joseph in your yard. I personally have had several clients do this over the years, and their house did sell. However, a friend of mine buried a copy of The Beatles White Album in his yard, and his house sold too. So... does it work? Who's to say. Faith is a funny thing.

The best way to find out would be to have 2 identical houses next to each other, and bury a statue in the yard of one and not the other, and see if the results are different. Of course, it is entirely possible that the house without the statue sells first due to other reasons, such as better upgrades or condition, etc. Or the house with the St Joseph statue could sell first, even though it has more to do with the upgrades, condition, etc. By the way, my sister recently buried a St. Joseph's statue in the yard of her house, and it did not sell.

This tradition started in the US in the late 1970's, and became all the rage in the 90's. Some say it traces back to the origins of St Joseph in the Catholic Church, where he was considered the patron saint of home and family. Others say it is a result of the custom of German carpenters who buried statues in the foundation of a home and said prayers to St. Joseph. Still others claim it started centuries ago, when apparently burying medals of St Joseph helped bring the desired result in property transactions. As far as we know, there are no known testimonials or records of St Joseph being in or even caring about the real estate business, or proclaiming instructions to his friends and followers about the proper way to sell a property more quickly. But again, faith is a funny thing.

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Five bedrooms, four bathrooms, 3,246 square feet on a 12,464 square foot lot. Gourmet kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Great Room concept with spacious Family Room.

Many upgrades throughout! Don't miss this one!

**OFFERED AT \$1,569,000**

**PENDING!**



### PHEASANT RIDGE

**SOLD!**



#### 1185 LAGUNA CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

With unobstructed views of the Pleasanton Ridge, this five bedroom, five and a half bathroom, 5,329 square foot home sits on a premium 16,321 square foot lot. The gourmet kitchen boasts a large island, granite counters, stainless steel appliances and a six-burner gas range. Grand entrance with large foyer, vaulted ceilings, formal dining room, spacious master suite, laundry room, three car and so much more. The resort-like back yard offers a pool, spa, pool house, outdoor kitchen, and gazebo.

Easy access to I-680 and close to schools!

**OFFERED AT \$1,897,500 AND SOLD FOR \$1,897,500**

### BRIDLE CREEK

**SOLD!**



#### 831 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

This highly sought after location offers views of the Pleasanton Ridge and Mt. Diablo on a private approximate 12,131 square foot lot. Four bedrooms plus a bonus room, three bathrooms. The open floor plan with volumed/coffered ceilings offers a gourmet kitchen and expansive master suite. The expansive and professionally landscaped rear yard offers several fruit trees and raised garden beds. Close to schools and library, walking distance to downtown Pleasanton and quick access to 680. Call for more information!

Sold in less than 30 days!

**OFFERED AT \$1,549,000 AND SOLD FOR \$1,540,000**

### AMBER RIDGE

**SOLD!**



#### 3701 HILLSIDE AVENUE, LIVERMORE

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this beautifully upgraded home. This four bedroom, two and a half bath, 2,553 square foot home sits on a 8,940 square foot private lot with a three car attached garage. This open floor plan offers vaulted ceilings in living room, dining room and entry. The kitchen offers granite counters, stainless steel appliances, breakfast bar and breakfast nook. The tranquil backyard is surrounded

by covered fences and boasts trellises, a large grassy area and a concrete patio. Move in ready and easy freeway access!

**OFFERED AT \$765,000 AND SOLD FOR \$765,000**

### PLEASANTON MEADOWS

**SOLD!**



#### 3962 FAIRLANDS DRIVE, PLEASANTON

This home is upgraded throughout and move in ready! Brand new 40 year roof, new carpets, and new hardwood floors. Beautifully and professionally landscaped front and rear yards. Four bedrooms, office/teen room, two and a half baths, 2,460 square feet all on a 6,489 square foot lot. The upgraded kitchen is open to the family room. A formal dining room is located just off the kitchen. The rear yard is private and serene offering a large grassy area and two decks. Close to schools and neighborhood Cabana Club! Call for more information!

**OFFERED AT \$839,000 AND SOLD FOR \$839,000**

### CANYON LAKES

**SOLD!**



#### 4075 W LAKESHORE DRIVE, SAN RAMON

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this Mediterranean-style townhome with lakefront patio! Three bedroom, two and a half bath, 1,769 square foot home with a 3,610 square foot lot and two car attached garage. The living room offers floor to ceiling windows with views of the lakefront patio, raised ceilings and custom tile. The kitchen offers stone counters, island with gas stove, pantry and is open to the dining room. Upstairs bedrooms offer full adjoining bath to master and addition bedroom offers jacuzzi tub, and large walk-in closet. Gated community with greenbelt and community pool!

**OFFERED AT \$649,900 AND SOLD FOR \$690,000**

### MURRIETA MEADOWS

**SOLD!**



#### 690 DAISYFIELD DRIVE, LIVERMORE

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this beautiful home located in the Murrieta Meadows. Neighborhood. Four bedrooms, three bathrooms, 2,239 square feet home on a 7,700 square foot lot. Full bedroom and bath on first floor. Upgraded kitchen with granite slab counters and stainless steel appliances. Private and tranquil backyard offers aggregate stone patio, large grassy area and spa.

**OFFERED AT \$744,000 AND SOLD FOR \$750,000**



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DAN GAMACHE BY APPT



**LIVERMORE \$1,499,950**  
Immaculate and rare property! 3332+-sf single story home, excellent condition, 1800+-sf basement, 1800+-sf shop/garage/apt, endless views! 5800 EAGLES RUN RD

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**LIVERMORE \$695,000**  
Great, quiet location resides this custom home with so upgrades. Plenty of space in this kitchen to entertain and delight your family/friends. Huge lot hosts "Olympic style" pool with custom deck. 1247 DE PAUL WAY

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**LIVERMORE \$639,000**  
"Almost everything you see is new, some you can't see is new too"! Beautiful remodeled 4bd/2ba, close to schools, shopping and Hwy 580. Move in ready! 5578 OAKMONT CIR

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



**PLEASANTON**  
Best un-obstructed view in downtown Pleasanton! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 2,266+-sf situated on a 6,490+- lot. This home offers privacy, relaxation and so much more!. 575 DEL SOL AVE

LIDNA GOVEIA BY APPT



**PLEASANTON \$2,895,000**  
Elegant Craftsman Style home, the finish work is extraordinary! 7500+-sf, 5bd/5.5ba, formal living room & library/office. Bonus room with large alcove, court location, private lot and views. 3654 PONTINA CT

KAT GASKINS SUN 1-4



**PLEASANTON \$749,000**  
Best location in "Belvedere"! Interior corner lot on court. 3bd/2.5ba, 1,777+-sf. 4379 DIAVILA AV

STASIA POIESZ BY APPT



**PLEASANTON \$693,000**  
Close to downtown, farmers market, award winning schools and more. This home has over 1400 sq/ft of living space and so much more! 436 BONITA AVE

DAN GAMACHE BY APPT



**PLEASANTON \$599,950**  
Beautiful home, rarely available, large open floor plan, lots of light, backs to Gold Creek, 3bd/2.5ba, 1,792+-sf and so much more! 7782 CREEKSIDE DR

JOYCE JONES SUN 2:00-4:00



**SAN RAMON \$570,000**  
Beautiful condo in The Lakes at Canyon Lakes with spectacular view of hills & Mt. Diablo. Bright 3 bedrooms/plus loft, 2 baths, granite counter in kitchen, indoor laundry, pool, tennis courts & MORE!. 3101 LAKEMONT DRIVE #4

TIM MCGUIRE BY APPT



**SAN RAMON \$479,000**  
2 Master suites and 2 bathrooms, 1,165+-sq.ft in Sunny Glen Retirement Community, updated kitchen, newer windows, private backyard with hot tub, new 2-car garage door. 15 NEPTUNE COURT

*"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning."*

*~ T.S. Eliot*

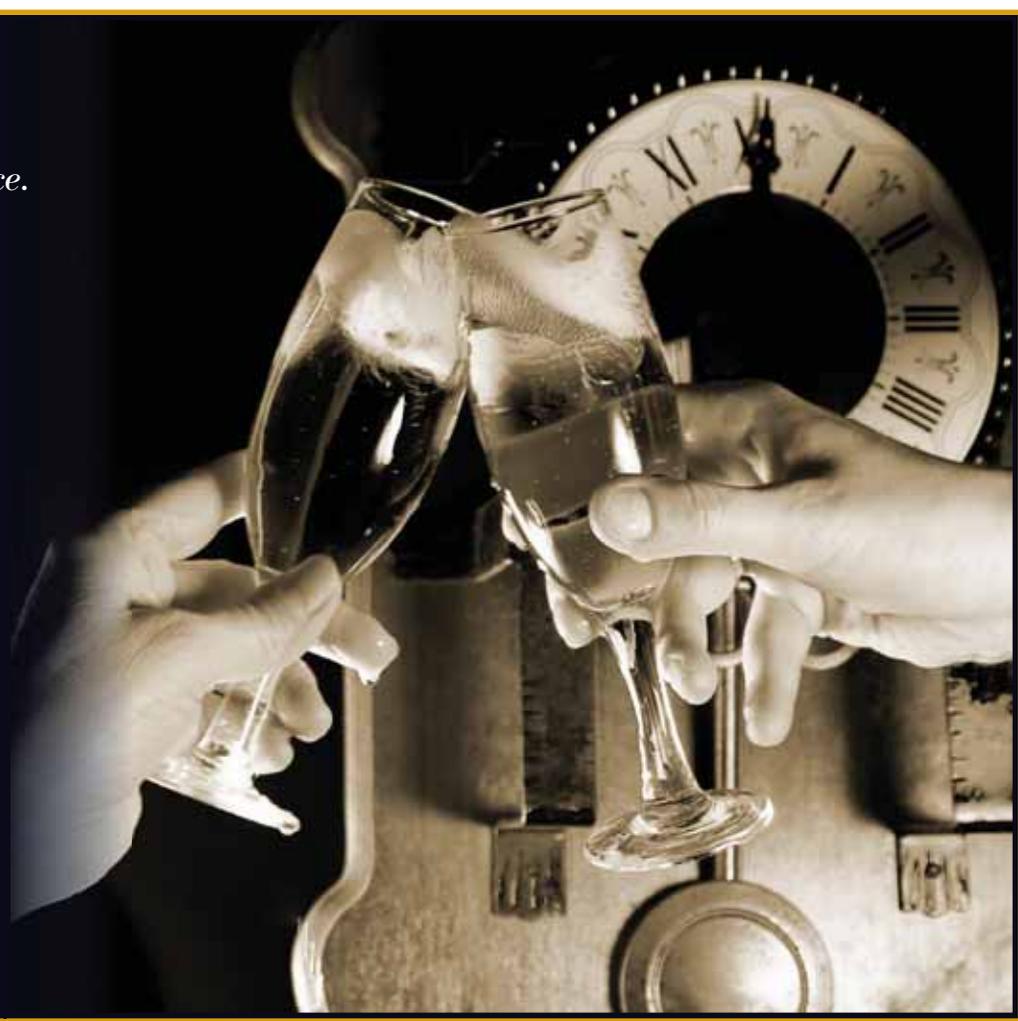
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*Happy New Year*



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